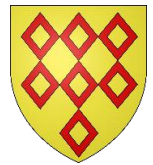


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13-14 January 2024 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

“They went and saw where Jesus lived, and stayed with Him for the rest of that day” John 1.39

Pope Francis has designated 2024 a **Year of Prayer** in preparation for the **2025 Jubilee Year**, ‘Pilgrims of Hope’

This week’s Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Sat 13 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Hilary of Poitiers, Memorial</i> Vigil Mass – for Chris Taylor RIP (3 rd anniversary)
SUN 14 R: Glorious 8am 10am	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>‘Peace Sunday’</i> Mass – for Alec Moody RIP Parish Mass – for Benjamin-Joseph Fabonge (8 th birthday)
Mon 15 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria, 2nd week of Ordinary Time</i> Mass – Denzil Francke RIP and Glenda Joachim RIP (Birthday remembrance)
Tues 16 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria, 2nd week of Ordinary Time</i> Mass – for Aruna Lobo RIP
Wed 17 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Antony the Great, Memorial</i> Mass – for Peggy Corrigan
Thurs 18 R: Luminous	<i>Feria, 2nd week of Ordinary Time</i> No mass [Gospel: Mark 3.7-12]
Fri 19 R: Sorrowful	<i>St Wulfstan of Worcester, Memorial</i> NB No mass [Gospel: Mark 3.13-19] Friday abstinence
Sat 20 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary ‘on Saturday’</i> Vigil Mass – for James O’Reilly RIP (3 rd anniversary)
SUN 21 8am 10am R: Glorious	3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Mass – for Carol Martin RIP Parish Mass – for the people of the parish

- ◆ **Confessions** Either side of any week-day Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30–5.15pm; or by appointment
- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** arrangements through Funeral Directors

Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130

Returning to faith? or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful. (It’s a free telephone helpline.) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 / catholiclisteners@gmail.com

◆ **Parents and carers** if you keep children content, they will be quiet. Don’t hesitate to leave your place and move around *at the back* of the church. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody’s safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

◆ **Before Mass, all say together:** **ALMIGHTY God**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

FOR TODAY’S 10.00 MASS

- ◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.
- ◆ **Today’s readings** are to be found on **pp. 127-9** of the *Mass Book*.
- ◆ **During the Psalm:** ‘Here I am Lord I come to do your will.’
- ◆ **All** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Speak Lord for your servant is | *list*-’ning;
You have the message of | *e*-ter- nal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **After the Dismissal, ALL SING the Hymn to the Virgin**



MOTHER of Christ,	2 Mother of Him
hear thou Thy people’s cry	whom thou from nothing made.
Star of the deep	Sinking we strive
and portal of the sky!	and call to Thee for aid.

3 **O by that joy**
which Gabriel brought to thee,
O Virgin pure
let us your mercy see.

Until Candlemas (2 Feb):

Priest After childbirth you remained a virgin.

All **Intercede for us, O Mother of God.**

All **O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary have bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation:**

grant, we beseech You,
that we may experience her intercession for us,
through whom we have been made worthy
to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son.

Votive lights burn this week

at Our Lady’s altar: for **Richard, Irene and Jim**
by St William & St Catherine: for **Giovanni and Nanette**
Gaudino

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures The theme of the scripture readings in today's Mass, where we encounter Jesus at the very outset of his public life and on the threshold of his ministry, is calling or vocation. It contains fruit for reflection not only for the young, but for all of us who are already well advanced on the path of life. The Second Vatican Council in the '60s the bishops emphasized that laity as well as clergy are called to holiness, and laity as well as clergy are called to co-responsibility for the mission of the Church.

First Reading: I Samuel 3.3–10, 19 The call of the boy Samuel to the life of a prophet is one of the classic vocation stories. It might encourage our young people that it is *not* the old priest, Eli, who is called but the teenage boy Samuel. Not that he specifically recognises God's voice, he thinks it is Eli calling. For all those who sense a calling, it is often the result of an intuition, an opportunity, a 'coincidence' which only later we see as providential. Samuel's call took place in the Temple itself, and was confirmed by a priest. So, today vocations can arise within the Church and her institutions, or beyond an ecclesiastical context.

◆ **Today is Peace Sunday** Pope Francis' theme for World Day of Peace 2024 is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. It is a highly relevant theme as Governments, including our own, wrestle with the ethics and consequences of technological development, not least in international conflict and political elections. The Pope's message is available on the Noticeboard for you to read, or Google 'World Day of Peace 2024'. The Holy Father's reflection is a moderate but insightful meditation on the risk and promise to humanity that Artificial Intelligence presents. We cannot ignore it; either we focus on and channel its benefits, or the risk that we shall suffer its evils will increase. / There is no second collection, but donations to help our peace and justice agency, **Pax Christi**, can be made via the envelopes in the Narthex.

◆ **If you missed** last week's Special Collection for Gaza second collection, or took a donation envelope home, please return it today or as soon as possible. Please read Patriarch Pierbattista's letter on the Noticeboard.

◆ **Read (ie, listen to) THE BIBLE IN A YEAR?**

Try <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>, or <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm/>

◆ **'Practical Skills for Catechists'** If you are (or may be) interested in being involved in catechesis, or children's formation work, here in the parish, you might want to attend this **27 January**, 10-11.30 at All Saints Church, Kenton Rd. Book via Warren Brown on 0207 798 9152 or catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

◆ **First Saturday devotions 3 February** - St Dominic's Priory, Southampton Rd, NW5 4LB.
5pm: Adoration and Scripture meditation (and Confession)
6pm: Vigil Mass, with Communion of Reparation.
7pm: Rosary in Procession (Please bring your own roses: they'll be blessed after the procession)

◆ **News Service** of the Catholic Bishops Conference Sign up at www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

Weekly Almsgiving		
7/1/2024	Loose Plate	£ 396.04
	Envelopes	£ 270.00
	Standing Orders & Online	£ 570.00
	Total	£1236.04

Second Reading: I Corinthians 6.13–15, 17–20

Here we find the essential elements of Paul's theological thinking about the human body. *Respect* and *gratitude* for our own body are at the root of the way we nourish it, exercise it, treat it, and use it - and at the root of our behaviour towards others' bodies. The human body is something that God gives life to and treats as holy: a place fit for the indwelling of the Spirit, the light of faith, and the well-matured conscience.

Gospel: John 1.35–42 This gospel passage is full of young men: Jesus and John the Baptist are just out of their 20s; and the first disciples (who had originally followed John) are definitely still in them. They are curious to know where Jesus lives. We learn a lot about a person who invites us into their home; and above all from the way we are welcomed. Those first disciples were, presumably, welcomed into Jesus' lodging in Capernaum. This prompts a question: 'where is God to be found by the searching youngsters of 2022?' In our churches, at our liturgies, in our homes and presbyteries? But thinking of the second reading - do those who are searching find and recognize Christ at home with us?

Dominus Meus et Deus Meus! Standing, or kneeling, prayerfully, at the altar to receive Holy Communion (as we mentioned last week) is the *culmination* of many ways in which we can (that is, we *should*) prepare for the moment of sacramental union with Christ. Every element in the Mass, like steps on a path, or rungs on a ladder, gives us a moment and step toward Christ. The little secret prayers of the priest are ways for him too, step by step, to approach the Lord.

One special moment, during the Eucharistic Prayer, comes when, after the words of Christ are used, first the Host, and then the Chalice, are raised for us to worship. 'I, when I am lifted up', will draw all men to myself,' said Jesus. In *each* of those moments I want to encourage you ...

1 as the priest elevates the Host/Chalice, use the traditional acclamation, 'My Lord and my God!' (Dominus meus et Deus meus) - St Thomas's confession when he saw the Risen Lord's wounds.

2 as the priest returns the Host/Chalice to the altar, use a phrase from a well-known hymn. 'Father, look on *us* only as found in *Him*.' And

3 as the priest genuflects, pray by name for whoever you are especially remembering (as your intention) at that Mass. This has been my own habit at that moment for decades. This—and prayers like it—is *true participation* in the Mass. Each of us, priest and lay people, *sharing* in what *Christ* is doing.

Readers rota

13 Jan	5.30pm	Noreta Reece
14 Jan	8am	Freda Adzinku
	10am	Tim & Mel Goodger (readings) Robert Chandler (Bidding prayers)
20 Jan	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
21 Jan	8am	Audrey da Costa
	10am	Nwawulor family (readings) Monika Tabbarok (Bidding prayers)

Church Cleaning rota

20 Jan	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Team A Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
27 Jan	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Team B Indrè Balčaitė

◆ **More Singers wanted** at the 10am Parish Mass. Could you help with the singing, or perhaps playing an instrument? It involves an hour's run-through, 10am on Saturday.