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MASS TIMES

Sunday

8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday No Mass

Friday 7.00 pm

Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14/15 January 2023

Sat 14 Jan

4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass**

Chris Taylor RIP (2nd Anniv)

SUNDAY 15 January

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Peace Sunday

8.00 **Mass** Patrick & Patricia Coyle

(50th Wedding Anniversary)

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Kevin D'Souza RIP

Mon 16 Jan

Feria of 2nd Week of the Year

Lectionary Year 1; Psalter week 2

9.30 **Mass** Jean Gabriel RIP (1st Anniv)

Tues 17 Jan *St Antony of Egypt,*

Memorial

9.30 **Mass** Sr. Teresa Nolan

Wed 18 Jan

Feria of 2nd Week of the Year

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity till 25th

9.30 **Mass** Angela DeBono RIP

(1st Anniv)

Thurs 19 Jan *St Wulstan, Memorial*

No Mass day

Fri 20 Jan

Feria of 2nd Week of the Year

No Mass

Sat 21 Jan *St Agnes, Memorial*

4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass**

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 22 January

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter week 3

8.00 **Mass** Sr. Rosanna O'Grady

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Nikki Nobbs RIP

WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you have not been for a while. We are pleased to see you, and hope we shall see you again. **Please take this Newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

AFTER THE 10am MASS ... in the Parish Hall – refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect. Everyone is very welcome.

PREPARATION FOR MASS 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. **Amen.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *The Order of Mass* can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book – **first from p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers – **from p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer – **p.56**.

The **Readings** for today's Mass are to be found in the gold Parish Mass Book on **pp.118-20**.

Today's **psalm response** is: **Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

LAST SUMMER'S TEMPERATURES and the recent pandemic have both powerfully reminded us, as if reminder were needed, of just how *vulnerable* human beings are. The record-breaking heat in the UK in 2022 was made 160 times more likely by the climate crisis, indicating the dominant influence of human-caused global heating. The hottest three years globally have all been in the last seven. The poorest nations are already paying the highest cost.

Our normal ideas about God are all-powerful, all-seeing, supreme, controlling and immune to change or pain. But the mystery of the Incarnation which we have just celebrated at Christmas challenges that as an exclusive view of divine life. In prayers and carols and scriptures we have welcomed the Messiah as a vulnerable child, dependent on his parents, exposed to violence with the other children born in Bethlehem at the time, forced into exile in Egypt. And we know that as an adult Jesus was "*like us* in all things but sin": not immune to vulnerability. John the Baptist *recognised* that vulnerability. He pointed to Jesus, and described him as the Lamb of God. Of all the animals, the lamb is the most vulnerable: it is young, dependent, the sacrificial animal par excellence. We feel our humanity most keenly when we are in touch with and sensitive to our vulnerability, and Jesus is no exception.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 49.3, 5-6 There are four so-called 'Songs of the Suffering Servant of God' in the book of the prophet Isaiah. Today we have an excerpt from the second of those songs. Who it was intended for remains a mystery, but the question here is whether it is possible to believe

in the goodness of God in the face of many disappointments. After the exile in Babylon the Israelites hoped for a

better future once they were able to return to the land of Israel. The hopes they had vested in the Persian king Cyrus seemed to be misplaced. The more hopeless the circumstances in which they were forced to live, the greater was their disappointment in God himself. So the prophet sets out to give the people *courage*. God will send his servant. He will be the agent of salvation; and that salvation will be given not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations – to earth's limits. It is a universal promise and call.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 1.1–3 Paul knew better than anyone that the Christians of the ancient Greek city of Corinth, one of the earliest Christian colonies, were anything but well behaved. Indeed they had caused him considerable heart-ache. And yet, unbelievably, he addresses them as “saints”! By that he did not mean people who were notable for keeping the highest moral standards. Instead, he meant that the community in Corinth had been admitted by Jesus Christ into His life through the gift of his Spirit, and were participants in what, already in the old testament, as we have seen was God's *universal* call to holiness (a call strongly emphasized in our time in the documents and messages of the Second Vatican Council).

Gospel: John 1.29–34 In identifying Jesus as ‘Lamb of God’ John the Baptist associates him with the annual Passover rituals, and also reminds us of Isaiah's powerful image of God's *Suffering* Servant. Recognising Jesus as the sacrifice that would redeem the world is the unique prophetic insight of John the Baptist, the last of the prophets.

This week is Peace Sunday, promoted by Pax Christi. The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make it a day of prayer for Peace and to reflect on the Pope's 1 January message. **“No one can be saved alone”** invites us to reflect back on the last two years, and ask what it might teach us. It can be found on the Vatican website.

LAST CALL! For First Confession and Holy Communion applications The Forms are available in the church porch for parents to complete and return direct to Father Jonathan. Children must already be in Year 3 or above at school. If you have any questions, please talk to Carol-Anne Chandler after any Sunday 10am Mass.

Calling Young People! How many young Catholics out there? Would you enjoy the encouragement of gathering with other young Catholics? **Flame** is a Catholic youth mega-event that takes place on our doorstep, at the OVO Arena, one of England's iconic arenas near **Wembley Stadium**. Taking place on **Saturday, 4 March 2023** is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. Worth checking out: www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-looks-forward-to-flame-2023

Adult Confirmations Have you been confirmed? If not would you like to be? It's a simple question. There are special services for adult candidates in the cathedral (**21 January, 22 April, and 23 September this year**), or indeed confirmation here in the parish by Fr Jonathan. If you have simply never been confirmed, and are unsure why you *should* receive this wonderful sacrament, please speak up!

Holy Father's January prayer intention, which all Catholics can share in together, is for educators: “that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching connection rather than competition, especially helping young people, and the most vulnerable above all.”

The now familiar annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Wednesday – *Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)* Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good *together*; to seek justice *together*, to rescue the oppressed *together*, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow *together*. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. We shall pray for the unity of Christians at Mass each day. Please include that intention in your daily prayers at home.

Readers Rota

<u>14 January 5.30</u> Lily Meghji	<u>15 January 8.00</u> Georgina Martins
<u>15 January 10.00</u> Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger	
<u>21 January 5.30</u> Monica Clifford	<u>22 January 8.00</u> Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>22 January 10.00</u> Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler	
<u>28 January 5.30</u> Martin Rush	<u>29 January 8.00</u> Amalie Direkze
<u>29 January 10.00</u> Readings Derrick Pereira & family, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur	

Church Cleaning Rota

21 January Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
28 January Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwanah
4 February Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indrè Balçaité

If you can spare the time please feel free to join any of the teams – Saturdays 9.30am.