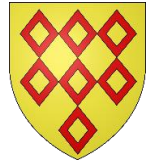


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20-21 January 2024 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Pope Francis has designated 2024 a **Year of Prayer** in preparation for the **2025 Jubilee Year**, 'Pilgrims of Hope', which will also be the **65th anniversary** of St William's church.

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass;
or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45);
or by appointment at any point in the week.

Sat 20 5.30pm R: Joyful	Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday' Vigil Mass – for James O'Reilly RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
SUN 21 R: Glorious 8am 10am	3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 'of the Word of God' Mass – for Carol Martin RIP Parish Mass – for the people of the parish
Mon 22 9.30am R: Joyful	St Vincent of Saragossa, Memorial Mass – for Giovanni & Nanette Gaudino (45 th Wedding Anniversary)
Tues 23 9.30am R: Sorrowful	Feria, 3rd week of Ordinary Time Mass – for Luciana Maestranzi (get well)
Wed 24 9.30am R: Glorious	St Francis de Sales, Memorial Mass – for HE The Cardinal (on the anniv of his episcopal ordination, 1992)
Thurs 25 R: Luminous	Conversion of St Paul No Mass [Reading: Acts 9.1-22]
Fri 26 7pm	SSs Timothy and Titus, Memorial Mass – R: Sorrowful Friday abstinence
Sat 27 5.30pm R: Joyful	Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday' Vigil Mass – for Patrick Hession and all deceased members of the Hession family
SUN 28 8am 10am R: Glorious	4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Sunday Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Roque Dias RIP (Birthday remembrance) and for Aida Millar RIP (1 st Anniversary)

- ◆ **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:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director
- ◆ **Northwick Park Hospital:** chaplain 020 8967 5130
- ◆ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri

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

Prayer requests Please fill in request paper in narthex, or give direct to Fr Jonathan (to list here), the names of the sick, housebound, or prisoners, who need our prayer.

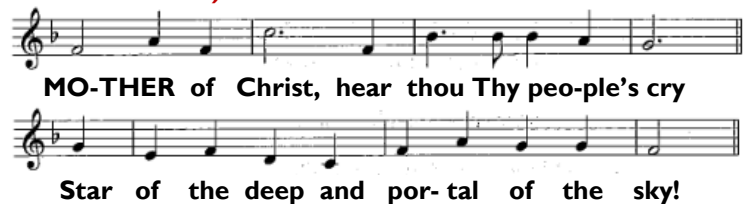
FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

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

All say: **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. *Please, now stay silent.*

- ◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.
- ◆ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to 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
- ◆ **Today's readings** are to be found on **pp.129-131** of the *Mass Book*.
- ◆ **During the Psalm all say:** 'Lord, make me know your ways.'
- ◆ **All sing the Alleluia:**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close | at hand;
Believe | the Good - - News!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **After 'Go in peace' all say the Hymn to the Virgin (sung after 10am Mass)**



2 **Mother of Him** whom thou from nothing made.
Sinking we strive and call to Thee for aid.

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

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 Candles burn this week

Our Lady's altar: Sean Murphy RIP (Anniversary)
St William and St Catherine:

After Mass all are invited to the Parish Hall for chat and refreshments, often with freshly baked cakes. Please do come!

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures Even allowing for St Mark's very direct style, Jesus seems to have gotten down to business immediately once he went public in the exercise of his mission. His message is brief and to the point. 'First, the Kingdom of God is close at hand': Israel's long wait is over, the time has come, a new day has begun. 'Second, repent and believe the Good News': repent of what? one may well ask. Of not having listened to God up to now, perhaps? of not having obeyed God's law? of not having taken the prophets seriously? of not knowing God? of living with ourselves as the centre of reality? Jesus proclaimed Good News and through his travelling ministry it was going to be spread abroad. The gospel gives us in a few words a sense of the impact of this message in the lives of those whom Jesus invited to live with Him and help with the message.

To a large extent, we have responded: we're baptised, have communion with Christ, and hope to take the Lord's call seriously – and yet discipleship is always there as a challenge. Today's readings help us to understand vocation.

First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10 In the eyes of the Israelites, Nineveh (near modern Mosul, N Iraq) was an iniquitous city, and for some decades the largest city in the ancient world. Its people worshipped a multiplicity of gods. It threatened the Israelite kingdom and was set on destroying it. And yet ...

Next Sunday is designated **Racial Justice Sunday** – and is the day the Church focuses on the constant need to oppose

racism, and pursue **racial justice** with renewed vigour.

The theme this year is **'Seeing one another in the life of the Church'**

We often say the Church recognises all peoples as children of God regardless of race. This year's Racial Justice Mass comes at this a bit differently: The *saints* of all races and cultures reveal the one Christ.

You may like to use this prayer during this week: **COME, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,**

reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary: all faces of one humanity that God alone truly loves. Amen

♦ **'Practical Skills for Catechists'** 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, 7pm: Rosary in Procession (Please bring your own roses: they'll be blessed after the procession)

Weekly Almsgiving

14/1/2023	Loose Plate	£ 331.58
	Envelopes	£ 244.51
	Standing Orders & Online	£ 425.00
	Total	£1001.09

God sent an Israelite prophet, Jonah, to them! His message (like Christ's) was straightforward. He did not provide any justification for his preaching. God's mercy extended even to pagan Nineveh. And, to the amazement (and judgement) of ancient Israel, Nineveh converted!

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7.29-31 Although the early Christians of another huge pagan city, Corinth, expected the Lord to return fairly soon (and the world as we know it end) Christians have learned that confident belief in the return of Christ isn't quite as Christians first thought. The so-called 'end times' (between the resurrection of Jesus and His 'second coming') will be as long as the mission of the Church needs them to be. But the immediacy of Christ's call is uber-urgent in the ears of every person or group that hears it.

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20 There are two 'movements' here.

1 God's approach to humanity As one Anglican prayer says, "in Christ [1] a new age has dawned, [2] the long reign of sin is ended, [3] a broken world is being renewed, and [4] humanity is once again made whole!"

2 We're called to approach God Sure, the apostles are the first-called. But from them the call goes straight out to the pagans (us) "He called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were shown no mercy, but now, you have received mercy. As a result, you can show *others* the goodness of God."

Spiritual Communion *A prayer for Adults who are not receiving Holy Communion.* **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You, and unite myself wholly to You**

Parents, please help younger children say this version before coming for a blessing: **Jesus, I know that You are present in Holy Communion. I love You, and want you in my soul. Since I cannot receive You, come now to me spiritually, in my heart. Perhaps they can commit it to memory?**

Please, help Charles! A recently arrived overseas student in our 10am Sunday congregation needs c20hrs work a week to support his course in Business Studies. Highly commended. *Please speak to Fr Jonathan in the first instance.*

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

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

♦ **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.

♦ **Fr Jonathan and Sarah** thank all of you for your cards and gifts over Xmas. They make us feel much-valued by you all.

Thank you in return to all you brilliant people who helped clear and clean after Xmas! **The Crib stays till Candlemas.**

Readers Rota

20 Jan	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
21 Jan	8am	Audrey Da Costa
	10am	Nwawulor family (readings) Monika Tabarrok (Bidding prayers)
27 Jan	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
28 Jan	8am	Georgina Martins
	10am	Carol-Anne Chandler (readings) Maureen Ruane (Bidding prayers)

Church Cleaning Rota 27 Jan Team B

Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė

3 Feb Team C Dominick Martins,

Elaine & Derrick Pereira

