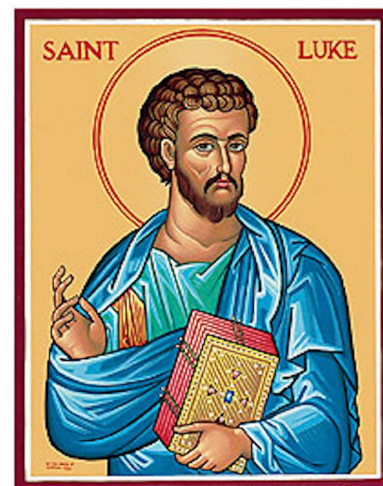


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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 23rd January 2022

Fr John Warnaby	Asst Priest (based at St Joseph's)	Tel: 0208 428 0088
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Sue Partington	Parish Admin (based at St Teresa's)	Tel: 020 8953 1294

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of the year	6.00pm	Meena & Harry Ryan RIP
Sunday 23rd January	3rd Sunday of the year	8.30am	Josie & Michael O'Brien RIP
		10.30am	People of the parish
Thursday 27th January	Feria	9.15am	John O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	9.15am	Bridie Stack RIP
Saturday 29th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	John Painter RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions, please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon:	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place
Responsorial Psalm:	Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. To proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, Psalm 70, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

Fr John writes:

“I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you.” (Luke 1:3)

The opening chapter of Luke's gospel is described by scholars as containing the most elegant greek in the New Testament. The gospel is the first book in a two volume story which continues in the Acts of the Apostles. Both are dedicated to the same person, Theophilus, (whose name in English means lover of God). In Acts, Luke tells us that his earlier work covered all that Jesus began to do and teach “until the day he was taken up” (1:2). Luke/Acts combined is by far the longest work in the New Testament, tracing the story from the birth of Jesus through to the development of the Spirit-filled Church of the apostolic age. Luke writes primarily for gentile (non-Jewish) early converts to Christianity. He shows that the preaching and teaching of the representatives of the early church are grounded in the words and actions of Jesus, who during his historical ministry prepared his specially chosen followers and commissioned them to be witnesses to his resurrection and to everything else he did. This continuity between the historical ministry of Jesus and the ministry of the apostles is Luke's way of guaranteeing the fidelity of the Church's teaching to the teaching of Jesus.

Throughout the gospel, Luke calls upon the Christian disciple to identify with Jesus, who is caring and tender towards the poor and lowly, the outcast, the sinner, and the afflicted; who reaches out to all who love God, righteous and sinner alike. He stresses the mercy and compassion of Jesus in stories unique to his gospel – the healing of the Centurion's servant, the good Samaritan, the parable of the prodigal Son – and encourages us to imitate Jesus' example of care and concern for others in our own day.

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS

Holy Communion Parents meeting on 27 January 7.30pm

Confirmation Parents & Candidates meeting on 3 February 7.30pm

Attendance is a requirement of the preparation.

Invitation for all our young adults

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which has run Catholic Charismatic events for the last 28 years serving those between ages 17 (year 12) and 25.

What - A week full of opportunities for young adults to spend time each day in personal prayer, share in the sacraments, come together for faith input and discussions as well as engaging in praise and worship, social activities and workshops all focussing around this year's theme of 'Holiness, Intimacy & Unity'

Where - St. Mary's School, Ascot, Berkshire from 3rd-8th April.

Why - We want to see young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe offering people space to encounter the living God and explore faith within a safe space of a community, and fellowship is a great way to do this!

Further details and tickets are available now at <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/buy-tickets-1> . You can either purchase a full residential (all week) ticket which includes full board and lodging, or you can buy day tickets. Either way, whether you've been to JB before or not, part of a CathSoc or Christian Union, diocesan youth team or youth group coming with friends, family or coming alone, **we can't wait to see you!**

SAVE THE DATE 'The God Who Speaks' Scripture Festival - St Alban's Cathedral

Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th February 2022. From 10:00am to 4:00pm we will be offering different ways of exploring the Scriptures in prayer, through creative activities and in Bible study. Join us for a joyful and profound experience.

Come and join the pilgrimage. Explore the 'tents of encounter with the Word', participate in the times of prayer and reflection, enjoy family friendly activities and much more.

Saturday 5th February - Why not come along to St Albans Cathedral to watch Steve Murray – Hanson from Behold Ministry bring familiar parables and scripture narratives to life through mime. The event is free but would recommend you book to ensure your place.

For more information or to book please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/whats-on/>

Accompaniment for the separated and divorced

Beginning Experience Weekend - a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Contact Freda 01322-838415; Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Restored Lives 8-week online course from 24th January <https://www.restoredlives.org/go-on-a-course>

RL provide workshops to support teenagers & young adults: 13-18 yrs Wednesday 2nd March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; 18 – 30 yrs Wednesday 2nd March 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, go to

<https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

Looking for Garden improvements ?

The Garden Enterprise at Caritas St Joseph's, facilitates the employment of young adults with learning disabilities by engaging them in all aspects of garden maintenance. In addition, the Garden Enterprise can provide garden design services, and supply garden furniture, made out of recycled wood by adults with learning disabilities, at Caritas St Joseph's. To discuss your garden maintenance and design requirements, please contact Gail Williams, the Centre Manager, at: gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

The Financials.....Total offertory for the month of December

Envelopes £1197.51

Loose Plate £828.84

Standing Orders: £1517.50

Last Year's offertory for December

Envelopes £919.95 Loose plate £936.75

Standing Orders £819.50

Thank you