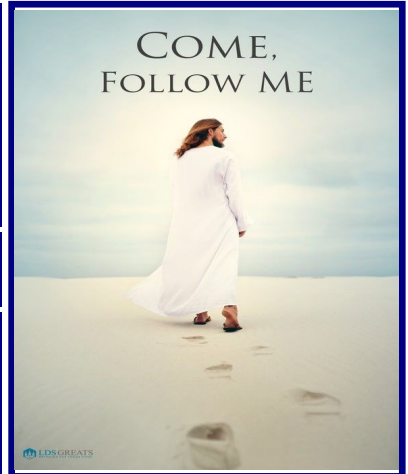


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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 22nd January 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6.00pm	Parish Volunteers
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Hanan Pereira RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 24th January	St Francis de Sales	7.00pm	Julie
Wednesday 25th January	Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	9.15am	Kassandra De Barros Webb
Thursday 26th January	Ss Timothy & Titus	9.15am	Eva Deen
Friday 27th January	Feria	9.15am	Alan Harris RIP
Saturday 28th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 22nd January 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13, Psalm 145, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus made Capernaum, a town on the shores of the sea of Galilee, his base as he began his public ministry in Galilee. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land and for a long time had been under non Jewish occupation.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the good news of salvation would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God.

Jesus brings the good news of *peace* – He comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God; the good news of *hope* - He comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom; the good news of truth -He sets us free from the lies and deception of the devil and opens our mind to understand the *truth* of God's word; the good news of *immortality* - He overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again, and the good news of *salvation* - He delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust.

Help us heavenly Father to grow in the knowledge of Your love and truth. Renew in us, O Holy Spirit, the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple following the Lord Jesus and his will for our life.

Confirmation 2023

****There will be a meeting for parents/guardians *and* candidates on Thursday 26th January at 7pm in the parish hall**.**

This meeting is for students in Year 9 and above who would like to make their Confirmation this Summer 2023. Candidates should collect in person, a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass.

The most important preparation for this Sacrament is attendance at Mass. By applying for this course it is expected that those participating express their commitment by joining the Parish community as we pray together at Mass.



World Day of the Sick

On Saturday **February 11th 2023**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at **2.30pm**. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered.

Westminster Choir Cathedral School (WCCS)

Open Morning for any boys with musical potential in Years 2,3 or 4, who might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. Choristers receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools, up until the end of Year 8. There are no financial barriers to entry: generous scholarships and bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available.

Sunday 5th February, 10am-Noon

Contact: Lucy Auger on 020 7798 9081 or lauger@choirschool.com

See poster at the back of church-on the side wall.



OPALS (Older Persons Activity Learning and Safety)

Free event offering safety information, help and advice for the older person.

Friday 27 January 10am-2pm at South Oxhey Baptist Church.

All event guests will be seated and served refreshments and a free hot meal. Reps from a variety of agencies will move from table to table to give advice. It will be a social event and a great opportunity to meet other local, elderly residents.

To book contact Terry Morris on 07740 670 642 or email terry.morris@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **24 - 26 February 2023**, or a Virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Vacancy for Administrative Assistant at St Michael's Catholic High School

See poster at the back of church for further details-it's on the side wall. Applications must be received by *midday on Wednesday 25th January* <https://www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk/170/non-teaching-vacancies>

School Places for September 2023 - St Joseph's School

Nursery-Now offering full time provision (9am-3pm). Applications for admission has opened for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. Apply to the school. **Deadline for applications is 24 February 2023.**

Further info can be found on the school website www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk under *Statutory Information > Admissions*. Alternatively, call the school office on 0208 428 5371 or email admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Bebe Ryan and Alice Sheppard.

Offertory for Sunday 15th January 2023

Envelopes	£246.70
Loose	£379.93
Total	£626.63

Many thanks