

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey  
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Speak Lord,  
for your servant is listening  
1 Samuel 3:1-21

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th January 2024**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 13th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6.00pm	Bebe Ryan
Sunday 14th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Rita Irvine
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 16th January	Feria	7.00pm	Margaret Griffin & family
Wednesday 17th January	Feria	9.15am	Stephen & Joan Cox
Thursday 18th January	Feria	9.15am	Meena & Harry Ryan RIP
Friday 19th January	Feria	9.15am	John Gomes RIP
			followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 20th January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday in OT	6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

**When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.**

**Liturgy of the Word: 14th January 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 24 I Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

In our first reading we hear about the young prophet Samuel, who lived some 1000 years before Jesus. He mistook God's call for that of his mentor Eli, the priest and judge. It took some time for Eli and Samuel to understand that it was God who was calling the young Samuel.

"Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him," we are told, indicating that the prophetic mission Samuel was taking on was under God's watchful care. The young prophet is dedicated to the Lord, ready to listen, and God cares for this chosen one.

In time the fame of Samuel as a prophet spread throughout Israel and was legendary. Samuel would eventually anoint the first kings of Israel, Saul and then David, thereby transforming the entire history of the people of God.

By Samuel anointing kings, the twelve tribes of Israel were more firmly united. The ideal was the amalgamation of the people into a single family, so that all their actions would be a form of worship and praise of the one God.

In the second reading today St Paul stresses that followers of Christ are also to form a bond of union and strive for holiness together, thereby becoming a temple of the Lord, made up of many individuals who are also temples of God's Holy Spirit. When sin is avoided and doing good abounds, followers of Christ are acting in accord with God's will and building up the temple of the Holy Spirit, offering right worship to God.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asks his first disciples, and asks each of us as well: "What do you want?" Jesus adds, "Come and see". He is always inviting us to get to know him better.

Like Samuel, we do not always hear God speaking to us, but that is because we are not listening properly. God is always calling us. Our prayer is the same as Samuel's: "speak, Lord, your servant is listening".

### **\*\*100 Club\*\***

Thanks to everyone who has supported our proposed 100 Club to raise funds for the Parish. Each entry/number is £5 per month (minimum of 3 months) and you can purchase more than 1 entry! Perhaps an entry might be a 'good cause' gift for a family member or friend. Please consider buying more than one number. 3 monthly prizes of £100/£50/ £25 and an annual bonus prize of £500 for all who play continuously for 12 months.

We are aiming to have our first monthly draw in February. This relies on everyone paying for their number/s as soon as possible. Ideally if you could pay £60 upfront for the 12 draws, or £15 minimum for 3 draws direct into our HSBC bank account :

Account Name: WRCDT Carpenders Park

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 61095579

Reference: Surname/ 100 CLUB

You can also pay by cash or cheque (payee: WRCDT Carpenders Park). Envelopes will be left out in the Narthex. Your co-operation and support is greatly appreciated.

### **Join the Synodal Journey!**

A Synodal *Day of Discernment* will take place on **Saturday 10th February** at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH. Join people from a range of parishes and backgrounds for a day of reflection, conversation, and action to prepare for the October 2024 Synodal Assembly, in Rome. Arrive at 10am (refreshments) for 10.30am-4pm meeting, with a Bring and Share Lunch - liquid refreshments, provided! RSVP - FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8986 0807



### **First Holy Communion 2024**

Registration is open for those children in Year 3 and above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next May/June 2024. The course will commence in January 2024. Please collect a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass. **\*There will be a meeting for all parents of children in the First Holy Communion programme on Thursday 18th January at 7pm in the Parish Hall (parents only) \***

### **Confirmation 2024**

Registration is open for students in Year 9 and above who would like to make their Confirmation next Summer 2024. The course will commence in January 2024. Please would candidates collect in person, a registration form from Donna, or Fr John after Mass. **\*There will be a meeting for all Confirmation candidates and parents in the Confirmation programme on Thursday 25th January at 7pm in the Parish Hall \***



**The most important preparation for both Sacraments is attendance at Mass. By applying for these courses it is expected that those participating express their commitment by joining the Parish community as we pray together at Mass.**

### **Parish Hall for Rent**

The parish hall is available for groups who are interested in renting on a regular, weekly basis. Please speak with Fr John or contact Linda in the parish office (carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk) should this be of interest.

### **Job opportunity in Garston**

A vacancy has arisen for a parish cleaner/housekeeper in Garston WD25. It is for 6 hours per week on a permanent contract. If you know of someone who may be interested, you need to act fast as the **closing date is 12pm on Monday 15th January**, with interviews on w/c 22nd January. The job description is on the side wall. For further details please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers** especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Christine Kempster, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop and Michael O'Brien.

### **Offertory for 31 December**

Loose           £ 329.37

Envelopes      £ 225.51

**Total           £ 554.88**

### **Standing orders for December 2023**

**£1,704**

**Many thanks**