



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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### 14/15 JANUARY 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY YEAR A

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		For the Sick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		People of the Parish
		<b>11.00 am</b>		Alan Sharpe (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Anthony, Abbot	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Benediction & Epiphany (St. Sebastian, Martyr)	Teresa Stenson RIP
<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially for Alan Sharpe and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 God is preparing his people Israel to become a light for all nations

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Paul greets his converts in Corinth, who are called to be saints

**Gospel Reading:** John 1:29-34 John the Baptist announces the One who will baptise us with the Holy Spirit

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Taking stock of ourselves

Two thoughts are prompted by today's readings. The first is John's dramatic declaration, 'Behold the Lamb of God'. The second is an invitation to do a personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year, and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. And St Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The other thought is stock taking- Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our cooperation that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?"

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

SPUC's mission is to save the lives of the unborn babies and to protect women from abortion. Every new life is a wonderful gift from God and every baby is loved and cherished by God from the first moment of his or her existence. SPUC works to build a society which reflects this unconditional love that God has for every one of us. And we want to create a society which cherishes motherhood and helps parents to do the best for their children. Please let us support the work of SPUC by praying for them and give generously to support them. Contact SPUC on 02070917091 or visit their website ([WWW.SPUC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SPUC.ORG.UK)). God bless you.

### APPRECIATION

**Thank you to the parishioner who donated £300 for Christmas decorations. God bless the donations you made at the Crib for the Catholic Children's Society.**

## **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

Our web page <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php>, includes a pdf document (the brochure used at our conference in November) containing a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. Our Development team remains available to offer advice and direct you to support for any parish projects you wish to develop to help your community at this time. Find their contact details here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php>. **People who are in debt to their energy supplier** might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

## **VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY**

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', **will be open after 11.00 am Mass this weekend** It has been restocked with a range of Sympathy and Mass cards. Lyn Brillus will be on hand to take orders for items such as rosaries, statues, candles etc which can be seen in a catalogue. Please note that payment can only be made with cash.

**The Westminster Year Book for 2023** is now available from the back of the Church priced £4.50. Get a copy for yourself.

## **WARM SPACES PROJECT**

St Joseph's Church are providing a warm space in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am – 3.30pm. They are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch. They still need volunteers to help prepare the refreshments and to chat with the people who come along. There are three volunteer sessions each day. 9.30am – 12 noon; 11.30am – 2.00pm; 1.30pm – 4.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at St Joseph's on 01992 623156 or email [walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk).

## **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NURSERY**

The school has spaces in their Nursery for mid-year admissions. They now take children from the term after they turn 3 years old. For more information, please contact the school office [admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk) or 01992 635060.

## **CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2023**

St Pauls Catholic Primary School, Park Lane, Cheshunt, EN7 6LR website: <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com> and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, EN8 7EN website: <https://www.stjosephsherts.uk>

**For both schools**, you must apply for a school place online. The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commenced on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and will close on **Sunday 15th January 2023** on the following website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Reception 2023** applies to children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

As well as applying online to Hertfordshire you need to complete a **Supplementary Information Form** which should be sent into the office of the schools to which you are applying together with any supporting documentation.

## **ST PAULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2024-25**

The Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the school in **September 2024**, they are required to consult on these arrangements and are inviting comments. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on their website at <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com/herts/primary/stpauls/site/pages/importantdocuments/admissions/admissions2024-2025>. There are changes to the oversubscription arrangements. If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Mrs Worton-Geer either by post or [emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk](mailto:emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk) by 20 January 2023.

## **MARRIAGE CARE**

Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local Centre. More information can be found at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

## **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

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