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21/22 JANUARY 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY YEAR A

Saturday	21st	5.00 pm		Gemma Sillet RIP
Sunday	22nd	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Anthony Thomas (int.)
Monday	23rd	9.30 am	Feria	Leon Vollaire RIP
Tuesday	24th	9.30 am	St. Francis de Sale	Holy Souls
Wednesday	25th	9.30 am	The Conversion of St Paul	
Friday	27th	9:30 am	Benediction & Mass (St. Angela, Virgin)	
4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A				
Saturday	28th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	29th	9 & 11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-3 Isaiah foretells a Saviour for the people who walked in darkness

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Even in the early Church there was disunity, through rivalry and schism

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus calls the fishermen to leave everything to follow him

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Can we change our way of living?

When Jesus began his public ministry of preaching and healing, John the Baptist had already been arrested, putting an end to his movement of religious revival. At that point, instead of going back to Nazareth (i.e. instead of going home), Jesus went to Capernaum. This marked a new beginning, whose purpose is described in a verse of prophecy: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, light has dawned." Jesus would later refer to himself as the light of the world; and, in commissioning his disciples, he would send them out also, to be light to the world. His vocation is our vocation too.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Appreciation: we realised an amount of £217.74. Thank you for your kind donations. 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). God bless you.

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.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Caritas 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. Their 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.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

Shroud of Turin Exhibition from Monday 6th - Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at the Christian Heritage Centre based at Stonyhurst. Accompanying the display of a replica will be a historical and scientific commentary, looking at both its authenticity and its importance for Christians <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/shroud-of-turin-exhibition/>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A new group will start in February running on Saturday mornings, online, 9-12.30pm. Please contact Margaret Hanley, CCRS Co-ordinator, ccrs@rcdow.org.uk for general information, and an application form. Contact Anna, for information about bursary funding. See our catechist testimonies at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/resources-for-parish-ministry/learn-from-me/>

POPE EMERITUS BENEDECT

Vespers will be held in the Cathedral Tuesday 24th January at 5pm to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. All are welcome.

BROXBORNE FOOD BANK

Please do not forget that as a Parish we collect items for the local food bank. Please put your donations in the container in the church. Sadly an increasing number of families rely on our charity to put food on the table.

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

Donations at the crib (Catholic Children’s Society) amounted to £197.14 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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