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13/14 JANUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, YEAR B



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| Saturday | 13th | 5.00 pm | | For the Sick |
| Sunday | 14th | 9.00 am | | Catherine O'Callaghan RIP |
| | | 11.00am | | Emmanuel & Patty Oparah (int.) |
| Monday | 15th | 9.15 am | Joint Mass at St. Paul's Primary School | Felicia Acquah-Mills BD |
| Tuesday | 16th | 9.30 am | Feria | Loyola Edirisinghe RIP |
| Wednesday | 17th | 9.30 am | Feria | |
| Friday | 19th | 9:00 am | Benediction & Mass | Parents bereaved of their children |
| 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B | | | | |
| Saturday | 20th | 5.00 pm | | |
| Sunday | 21st | 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, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariasha McDonagh, 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 Andrew Cash, Mary Maray, Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaidis, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries, including Victoria Wos, occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 The call of young Samuel, one of the great vocation stories.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; we should do all for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42 Jesus invites disciples to "Come and see" and they followed him.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Called by Name

God knows each individual by name totally, intimately, always. None of us is ever ignored by him; like the birds of the air and all created things, we are forever in God's mind, under his care (cf. Mat. 10:29.) Even the person of no particular significance in his neighbours' eyes, the born loser who lives in the shadows of depression most of the time — even he (or she) is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect. Samuel stands for all the little, forgotten people. Just a boy, with no high illusions about himself, a servant and apprentice to the old man Eli, he slept at night in a little room like an altar-boys' sacristy, at the religious shrine of Israel. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, he heard God calling him by name; eventually Samuel recognizes that the call is from God, and not just from the priest, so he submits himself heart and soul to listen to God's word. Only then did Samuel discover his own potential, his new identity, the role he was to fulfil in life.

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will be hearing about a charity St Pauls has supported over the years – Mary's Meals. The charity began 22 years ago in Scotland and has feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities. Relying heavily on volunteers it means costs can be kept remarkably low. Your

help – in prayer, by volunteering and making a donation – is vital to it reaching the next hungry child. Please support Mary's Meals this weekend.

FR. CLEMENT AWAY

Let us welcome Fr. Joseph Henry Mensah to the Parish for the period Fr. Clement is away. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION COURSE 23/24

The course begins this weekend: Saturday at 3pm. Please keep all the candidates and the Catechists in your prayers.

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 02077989350.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School admissions for a primary, junior or middle school place is open until 15 January 2024. If you would like to apply for a place at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, all you need to do is: make a new in year application via Hertfordshire admissions and complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available on the school website. If you would like to view St Paul's or have any questions, please contact admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk and they will be happy to help.

SUPPORT SVP

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

REPOSITORY

The repository will be open after the 11.00 am Mass. Sales are cash only.

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish. **Happy New Year!**

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