



# St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, YEAR B**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		For the Sick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Emeka, Roseanne, Josiah & Joycelyn (int.)
		<b>11.00am</b>		Alan Sharpe (4th Anniv.)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Holy Soul
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Francis de Sales	Ernestina Hayford BD
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Benediction & Mass (St. Timothy & Titus)	Bernard O'Sullivan BD RIP
<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th</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, 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 Nicolaides, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries, including Wictoria Wos and Alan Sharpe, occur at this time.**

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Jonah's preaching finds an unexpected response from the pagan Ninevites. **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Paul proposes a level of detachment from the dear, familiar things. **Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:14-20 "Repent, and believe in the good news."

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Depending on God

All of us, no matter how long we have been living in the faith, need to reawaken this attitude of trust. We need conversion, no less than the people of Nineveh, or the people of Galilee. Repent, and believe, says Jesus today, to each one here. Believe that God is my father and your father; believe that he is near at hand, and that he is merciful; realize that God's will for you is that you be saved — and that includes the need to live by his Gospel. "Repent" — yes, the challenge is as fresh today as when our Lord first spoke it. As though we were hearing of the kingdom of God for the first time and making our first act of total trust and total submission to God's love. Taking Jesus at his word, being converted to genuine faith in God the Father, does not mean living with our head in the clouds. Genuine Christian devotion certainly fixes our ambition way above the passing things of life, but also keeps us aware of everyday duties towards other people. Hearing the Gospel, welcoming and following it, keeps a person with feet well grounded in reality, more keenly involved than ever in carrying out the tasks that have to be done here and now, because now is the day of salvation; now is the time, given us by God to pay him our thanksgiving through service.

## MARY'S MEALS APPEAL - Appreciation

We realised an amount of £274.70. Thank you for your generous support. 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 visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### **ENROLMENT MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Please remember in your prayers the twenty children and their families, who will be attending the Mass of Enrolment next Sunday afternoon at 3.00 pm as part of their participation in the First Holy Communion preparation programme this year. They will receive their crosses to wear when they go to Mass. In future weeks they will be taking it in turn to say a bidding prayer at the weekend masses.

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am this weekend. Please note that it is cash only for purchases.

### **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](mailto:cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk). [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding). The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 0207 7989350.

### **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](mailto: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

### **CAFOD**

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [brozycka@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brozycka@cafod.org.uk)

### **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. Thank you to Father Joseph Mensah for looking after the Parish whilst I am away.

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