SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY +2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

18TH /19TH JANUARY



6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9.30 AM ALICE COWAN I**NTS**

11.30 AM FR SEAN CARROLL **(L/D) RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Tracey Ashby, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :
John Carey, John Jeffries, Yvonne Grasso, James Tomlinson, Constantino Mascarenhas

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Fr Sean Carroll, Phyllis O Brien, Gerti Harrington



THE VIGIL LAMP at Our Lady and the **SANCTUARY LAMP** burn this coming week

In LOVING MEMORY OF

NICK RYDER

RIP



Dear Parishioners,

'Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.'

On the second Sunday of this year in the Church we hear about the first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel: the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into a great quantity of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, Mary, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them. Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the 'hour' of grace and glory that is to come, when He will give His life for us and offer up His body and blood on the Cross to effect the *consummation* of His espousal and marriage between himself, the Bridegroom, and His Church, the Bride. We can see in this miracle the origins of the Church's understanding and teaching about the beauty of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and it's place in God's plan. We can also be encouraged to look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us. Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we can allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in John's Gospel, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, can become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory. Let us reflect, in these early days of this Jubilee Year of Hope, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Let us meditate upon this story as a way of preparing ourselves in hope to receive His grace more fully in our lives. Let us think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give us, as his pilgrims of hope. Let us reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' Blessed Mother. She also will anticipate our needs and pray for us with her motherly heart. Let us ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that we will more fully share in God's abundant glory this year.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - As is customary each year, on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church in England and Wales marks the World Day of Peace. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this 58th year is '**Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace**'. The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by ***'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth'*** and ***'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'.*** PRAYER: *Forgive us our trespasses, Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against us. In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace, the peace that you alone can give to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart, to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts of their brothers and sisters, to those who are unafraid to confess their debt to you, and to those who do not close their ears to the cry of the poor.*

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2025– This weekend there will be the annual appeal for SPUC, who work tirelessly to radically transform culture so that abortion becomes unthinkable, restoring the sanctity of human life in our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' convention on the Rights of a Child. Please give generously to help SPUC continue to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

SVP—Will meet this **Sunday 19th January** after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome.

Mass Times
20th January to 26th January

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 20TH JAN	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SHEILA JONES **INTS** **ST FABIEN**
TUES 21ST	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **12 noon**	JAMES TOMLINSON **(A) RIP** FUNERAL OF THE LATE GERTI HARRINGTON **ST AGNES**
WED 22ND	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ELIZABETH THARUMALINGAM **(A) RIP** **ST VINCENT**
THURS 23RD	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 24TH	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	STEPHEN DUIGNAN **RIP** **ST FRANCIS DE SALES**
SAT 25TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JUDY AND ERIC DOKE **INTS** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE**
SUN 26TH JAN		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH HILDA MINOLI AND FAMILY **INTS** KATHLEEN EDWARD AND MICHAEL MURCHAN **(A) RIP**

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CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK – This week, until the feast of St Paul on 25th January, we offer prayers with Christians in all the world, that God's grace could unite us more and more and discover the path for which Jesus prayed when he said to the Father " May they be one" (Jn 17:21) The following prayer can be offered over these next few days to share in this intention: *Attend with favour to the prayers of your people, we ask, O Lord, and grant that the hearts of believers may be united in your praise and in repentance together, so that, with division among Christians overcome, we may hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom in the perfect communion of the Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

MASS FOR THE SICK -Saturday 8th February 2025 Westminster Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you would like to attend, please let the parish office know, as places will need to be booked. Tickets are available in 3 categories, those in a wheelchair or those walking who would like to be anointed and those assisting the sick who with no anointing

JUBILEE BOOKLETS– PILGRIMS OF HOPE There are some booklets that have been produced especially for the Jubilee. These are available at the back of church and include, prayers and reflections. They are free, so please take one.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 22nd January** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups.

YOUTH MASS Sunday 2nd February at 6pm in the church, followed by a social time until 8.30 pm. If you are in school year 9 or above, (or below 30!) this is an opportunity to be with people of similar ages, both at mass and after. Why not bring a friend– All welcome.

FOODBANK– Thank you for your donations, please keep them coming. The next collection will be on **3rd**

LIVE STREAMING –For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.

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