

The Gospel
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Jesus, rise,
spread out the scroll
– like Ezra, your priest-scribe
– and declare to
the people
and to
us

that God is in our
midst this
day.

O earth,
you are holy now.

Holy Spirit,
touch our being and our doing.

Let us
feed and shelter the poor,
welcome immigrants,
free the prisoners,
fix climate
crisis.

Brush our days,
with grace.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online, and on Sundays both the 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Masses.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be in the Church
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,
and First Friday of the month from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year C)**

23rd January 2022

Funeral Arrangements

Francis Joseph Harrington

Reception 7.00 pm, Monday 24th January, Visitation Church.
Mass 10.00 am, Tuesday 25th January, to be followed by burial in Hanwell Cemetery.

Johanna Greenan

Mass 1.00 pm, Tuesday 25th January, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Advance Notice

Fr. Eugene Lynch

Month's Mind Mass Monday 31st January at 12.00 noon.

Pati Rybczynska

Requiem Mass 6.00 pm, Monday 31st January. Pati's cremation has already taken place.

Guillermo Rodriguez

Mass 10.00 am, Thursday 3rd February, Visitation Church.

Leonard Leslie Minott

Mass 10.00 am, Friday 4th February, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Bludena Isabelle Nairne

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 4th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Paul Patrick Carmody

Mass 10.00 am, Tuesday 8th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Antonios Constantine

Cremation 3.15 pm, Tuesday 8th February, Breakespear Crematorium.

The White Flower Appeal.

A big thank you to all who so generously supported the White Flower Appeal (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) last weekend. The amount raised was a tremendous £2,250.00; many, many thanks for your generosity.

*Monday 24th January
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor*

*Tuesday 25th January
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

*Friday 28th January
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor*

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus proclaims God's word to those gathered in the Synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth. The passage he reads is taken from the prophet Isaiah. *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord'* (Lk 4:18-19). Jesus then sits down, and, in words which launch his great mission of liberation, he says: *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'* (Lk 4:21). The words of Isaiah serve as Jesus' manifesto. He has come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love and inaugurate the greatest revolution in human history. Jesus lived, died and rose again in order to establish God's kingdom on earth, and the task of his disciples is to continue that work. In the words of Pope Francis, the mission of the Church is *'to proclaim and establish among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God'*. This mission entails the integral transformation of the world in which we live. Cardinal Suenens says: *'The preaching of the Gospel and its acceptance imply a social revolution whereby the hungry are fed and justice becomes the right of all'*. We do not carry out this mission as isolated individuals, it is as the Body of Christ that we continue Jesus' mission. The different gifts received by the members of the Church from the Holy Spirit complement one another, and, when properly used, build up the unity of the Church and serve its mission. It is only when the Church functions effectively as the Body of Christ – when all its members are truly open to the divine Spirit and to one another – that it can be a credible sacrament of God's reign of love and justice. So we pray:

*'Lord, make us instruments of your peace, justice
and love in our confused and wounded world.'*