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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

24th January 2021

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THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis last year and is to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is a day that reminds us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for Christian life, as well as the relationship between the Word of God and the liturgy.

In his Apostolic Letter - 'Aperuit illis', written in 2019, Pope Francis says that "As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness".

The Sunday of the Word of God is thus an invitation to renew our responsibility in getting to know the Sacred Scripture and our commitment to keep it alive through our ongoing work of transmission, comprehension and reflection. The Word of God is capable of making sense of our lives and of the life of the Church in whatever circumstances she finds herself.

The theme this year is taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians: "Holding fast to the Word of Life" (Phil. 2, 16) The Bible is not only a book, it's a Word, it's alive and it has the capacity to touch our lives. The Word of God is a moment of unity in which we receive the strength we need to evangelise.

Do not let your bible collect dust! Get it off the shelf and read it every day. It doesn't have to be long, just a gospel passage every day, 5 minutes and let Christ through his Word speak to your heart.

Let us pray-

For the Church, that we may continue to respond to the word of God which is proclaimed in our midst.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed, that God's word may find in them a fruitful field.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have not heard the message of Christ, that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our readers, that with deep faith and confident voice they may announce God's saving word.
Lord, hear our prayer.



JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE

Now online, the series of talks 'Journeying with the Bible' presented by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona STL

The next session on 9th February will look at the letters from St Paul, then 23rd February - Catholic letters, 9th March - Apocalypse. All sessions from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you would like to follow the talks on these days please register at catad-min@rcdow.org.uk

Previous talks as part of the God Who Speaks programme, which started last year, can be viewed online at : [Journeying with the Bible - Diocese of Westminster \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Journeying with the Bible - Diocese of Westminster (rcdow.org.uk))

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021

Registration is open for the next Confirmation programme.

Young people in Year 8 or above, who feel ready to prepare for this Sacrament, can apply.

Please note that the programme will start later than usual this year due to the current situation.

If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office by email: perivale@rcdow.org.uk or telephone: **0208 997 3164**

HOMELESS DONATION HUB

The donation hub at the Brompton Oratory is seeking donations of items including new toiletries, men and women's clothes and shoes (not children's clothes) and entertainment items, e.g. books / crosswords / puzzles / art and craft items.

Please email Kate MacKenzie at london.companionsofmalta@gmail.com if you have items available.

YOUNG CARITAS 26th January 6.30pm

The first event of the year will be a Virtual Pub Quiz and Social on 26th January at 6.30pm.

This event is open to young people aged 18-30, interested in meeting others with a passion for social justice. Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/132916957197>

MASS INTENTIONS / TABERNACLE CANDLELIGHT

If you would like to book a Mass or the candlelight, **please use the small brown envelopes** that you will find in the porch or contact the Parish Office. You can put the envelope with your donation in the collection basket when you come to Mass or put it through the parish office door. **Please always give a contact number**, as you may not be able to have the date that you would like. Please bear in mind that Masses get booked up very quickly, especially weekend Masses, as we can only book one intention per Mass.

During this latest lockdown, Masses will continue to be said each day for the intentions requested.

Mass Intentions for Sunday will be prayed for during the Sunday 9.30am Mass until the 11.30 Mass resumes. As such it might be necessary for the Sunday 9.30am Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention. If you have arranged to have a Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	23	Mass	6.30pm	William de Noronha RIP (Anniv)
Sunday	24	Mass	9.30am	Edward Jordan RIP (Anniv) and Alcinda Ramos RIP
Monday *	25	Mass	10.00am	Bridie Brennan RIP
Tuesday *	26	Mass	10.00am	Eugene Garcia RIP
Wednesday	27	No Mass		
Thursday	28	Mass	10.00am	Breda Connellan RIP
Friday	29	Mass	10.00am	Clifford Concesso RIP
Saturday	30	Mass	6.30pm	Alcinda Ramos RIP

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

Sunday	31	Mass	9.30am	Margaret O'Brien RIP (Anniv) Michelle Moraes RIP (Anniv)
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays after Mass *

Confession: By appointment only during the current lockdown.

* Monday and Tuesday Masses will be said in private without a congregation. The Masses, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Praying of the Rosary can all be followed online via our YouTube channel.

Please pray for: Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Eugene Garcia, Teresa Warner, Michael Murray (brother of Charlie Murray), Michael Garrett, Breda Connellan, William Talbutt and Philomena Feighery.

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Nicholas Fardey, Bridget Markey, Michael O'Neill, Monica Strabel, Nora Keigher, Pushpa Fernando, James Mulcahy, Johnny Leung, Kate Quinn, Sean Healy, Patrick Mahon, George Burns, Sydney Tai, Margaret Power, John Boyle, Michael McDonagh, Daniel Byrne, Thomas Martin, Catherine Woods, John McGovern, Giovanni Sozzi, James Dempsey, William de Noronha, Edward Jordan, Margaret Morrissey and Michelle Moraes