

THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:

Sanctuary Lamps - Walter Thompson (RIP)

Our Lady's Chapel - Grace Jacobs (Intentions)



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5th February 2023

5th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

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The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.

Commentary on the Gospel

These sayings about salt and about the light of a lamp come in various places in the Gospels, to challenge or encourage the disciples of Jesus. In Mark the saying about salt is joined to other sayings about salt, not by logic but simply by the catch-word 'salt'. Here in Matthew, right after the opening promises of the Sermon on the Mount, they are surely a challenge to the disciples – not the Twelve, but all the disciples of Jesus, both those who kept company with Jesus and those who have followed after.

The image of salt is obvious enough: food cooked without salt can be bland and tasteless, utterly unexciting. So a half-hearted or shallow proclamation of the gospel wins no converts. The message of the gospel must be piquant, sharp and challenging. If it does not change the life and temper of the hearer it has lost its piquancy and may as well be thrown out. The proclamation of Jesus aroused annoyance and opposition; the same will no doubt be the case in the world of today.

The image of a lamp is gentler and wholly positive. Think of the flame of a small oil-lamp in the darkness of a large one-roomed house! Under a tub or a bowl or even a bed it will have no effect at all on the darkness, but on a lamp-stand it can bring light into the farthest corners, make social life and activity possible and bring joy to a whole family and its friends.

At the beginning of the Sermon these two images challenge disciples to share the salt and the light of the message they will receive with all who have ears to hear.

Dom Henry Wansbroug

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 5TH FEBRUARY TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

5th February 2023	5.30 pm	Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)
5th Sunday	10.00 am	Michael & John McMahon (RIP)
Year A	12 noon	Walter Thompson (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Daniel Warren (RIP)
Monday 6th February	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
St. Paul Miki	10.00 am	Hilda Griffiths (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Tuesday 7th February	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Shane McBride (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Wednesday 8th February	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Geraldine Robinson (Intentions)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Thursday 9th February	NO MASS HERE TODAY The Church will remain closed all day.	
Friday 10th February	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
St. Scholastica	10.00 am	Geraldine Robinson (Intentions)
	6.00 pm	Rosary
Saturday 11th February	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00 am	David Cullen (RIP)
	12.30 pm	Baptism - Finley O'Hara
	2.00 pm	Baptism - Caomhan O'Donnell
Sunday 12th February	5.30 pm (Sat)	Bernadette Hughes (RIP)
6th Sunday	10.00 am	Domenico D'Antonio (RIP)
Year A	12 noon	Ann Ansbro (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Peggy McMahon (RIP)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.15pm

CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

For all vacancies in the Diocese please visit the website

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have recently joined the parish, or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years, please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Mary Wallace, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, Nora Demello, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Peggy McNicholas, Gillian Burke, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Mary O'Regan, Nollaig Donegan, Kamini Mahida, Salvatore Giambrone, Francis Thone, Gary Sheppard, John McCarthy, John & Agnes Keane, George Alden, baby Wilf, Joseph Jackson, Kitty Kiely, Isabella Czerniajew, Bernie Killeen, Doreen Sullivan, Audrey Farrell, John & Phil Boyne, Philip Rodgers, Rita Clli, Mary Theresa Mills, Laura Madeira, Tom Doyle, Jim Kennedy, Pamela Murray, Ciaran Murphy, Lilian Scott, Phelmene Henry, Josie Lambert, Pat Naylor.

(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME. WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME: Joseph Fitzpatrick, Donal O'Sullivan, Walter Thompson, Michael & John McMahan, Daniel Warren, Hilda Griffiths, Shane McBride, David Cullen. All those buried in our garden of remembrance.

RED SANCTUARY LAMPS / BLUE LAMP BY OUR LADY

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, or for someone's intentions please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 for the Red Sanctuary lamps and £5 for Our Lady, the names will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

COLLECTIONS 29/01/2023

Standing Orders	£1192.38
Envelopes	£ 176.50
Loose Plate	£ 357.34

WEDDINGS

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP NEWS)

The New Year is now moving along and things are getting back to 'normal' for the SVP Team for sure! The SVP Gifted shop will be open this weekend, the first Sunday of February, so please have a look at our stock. If there is some religious item that you would like, that we have not got, then just mention it - we make regular orders and can try and have it for March. Also, our Bereavement Support Group is back on the first Wednesday of each month in the hall, after the 10am mass. Please mention this to anyone you think might be just needing a chat - a cup of tea with some friendly faces might make all the difference! Finally, our young people's B-Attitudes Team held their first meeting of the year last Friday evening and are now busy planning their events calendar for 2023 - you'll be hearing more! If any of these activities interest you, or indeed if you'd just like to know about the SVP Team and what we do, then just get in touch! Finally, as always, please remain 'Aware' of need around us and do not hesitate to contact your SVP Team if our help is needed - 07563 775777, info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk and/or www.svpsouthruislip.org.uk.

ITEMS THE SVP WOULD LIKE FOR THE FOOD BANK THIS WEEK

Long life milk & juice	Tinned Fruit	Tinned tomatoes
Lentils, Instant noodles, Rice	Tinned Corn	Chickpeas & Kidney beans
Coffee, Tea & Sugar	Biscuits	Tuna/Sardines
Mash	Toilet Roll	Tinned Meat
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Potatoes	Jam

CHURCH CLEANING

We are again appealing for volunteers to help to clean our church. Our regular team (now diminished to only 2/3 volunteers) come along every Saturday morning at 8.30am and do a fantastic job. However, we need more volunteers to come along and lend a hand. As we have said before, it does not have to be on a Saturday morning. If there were a few people who could spare an hour at another time during the week then we could have a few teams to do the cleaning at regular intervals. Please contact Gillian in the parish office if you are able to assist.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11th February 2023 is the 31st World Day of the Sick. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Admittance is by ticket only. If you wish to attend please contact Gillian in the parish office to book your ticket.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism preparation session is on Tuesday 7th February at 8pm in the Church hall. Please telephone Gillian at the Presbytery if you would like to attend this as these meetings are by appointment only.