



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
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Due to National Lockdown the Parish Office is open for limited hours please do call before coming in. Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH NOTICES

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS:** Do you want a Mass offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the altar, or you would like a Mass said for yourself. Please do come and speak to me either after Mass or calling in the office and I will help you if you have any queries. Thank you.

✠ **DONATIONS:** As you are aware, the coronavirus pandemic has placed all of us in difficult financial circumstances. In these circumstances, you should feel free to review accordingly your current planned giving to our Parish. If, however, you are able to contribute to the ongoing cost of maintaining our church building and meet our regular expenses during this period, it would be very much appreciated. We have set up an easy way to donate, especially for Mass intentions or occasional donations. It is called **VIRGIN MONEY GIVING**. You can access it directly from our webpage by clicking on the 'Donate to Our Parish button'. Then you will need to click on the red Virgin Money Giving button and follow the instructions. Alternatively, you can **SCAN the QR Code below** with your smartphone and follow instructions.

Also if you have a **Standing Order** do continue to use it as usual. If instead you make use of **Planned Giving Envelopes**, please do remember to bring them to church. Consider however the possibility of giving by standing order.

Any **Cash Loose donations** could be made by placing it in an enveloped marked "Sunday collection" and posted through the parish house letterbox, as part of your essential outdoor time. In general, if you are a tax-payer, please **gift-aid any donation** you make. Thank you for your generosity.



✠ **WEEKDAY MASS:** In **February 2021** since we will be approaching the beautiful Season of Lent, I would like to introduce the celebration of Mass in the church only on two days of the week throughout Lent. Please do watch this space as more information will be announced nearer the time.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
24th January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

THROWN FROM HIS HIGH HORSE



Thank God, there were no e-mails in the time of St Paul! Otherwise the Corinthians and Romans, Ephesians and Galatians, Thessalonians and Colossians, might have received far more than Paul's letters. And Timothy and Titus would certainly have been given many more instructions!

This week, 25th January, we celebrate the feast of St Paul's Damascus road dramatic conversion. This seems to be about

the only incident in Paul's life that has interested the great artists and painters. Caravaggio, possibly the most violent painter in history, with fights, brawls and murder on his hands, has captured the scene in an amazing way.

Paul, thrown from his great, high horse, is biting the dust, and there on the hard ground, he meets the light of Christ, and hears his voice.

Those of us who ride our own high horse, sooner or later, will also have to hit the dust. God will pull us down too. Because only there will we see the light that Paul saw. This is the "kindly light" that can lead us, humbly walking, to the place where God calls all of us; to the place of love, compassion and concern for others.



Paul was told: "Get up, and enter the city ...". This same word is given to each one of us. Where is this "city" today? It is the heart, the very heart of the Church.

Come to Church. See the light! Hear the voice! But be ready for the fall; ready to hit the dust; ready to be pulled down from our high horse!

Fr Fortunato

Mass Times and Intentions this Week <i>Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January 2021</i>		
MONDAY	NO MASS	
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	Vigil Mass 6:30pm	For the sick and Housebound
SUNDAY	Mass at 9am Mass at 11am	Private Intention People of the Parish