



## PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

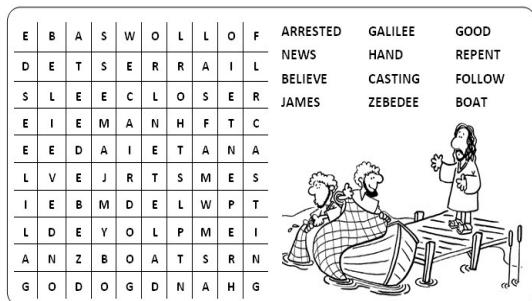
**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Ann Hull, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Mary Malone, Margaret Couranne, Annie Phillips, Sadie & Tony Burgess, Mavis Hinton, Tom Fernandes, Cath Kervill, John Flynn, All in Copland Nursing Home, Gerard Perera, Gillian Gibb, Joe Nemeth, Ann Nemeth, Ken Fernandes, Michael Fahey, Marie Rego, Noel Gill, Antonio DiLieto Snr., Alan Woods, David Musgrave, Maria Nellie De Lima.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** James Flavius, Margaret Macdonald, Ann Naughton (Christine Cahillane's mother), Pamela Doherty.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Kathleen Halpin, Eric & Len Duffner, Peggy Culleton, Bernard Murphy, Joe Fleming.

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY

**Evangelization:** Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



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### PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Let not the partaking of Your Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Your goodness, may it become a safeguard and an effective remedy, both of soul and body. Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
 has been sponsored this week  
 In Memory Of  
 THE DUFFNER FAMIILY

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF  
OUR LADY OF WALSHAM**  
 has been sponsored this week  
 In Memory of  
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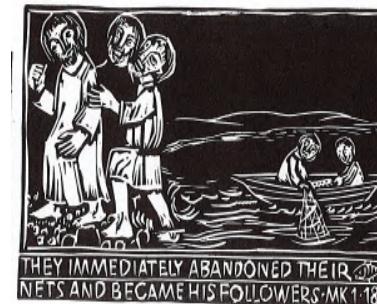
The Catholic Parish  
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## Sunday 21st January 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

### TODAY'S MASS



THEY IMMEDIATELY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND BECAME HIS FOLLOWERS MK 1:18

Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

St. Therese of Lisieux

# Sunday Reflection

Today's gospel tells us that Jesus went to Galilee to begin his messianic ministry. We have become so accustomed to hearing this that we no longer notice how odd it was. Jerusalem was the religious and political centre of Israel and anyone announcing a new future for Israel would have been expected to declare his intentions there. As Jesus' ministry develops, however, it becomes clear that Jerusalem was the one place in Israel that was least likely to accept his message. The powerful people in the capital city had far too much to protect. They could tolerate only a "controlled" reform.

Mark wastes no time in pointing out the implications of the public mission of Jesus in Galilee: "This is the time of fulfilment." All the hopes and dreams of Israel are about to be realized. The thousand-plus years of waiting are over. This is so because "The kingdom of God is at hand." The hopes of Israel had been centred in the promised messianic kingdom through which God would deliver his people from bondage and bring everlasting peace. At long last the promise is being fulfilled; the Messiah has arrived.

But the kingdom that Jesus had in mind was both far less and far more than anyone in Israel had imagined—far less, because it would not mean the end of the hated Roman occupation; far more, because it would reveal a Messiah who is the Son of God. Thus, as their small dreams were crushed, unimaginable divine dreams were being substituted. To nurture these dreams, Jesus



would choose, not clever politicians, but simple honest fishermen. He knew that for his purposes a good and generous heart was more important than a proud and ambitious head.

This gospel seems especially appropriate for the early years of a new millennium, for we are painfully aware that, though 2000 years have passed, we have not yet seen the fulfilment of God's promises. The solution to this dilemma is the recognition that the fulfilment envisioned by Jesus is constantly being offered to us. It is a "rolling" fulfilment that each person must discover in his or her own lifetime. As such, it should be the primary project of our lives. Jesus has come, but he is also still coming, and each one of us must ask whether he is being welcomed. Fulfilment is offered; it is never imposed.

To live in the expectation of fulfilment is to live in the bitter-sweet world of promise. What we hope for is still awaited, and that is painful; but we also live in joyful expectation of what will be, and that is comforting beyond words. We may be struggling in a dark valley, but the horizon is illuminated by God's utterly trustworthy promise.

Jesus called his first disciples from their workplaces. This is a reminder that there is a purpose in life beyond work and that this larger purpose is found in our response to God's call to walk with him. This means taking time for prayer and gradually getting to know the Lord as the very centre of our lives. For we must come to understand that it is in him alone that the value of our work and the precious gift of other people will be found again and again...unto eternity.

**CALLING BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS -** Might you consider helping to prepare Parents/Carers for the Baptism of their Infants If you are interested or would like further information please speak to Fr. Tony.

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY REP** - Might you consider helping the Parish manage our CTS resources? We have an abundance of excellent booklets and leaflets available from the CTS at the back of church and are looking for a volunteer to help manage this space for us. If you might consider helping or would like further information of what might be involved please let us know. Thank you!

## MISSION NEEDS YOU!

**APF-Mill Hill Local Secretary required for this parish**  
Our Local Secretaries are the 'engine room' of APF-Mill Hill's work. Each parish benefits from having a dedicated lay volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. The Association for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four branches of Missio, the Pope's very own mission charity. Our Holy Father has given Missio the responsibility of supporting missionaries and young parishes in developing countries. Incredibly this is 40% of our Church around the world where parishioners struggle even to feed their own families, let alone give to their church. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine Mission Today. The Red Box can be found in 200,000 homes across England and Wales and plays a vital role in the universal mission of the Church. Remember you are not alone! Our volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. Please make yourself known to Mgr Fairhead who will contact Missio to get you started.

**BEFRIENDING SERVICE** - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** to help with the **CHURCH FLOWERS**. You do not have to be professional just committed to coming to help on Fridays and at major celebrations. If you can help please contact the parish team.

**CHURCH LAMPS:** If you would like to sponsor the

blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office. PLEASE REMEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now booked up until August 2018.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING:** One raffle prize remain uncollected. If you have a yellow ticket numbered 181-185 please call at the parish office to collect your prize.

**ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES** will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 10th February at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the parish office know by 28th January 2018.

**MIGHT YOU HAVE A ROOM AVAILABLE TO RENT?**  
Quiet and easy going professional female looking for a room to rent in Sudbury Hill or surrounding areas. Please call Paula on 07424779889.

**WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:** (See in church porch)  
**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.  
**SMART LOVING SEMINAR** for married couples.  
**CATHOLIC SINGLES** information  
**RETROUVAILLE**—a lifeline for married couples.  
**WIDOWED YOUNG**—support events.  
**CALIX CENTRE**—A Catholic ministry to addicts.  
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.** —new information

## VACANCIES:

**ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE:** vacancies this term; a post for a new role of Primary Head teacher and a Music Assistant please follow the link: <http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/recruitment>

Latest diocesan vacancies are in the folder in the porch or please go to website.

**FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges.

# NEWS & VIEWS

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you.

**PLEASE LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU DEPART CHURCH TODAY.**

## PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday 21 January 2018:

Teas and coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

### Monday 22 January:

Keep Fit 2.30pm

### Tuesday 23 January:

Over 60's Group 1.00pm

First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Ceilidh/Set dancing 8.45pm

### Wednesday 24 January:

### Thursday 25 January:

Church Cleaning Group D 3.00pm

Prayer Group 8.00pm

### Friday 26 January:

Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Art Class 2.00pm

Baptism Preparation 7.30pm

**FUNERAL MASS** of Margaret McDonald on Wednesday 24th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Clamp Hill Cemetery. Reception into church the night before at 5.00pm.

**FUNERAL Mass** of James Flavius on Friday 26th January at 11.00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery at 12.30pm.

**CLOSURE OF REPOSITORY** - The Repository will be closed until further notice for a general stocktake and reappraisal. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

**THE CHRISTMAS CRIB.** Will stay up this year until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on the 2nd February. Do you remember last year the child and the manger disappeared and sadly never to be returned. During the months prior to Christmas a woodcarver and restorer recurred the child and the manger. We are sure that you will agree that he has really done an excellent job!

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** - Would you like to help contribute to making your Parish community safer for all? Until the summer of 2018 **free online training** is available through the Diocese. To register your interest please see the poster in the Porch for further details or email: [safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. The next baptism preparation evening will be on **Friday 26th January 2018 at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

**THE LIST OF THE SICK** has now been renewed. If you know someone who needs to be included please let the office know.

**HELPERS AT 9.45AM FAMILY MASS** - We are extremely grateful to all who help the children read at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are **urgently looking for new volunteers** to help on a monthly basis. If you might be open to help or would like further information please speak to Marcia Taylor at the 9.45am Family Mass or email [bumbletaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:bumbletaylor@btinternet.com). Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Might you be open to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 9.45am Family Mass? If you might consider joining our team of Catechists/Helpers please contact Una Moran on 07932 620 504. Thank you.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS** - The Friends of Jesus Programme take place on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm providing a little Religious Education for children of primary-school age not attending a Catholic school. An information leaflet is available in the porch. .

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - Might you be open to serve the Parish as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are always grateful to those people who assist the Priest with administering the Sacrament at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you are interested and like to be considered please speak to Fr. Tony .

## SOME DATES FOR 2017

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
(*Candlemas*) Friday 2nd February

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14th February

**DAY WITH MARY** Saturday 24th February

**ST DAVID** Thursday 1st March

**ST PATRICK** Saturday 17th March

**ST JOSEPH** Monday 19th March

**PALM SUNDAY** Sunday 25th March

### THE EASTER TRIDIUM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Thursday 29th March

**GOOD FRIDAY** Friday 30th March

**HOLY SATURDAY** Saturday 31st March

**EASTER SUNDAY** Sunday 1st April

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** Sunday 8th April

**THE ANNUNCIATION** Monday 9th April

**ST GEORGE'S DAY** Monday 23rd April

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

5th, 6th & 12th May

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** Sunday 20th May

**TRINITY SUNDAY** Sunday 27th May

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Sunday 27th May (2.00pm)

**CORPUS CHRISTI** Sunday 3rd June

**THE SACRED HEART** Friday 8th June

**ORDINATION OF ANTONIO PINEDA**

Saturday 28th July

**FIRST MASS OF FR ANTONIO PINEDA**

Sunday 29th July (11.15am)

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

Wednesday 15th August

**ALL SAINTS** Thursday 1st November

**ALL SOULS** Friday 2nd November

**CHRIST THE KING** Sunday 25th November

### **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**

Saturday 10th November

**ADVENT SUNDAY** Sunday 2nd December

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Saturday 8th December

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Tuesday 25th December

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY MASS:** 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

**CONFessions:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm.  
*and any time by appointment.*

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am.

**ROSARY:** Daily after Mass.

Sunday 21 Jan **3rd OF THE YEAR**

6.15pm (*Sat. Vigil*) PRO POPULO

8.30am Mary Curran RIP

9.45am Peggy Culleton RIP

11.15am Kathleen Halpin RIP

5.30pm Bernard Murphy RIP

Mon 22 Jan *S. Vincent*

9.30am Pat McLoughlin

Tues 23 Jan *feria*

9.30am Melinda Peter RIP

Weds 24 Jan *S. Francis de Sales*

9.30am Sr. Austra Mc Intentions

11.00am **FUNERAL MASS**

Margaret McDonald RIP

Thur 25 Jan *THE CONVERSION OF S.PAUL*

9.30am Catherine Turner RIP

Fri 26 Jan *Ss.Timothy & Titus*

9.30am Ned McCormack RIP

11.00am **FUNERAL MASS**

James Flavius RIP

Sat 27 Jan *S.Angela Merici*

9.30am Eric Duffner RIP (15th Ann)

# TODAY'S MASS

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty  
and splendour, strength and honour  
in his holy place.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to  
your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your  
beloved Son we may abound  
in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they

proclaimed a fast and put on sack-cloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-6,7-9

*R/. Lord, make me know your ways.*  
1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.

In your love remember me.  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
He guides the humble in the right  
path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

## Second reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short.  
Those who have wives should live as

though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation: Mk 1:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me

and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings,  
O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying  
them grant that they may profit  
us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be  
radiant; let your faces not be  
abashed.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

