



Sunday 3rd January 2021

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Christmastide

Divine Office
Week 2

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 3 Jan 6.15pm Vigil 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY Michael O'Connell RIP McDermot, Fee & Bonner families Spencer Coomarewel RIP Michael Griffin RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 4 Jan 9.30am	Christmas feria Anne O'Connor RIP Neville Hookens RIP
Tues 5 Jan 9.30am	Christmas feria Ellen & Lynn Aitcheson
Weds 6 Jan 9.30am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Our Lord's suffering in Gethsemane Jozefa Gierak RIP NO EVENING MASS
Thurs 7 Jan 9.30am 11.00am	Christmas feria Molly Fabron RIP FUNERAL MASS Bernard Welikala RIP
Fri 8 Jan 9.30am 11.00am	Christmas feria Peter Golden Snr RIP Jim Long RIP FUNERAL MASS George Graham RIP
Sat 9 Jan 9.30am	Christmas feria Conceicao Fernandes RIP
Sun 10 Jan 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD The People of the Parish Baptiste Fernandes Ints Paddy McGuinness RIP Joseph & Lorraine Wright RIP Max Perera RIP

TODAY'S MASS



God chose us in Christ. Christ, God's only Son was made flesh and lived among us so that we who believe in him might become the adopted sons of the Father. Before the world was made God chose us in Christ and for this we give thanks to the Father.

First reading: *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12*

The wisdom of god has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Second reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18*

He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.

Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Through Christ we see as in a mirror the spotless and excellent face of God".

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME "

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Nancy Quinn., Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs,

RECENTLY DEPARTED: , George Graham, Bernard Welikala, Richard Carroll, Jozefa Girac, Teresa Murphy, Esterline Fernandes

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter Golden Snr, Molly Fabron

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

SANCTUARY LAMP/ A private intention

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Darren O'Sullivan RIP

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



"Our duty as Catholics is to know the truth; to live the truth; to defend the truth; to share the truth with others; and to suffer for the truth."

*Servant of God - Father John Hardon
Society of Jesus*

Why does John the Evangelist begin his Gospel account with a description of the Word of God and the creation of the universe and humankind? How might the beginning of John's Gospel be linked with the beginning of the first book of Genesis?

God's word is also equated with his wisdom. "The Lord by wisdom founded the earth" (Proverbs 3:19). The Book of Wisdom describes "wisdom" as God's eternal, creative, and illuminating power. Both "word" and "wisdom" are seen as one and the same. John describes Jesus as God's creative, life-giving and light-giving word that has come to earth in human form. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus is the wisdom and power of God which created the world and sustains it who assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother. From the time of the Apostles the Christian faith has insisted on the incarnation of God's Son "who has come in the flesh" (1 John 4:2)

If we are going to behold the glory of God we will do it through Jesus Christ. Jesus became the partaker of our humanity so we could be partakers of his divinity (2 Peter 1:4). God's purpose for us, even from the beginning of his creation, is that we would be fully united with Him. When Jesus comes God is made known as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By our being united in Jesus, God becomes our Father and we become his sons and daughters. Let us thank the Father for sending his only begotten Son to redeem you and to share with us his glory?

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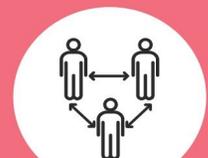
TO KEEP ON PROTECTING
EACH OTHER



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

NEWS UPDATE



*Thank
you*



Mgr Jeremy, Fr Jullo and Peter thank everyone for their cards and kind gifts for Christmas. These mean a lot to us and help us as we minister especially in this difficult time.

Mgr Jeremy would also like to thank all those who so kindly sent cards and gifts for his 60th Birthday on Boxing Day.

Sorry we cant reply to everyone individually but we are very, very grateful.

Confirmation 2021 Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, part of our Parish and wishing to be confirmed in 2021?

If so, please join us, with one Parent/Carer only, in the Parish Centre for the

COVID Secure

Confirmation Information Evening

Monday 8th February

7.00-7.45pm - Surnames A-K

8.00-8.45pm - Surnames L-Z



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Vigil: Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be

under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am
Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY falls on Wednesday 6th January Due to the present crisis there will be **no evening Mass.**

FUNERAL MASS of Bernard Wellkala on Thursday 7th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of George Graham on Friday 8th January at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

STAYING COVID SAFE IN CHURCH Please make sure you follow the one way system both in and out, that you wear a mask and that you social distance on the way in and especially leaving after Mass. It is very important we all stay safe during this current difficult period. Many thanks!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Parents/Carers should have received a letter from Mgr. Jeremy with Dates for Part 2 of the FHC Programme. All being well, we look forward to welcoming one Parent/Carer only to the first session of Part 2 in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 12th January.** Thank you for arranging child-care well in advance of this meeting.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Having met with our Confirmation Catechists this week we are now in the position to announce details of our Confirmation Programme 2021. Please note that our Programme is open to **young people from our Parish In Year 10 & above.** God willing, the **Confirmation Information Evening** will take place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 8th February.** To keep us all as safe as possible this year there will be **two COVID-secure**

sessions (7.00-7.45pm for those with surnames A-K & 8.00-8.45pm for those with surnames L-Z). Just the **young person & one parent/carer are to attend.** Thank you, in anticipation, for arriving on-time. For further information please contact our Catechetical Coordinator at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2021 - St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy. The closing date for all common application forms (online through www.eadmissions.org.uk) for Reception 2019 admission is 15 January 2021. All supplementary information forms should be handed into the school office by 4pm on this date.

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the **Parish SVP Group** is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given.

DONA is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving (and any one-off giving) much easier. Basically it is a card/contactless system. You'll see the machine as you enter by the door. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

O Jesus Christ our King,
your sign to the Magi was
a bright shining star.
Enlighten us by your grace,
and fill us with all wisdom
and spiritual understanding;
grant this because of your goodness,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose kingdom and dominion
endure through all ages.
Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Wis 18: 14-15*

When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.
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: *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12*

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

'Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance."

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 147:12-15,19-20*

R/. *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. **R/.**

2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R/.**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R/.**

Second reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus,
and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember
you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what
is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes
of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich
glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. 1Tim3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,
for by it you show us the way of truth
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Jn 1: 12*

To all who would accept him,
he gave the power to become children of God.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,
that, through the working of this mystery,
our offences may be cleansed
and our just desires fulfilled.
Through Christ our Lord.