

Sunday 23rd January 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.


Sunday Cycle
Readings Year C

Weekday Readings
Week 3

Divine Office
Psalms week 3

For children,
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THIS WEEK

Sun 23 Jan 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Francis Anselmo Fernandes RIP Kathleen Halpin RIP Michael O'Connell RIP Peggy Culleton RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Mina Fortes RIP
Mon 24 Jan 9.30am	S. Francis de Sales Anastasia Johnston RIP
Tues 25 Jan 9.30am	THE CONVERSION OF S. PAUL Bill & Beety Cusack RIP
Weds 26 Jan 9.30am	Ss. Timothy & Titus Eric Duffner RIP (19th)
Thurs 27 Jan 9.30am	S. Angela Merici Maurice McEvoy RIP
Fri 28 Jan 9.30am	S. Thomas Aquinas Peter & Pynn Molloy RIP 
Sat 29 Jan 9.30am	Of Our Lady Curie & Revon Fernandes Intentions (Good Health)
Sun 30 Jan 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Dorothy Smale Private intention THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Jim Curran RIP Danny & Rita Collins RIP

TODAY'S MASS



As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven."

Pope St. Pius X

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

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: Friday 9.00-9.30am, 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan *Noronha*, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John,

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Quinn Thompson

RECENTLY DEPARTED: , Joy Cumberbatch, Kevin Dowd, , Bridie Cunningham, Kay Leathers, Mary Willis

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Anastasia Johnston, Mina Fortes (1st), Bill & Beety Cusack, Dorothy Smale

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Kevin Dowd RIP

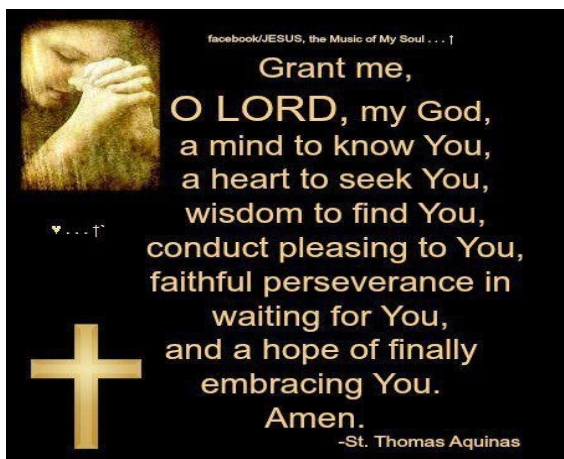
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Peggy Culleton RIP

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



facebook/JESUS, the Music of My Soul . . . |

Grant me,
O LORD, my God,
 a mind to know You,
 a heart to seek You,
 wisdom to find You,
 conduct pleasing to You,
 faithful perseverance in
 waiting for You,
 and a hope of finally
 embracing You.
 Amen.
 -St. Thomas Aquinas

The four gospels point us to the very source of truth itself in the person of Jesus Christ. Luke's gospel, especially his introduction, is somewhat unique among the four gospels. Luke speaks in the first person. He addresses his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God". In so many words Luke says, I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known. And this story is utterly believable because it comes from reliable first-hand witnesses who knew Jesus personally, heard his teaching, saw his miracles, and witnessed his death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. The word "gospel" literally means "good news". The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ and the freedom he has won for us through his death and resurrection. The gospel is God's word for us today! It's a living word that has power to change and transform lives, and bring freedom and healing to those who receive it as the word of God. Do you want to be changed and transformed by God's living word? Listen to his Son and receive his word with expectant faith and trust.

St. Luke tells us that Jesus began his public ministry in his own land of Galilee where he was raised as a child. Jesus' first public words in his hometown synagogue amazed both his family and townspeople. It was customary for the president of the synagogue to call on different people each week to read from the Hebrew bible and say a few words. Jesus read the text from the prophet Isaiah that explained how the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil. Jesus told his audience that he himself had been anointed to fulfil this prophecy. Only a madman or the Messiah would dare to make such a claim! Jesus not only got their startled attention, he awoke in his people fresh hope that God was indeed fulfilling his promises to them. Luke tells us that the people received Jesus' words favourably and wondered what would become of "Joseph's son". In Jesus we see the grace and power of God in action. His gracious words bring hope, joy, and favour to all who were and still are ready to receive him.

Jesus came for our sake and for our salvation. He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible - slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, fear, spiritual emptiness, and despair. The gospel of salvation is indeed "good news" for us today.

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. You are no longer required to sign in though you can still choose to do so on the QR Code. Please continue, unless if you are exempt, to wear a face mask to protect yourselves and others. Under the present restrictions we are required to do so. There continues to be no required social distancing in Church. However the top left hand side of the church will be kept for those who wish to do so. We ask that you sanitise in and out of church but if you wish to sanitise before communion we ask you bring your own and do so yourself. **Above all be responsible to others, look out for each other and make sure if you feel ill or have been in crowded situations that you are tested.**

UPDATE ON FACE COVERINGS: The Government is very soon this coming week relaxing Covid restrictions, including face coverings in certain environments. For the time being we will continue to require face coverings in Church whilst we awaiting further guidance from our Bishops. Thanks for your continued cooperation. Once we know what is recommended we can convey that to you.

THANK YOU to all who took time to consider and complete the Synodal Pathway Questionnaire. Our parish responses have now been collated and returned to the Diocese, to be included in the Diocesan submission to Rome. Many thanks to Antoinette for her time and expertise in collating and submitting our responses.

PLEASE BE PATIENT... Mgr Jeremy has also been made parish priest of St William of York Stanmore. This is a temporary situation which should last no longer than the summer—hopefully earlier. It will mean he will have to be spending a bit of time there but hopefully there are enough priests to help out there at weekends in order for him to be around as much as he can. in Sudbury

FUNERAL MASS of Joy Cumberbatch on Wednesday 2nd February at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park

FUNERAL MASS of Bridle Cunningham on Wednesday 9th February at 11.00am followed by burial in St Mary's Cemetery.
May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kay Leathers at 11.30am on 8th February followed by cremation at Breakspere Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kevin Dowd on Friday 18th February followed by Cremation at Breakspere Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—Candlemas. Mass as usual at 9.30am beginning with the blessing of candles and procession.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Thank you to all prospective Candidates & Parents/Carers who joined us for the Confirmation

Information Evening last Monday (also collecting their Confirmation Information Pack). Thank you to Parents/Carers & Candidates for carefully completing the registration documentation and bringing all the necessary documentation, including a photocopy of the prospective candidate's Baptism Certificate, to the **Registration Evening on Monday 24th January at 7.30pm.**

THE OVER 60's CLUB are planning a come-back on Tuesday 1st February at 1pm in the parish centre. (café/Bar) All over 60's welcome—just turn up. Remember even Fr Jeremy is eligible!!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to all those Parents/Carers who attended the session this week reflecting on our commitment to the Mass this term and how we can work together as fruitfully as possible to prepare the children for their First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded that the **first session of Part 2 for the children, on Tuesday 25th January at 7pm**, will begin in the Hall. Entrance for the children will be from 6.55pm.

COLLECTORS - Thank you to all those who generously help with the collection at Mass each week. We are searching for some more **generous volunteers** who would be happy to help with the collection at Masses. If you might consider helping, please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, Lucille Thomas, on 07886 575743 or lucille.thomas@gmail.com.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations. You can sponsor flower arrangements—big and small by using one of the envelopes from the back of the Church.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We look forward to helping the Year 3 children learn about the Mass, during part 2 of the FHC Programme, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May 2022. We look forward to welcoming back **Parents/Carers only in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 25th January** as we prepare to accompany the children as fruitfully as possible in the coming months as they begin this next stage on their journey of faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider

helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING: - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

PERIVALE CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP - There is a sale on at Perivale Christian Bookshop (including books, Bibles & CDs). The bookshop is located at 90 Bilton Road, Perivale, UB6 7BN. Further details at <https://perivalechristianbookshop.co.uk/>.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

PLEASE, when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. Over the past two weeks, Newsletters, Mass sheets and spilt, food and loads of used tissues have been left in church for others to clear away. This is not helpful in the current climate. Let's look after our church and each other!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (as this is the week of prayer for Christian Unity)

Attend with favour to the prayers of your people, we ask, O Lord, and grant that the hearts of believers may be united in your praise and in repentance together, so that, with division among Christians overcome, we may hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom in the perfect communion of the Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen
The Roman Missal.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Introit

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: *Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 18:8-10,15*

*R/. Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *R/.*

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *R/.*

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *R/.*

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! *R/.*

Second reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk 4:18*

Allelula, allelula!

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.*

Allelula!

Gospel: *Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.*

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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.