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SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR A **15TH JANUARY, 2023**

THEME: Witnessing to Jesus Christ.



A Christian, a follower and disciple of Christ, is supposed to be someone who tries to be a good witness to Christ in word and deed. The first and great witness to Jesus in the gospel is John the Baptist, who showed him to people. But even John had to acknowledge that at first he did not know who Jesus really was and that he had to be converted, to learn who Jesus was and what he stood for. Only then could he become a firm witness. And we, do we not have to better learn who Jesus is and what he means to us and to people, so that we can become closer to him and attract people to him?

MEDITATE: John proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" [v.29]

ACT: Find other images in Scripture and see how they can be used to help yourself and others discover how God works with us and for us.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

will be celebrated on **22nd January**. During Mass we will be blessing the bibles, so please bring the Bible with you when you come to Mass or if you are following on-line please have the Bible near you.

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 16th January between 1.00-3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Tuesday 21st February between 4.00 – 6.00pm

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For educators



We pray that educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable. May they teach fraternity rather than competition.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.
There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have supported the Parish during the year, by making their offertory donation by the preferred methods of Standing Order, On-line, or by Card Reader. Thank you also to those who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes.

As some parishioners are unable to use any of the above, and also for visitors, we will be introducing a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc..

REPOSITORY

We have a limited number of Adult and Children's Bibles for sale in the Repository, various prices.

The last of the 2023 Church Art Calendars reduced to 80p to clear.

If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. Options include a 'Citizens' Assembly', further independent research, or a referendum.

The Catholic Church is clear that we can never assist in taking the life of another, even if they request it. All life is sacred from conception until natural death, and we reiterate our call for investment in high quality palliative care. Our call is one for assistance in living and not assistance in committing suicide.

For more information please see notice on noticeboards, or visit:

Statements of the Bishops' Conference can be found at https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/assisted-dying/

The Anscombe Centre can also help the response. They have produced a statement and resources about this Inquiry: https://bioethics.org.uk/news-events/news-from-the-centre/anscombe-centre-statement-on-commons-hsc-committee-inquiry-into-assisted-suicide/.

Submissions must be in by Friday 20th January.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND



Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.

Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

APF/MISSIO

The *Missio* calendars are now available for collection as you leave the Church.

Please, do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

If you would like to donate, you can:

Send a cheque: payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU;



Give online or make a **bank transfer**: mission.org.uk/redbox

Call us: 020 7821 9755 during office hours to donate with your credit or debit card

Give via text: Text REDBOX 5 [to give £5] or REDBOX 10 [to give £10] to 70085 [this costs £5 or £10 plus your standard rate message]

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.

If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF YEAR 1

[All services can be followed online: https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 15th January: Second Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3.5-6; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** 10.00am:Weigan Wilson [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 16th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 5.1-10; Psalm: 109; Gospel: Mark 2.18-22. **Intention:** Paola Boggi [RIP]

Tuesday 17th January: St Anthony, Abbot: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Ephesians 6.10-13,18; Psalm: 15; Gospel: Matthew 19.16-26. **Intention:** Isabel Scannell [RIP]

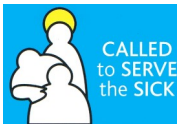
Wednesday 18th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 7.1-3,15-17; Psalm: 109; Gospel: Mark 3.1-6. **Intention:** Ronald Fernando [RIP, A]

Thursday 19th January – NO SERVICE

Friday 20th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 8.6-13; Psalm: 84; Gospel: Mark 3.13-19. **Intention:** Ghela Vandra [RIP, A]

Saturday 21st January: Third Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 8.23-9.3; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23. **Intention:** Sonia McCarthy [RIP, A]

Sunday 22nd January: Third Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 8.23-9.3; Psalm: 26; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.10-13,17; Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23. **Intention:** 10.00am:Norma Jones [RIP, A]
11.30am: Krzysztof Warzych [RIP, A]



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa.
We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.
[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*