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17th January 2021

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 2 Year B

All Masses are Live Streamed

Live Stream Camera To view the live streams, you will need to use the link below. All live streams will be live and will not be available to be viewed at a later time. <http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/>

Saturday 16th Jan	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Richard Hurley (TH); Reginald and Lawrence Lee (ML)
Sunday 17th Jan	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish: Thanksgiving (Eva)
Tuesday 19th Jan	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Brian Draisey (RD); Kathleen Williams Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 20th Jan	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Bill and Margaret Gale and Paul Bowen (LR) Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 21st Jan	9.40 am 10.00 am 5.30 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Richard Bartell (SVP); Sr Mary James (JC) St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 22nd Jan	9.40 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Jo Parlow (Sr S); Richard McCann (RK) St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 23rd Jan	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Ella Pinney (J&KD)
Sunday 24th Jan	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joan Lawrence, Michael Spiteri, Carl Crescenzi, Patricia Richardson, Seamus Crilly, Agnes Pattimore, Fr Jim Mcknight** who died recently and we extend our condolences to their families.

Parish Sick

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially **Tommy Harris, Peter & Isobel Nash, Michael Walsh, Rose James, Rosemary Jenkins, Richard Pattimore, Linda Cadogan, Iverna Ward, Michael and Pauline Loughlin, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Sr Denise, Brenda Bold, Margaret Kane, Fr Kevin, Canon William Isaacs, Bob French, Jennifer Woods, Amelia Smith, Wendy Fleming, Malcolm Williams, Arturo and Arielle Mendez, Fr Silvio Briffa, Fr Brian Gray and Fr Ray O'Shea.**

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Kevin Payne and parishioners of
The Sacred Heart, Pontllanfraith.



'Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.'

(1 Samuel 3:9; Jn 6:68)



Sunday, January 24th – the Sunday of the Word

24th January is the special day inaugurated by Pope Francis to promote greater love of the Bible in our faith and daily lives. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis – 'Aperuit Allis'.

1. Blessing of Bibles

All the Faithful are encouraged to bring their Bibles to Mass or to have them with them at their live-streamed Mass to be blessed during the Sunday of the Word of God as decreed by Pope Francis.

Introduction

- To encourage the faithful to own a copy of the Bible and to read it prayerfully, they might be invited to bring their Bibles to Mass for them to be blessed.
- People should be encouraged to bring any edition or even a part, such as the Gospels.
- In the homily, the priest or deacon may speak on the importance of Scripture in the life of the Church, different approaches to reading Scripture and on the particular readings of the celebration. He may even invite people to find the Gospel text of the day in their own Bible.
- The blessing takes place after the Prayer of the Faithful.
- It would be suitable to celebrate this blessing on the Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time). To celebrate it well will require an invitation in the weeks before and the ordering of any Gospels to be given out.

Order of Blessing within Mass

Prayer of Blessing:

The assembly is invited to hold up their copies of the Bible.

With hands extended over the assembly (live or online), the celebrant says:

"Everlasting God, when He read in the synagogue at Nazareth, Your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which He would give up His life. Bless all who will read from these sacred texts. As they read, listen and reflect on your words of life, strengthen their faith so that what they read in hope, they may live in love and charity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Prayer based on Order of Blessing of Readers, Book of Blessings)

2. Echoes of God: Journeying with God's Word

This is a very worthwhile new 7-week course - **Echoes of God** written by **David McLoughlin** explores how the Old and New Testaments echo each other in their preparation for, and arrival of, Jesus. See the programme here.

godwhospeaks.uk/echoes-of-god-journeying-with-the-word-of-god

SPUC White Flower Appeal

Every year hundreds of churches across Britain take part in the SPUC White Flower Appeal, making it one of our largest and most important educational and fundraising events of the year. To support us please send your donation to FREEPOST SPUC, Unit B, 3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB. Cheques should be made payable to "SPUC".

Respond to Welsh Government's consultation to stop home abortions!

The Welsh Government is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send dangerous abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Welsh Government's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Wales-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 23 February 2021.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts this week on Monday, January 18th. The theme for 2021 is 'Abiding in Christ', based on John 15:1-17. It expresses and encourages the vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Although many of us are unable to meet with our fellow Christians this year, the Commission for Christian Unity encourages us to make use of the prayerful material available as a download.

Find it at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

and sustain our prayer for the Unity for which Christ prayed. Contact email: unity@rcadc.org

Peace Sunday 2021

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

World Peace Day theme chosen by Pope Francis. Promoted with the support of the International Affairs department, Catholic Bishops' Conference, England and Wales

Link

https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.pdf

ONLINE SCRIPTURE DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, 16th January 2021

By Rev. Fr. Timothy McGrath

Theme: The Book of Revelation: Signs and Symbols for Understanding the Bible

Time: 11am to 1pm

How to Access the Online Talk

This Talk is live-streamed on YouTube.

To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website www.domsec.org.uk and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar. Or use the link below https://youtu.be/7iL7YQY_wGQ

Dates for other Online Talks

Saturday, February 20

Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis

Fr. Liam Bradley

Saturday, March 20

Mary, the New Eve

Fr. Gabriel Avbenake, OP

Saturday, April 17

Scriptural Spirituality: Prayer in the Bible and the Bible in Prayer

Canon John Udris

Saturday, May 15

The Psalms: The Church's Prayer Book and their place in her Liturgy

Fr. Paul Brophy

Saturday, June 19

The Sacramental Economy in Sacred Scripture

Fr. Robert Davies

Saturday, July 17

A Biblical Explanation of the Mass

Fr. Michael Akpoghiran, OP

Saturday, August 21

Elijah for the 21st Century

Fr. Jerome Ituah, OCD

Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18

Diocesan Scripture Day/Scripture Tour and Art Exhibition

Saturday, October 16

The Role of Women in Salvation history

Sr. Nora Ryan

Saturday, November 20

Saul and Paul: A Story of Inner Conversion

Fr. Matthew Roche-Saunders

CAFOD South Wales

Happy New Year. Please see below a copy of the monthly ebulletin that I sent out earlier this week to CAFOD volunteers and supporters in the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia. Just to keep you up-to-date with how we are working during the pandemic.

A heartfelt thank you for all and any help you were able to give to CAFOD in your parish in this extremely challenging environment. Your support was absolutely invaluable.

We have some excellent resources for teachers, parents and children to use for home learning during school closures and lockdown, so I have included the links below. Please publicise them in your parish newsletter, social media channels or parish website, if you feel they would be helpful. If there is any other information or any resources that you would like from CAFOD, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Just to highlight a few:

Cross curricular topics and RE project ideas and activities (Primary): <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

Secondary: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people> (also includes archived resources from 2020)

Family activities and prayers: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families>

Children's liturgy continues every Sunday at 10.00 am: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> (Recording available if the time is not convenient)

Prayer resources: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

Water of Life: National School Assembly on Thursday 28 January (9.30 am Primary, 10 am Secondary): <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/National-assemblies> - Use this link to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cafodtv>

Ecumenical Christian prayer (Pope Francis/Fratelli Tutti): <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Fratelli-Tutti-prayer> (Week of prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January)

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME - CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

I have organised some online Lent meetings for volunteers – which will give more detail about Abdella in Ethiopia who walks 10 hours a day every day for water. Anyone is welcome to attend, please use this link: Click here to sign up for a particular date.

Walk For Water – walk 10,000 steps a day, for the 40 days of Lent. A safe challenge for individuals, family, parish community, clergy, friends etc: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

"Samuel, Samuel!" "Here I am!"

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.