



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION
Saturday 13 th January	4:30pm	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass	Margaret Moran (R) Parishioners
Sunday 14 th January	10am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alan Murray John Murray Mary Murray
Monday 15 th January	9:15am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Madeline O'Neill (SI)
	12 noon		Requiem: Winnie Beaumont
Tuesday 16 th January	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Burda Family (R) Deacon Frank Cassidy (R)
Wednesday 17 th January	NO MASS		
Thursday 18 th January	6pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 19 th January	9:00am	St Wulstan	Stephen Hall (LD)
	10:00am		Requiem: Monica Shiels
Saturday 20 th January	4:30pm	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass	Karen O'Brien (SI)
Sunday 21 st January	10am	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kevin Dunn (LD) Parishioners



Reconciliation : Each Saturday 11:00am – 12 noon
(with Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP : The light burns in remembrance of Deacon Frank Cassidy

Our Lady Candle : The candle burns this week for the White Family

CHURCH FLOWERS: For Parishioners

We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McAllister, Tracey McCaldon, Mary Dickinson, Nancy Boyle, David Rens, Gabrielle Johnson, Joyce Morgan, Baby Rory Broderick, Michael Bartlett, Moya Russell, Robin Bartlett, Roy Hannan, Rose Shiels, Dymphna Fitzgerald, Josephine Baker, June Hoffland, James Irwin, Baby Billie Eira Williams

We pray for all who have died: Pat Umbers, Carol Cox, John McDermott, Fr Michael Butler, Mary Brewer, Tricia Winstanley,

We pray for those whose anniversary occur at this time: Deacon Tony Grayson, Fr Richard Coughlan, Fr James Matthews, Deacon Francis Cassidy, Mgr Stephen Loudon, Fr Tom Cullinan, Canon Thomas Naughton, Canon John Pennington, Fr Gerard Britt, Fr Donal O'Leary Fr Brian Coakley, Fr Fred Matthews



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Lee BA

Pastoral Team: Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Jackie Brougham; Dcn (rtd) Charles Hegarty, Peter Ludley, Joan Jones, Vera Miles, Paul Whelan, Veronica Broadfoot & Eric Broadfoot

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time: 14th January 2024



“Come and See”

Called By Name

“I have called you by your name; you are mine.” Remembering people’s names — what a problem this can be; even with the best of intentions, even when we are really interested in someone and recall the actual person, the name eludes us. So many methods of mnemonic are advised and tried, just to avoid the disappointing admission, “Sorry, but I just can’t remember your name.” Every man and woman (and child!) likes to be recognized by name; when others forget, it is a blow to our person-hood. God knows each individual by name totally, intimately, always. None of us is ever ignored by him; like the birds of the air, and all created things, we are forever in God’s mind, under his care (cf. Mat. 10:29.)

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Even the person of no particular significance in his neighbour's eyes, the born loser who lives in the shadows of depression most of the time — even he (or she) is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect.

Samuel stands for all the little, forgotten people. Just a boy, with no high illusions about himself, a servant and apprentice to the old man Eli; he slept at night in a little room like an altar-boys' sacristy, at the religious shrine of Israel. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, he heard God calling him by name; eventually Samuel recognizes that the call is from God, and not just from the priest, so he submits himself heart and soul to listen to God's word. Only then did Samuel discover his own potential, his new identity, the role he was to fulfil in life.

Some of us may feel a strong, but quite false, sense of our own identity. Our self-understanding derives too exclusively from our own achievements, failures, efforts and ambitions; God's plan for us hardly enters the picture at all or we dismiss it as too uncertain, too "spiritual" and remote from daily life. Biblical faith, on the contrary, insists that God calls us into relationship with himself on a day to day basis, always offering us life, and always making demands on us to live our life worthily in his sight.

Called by name. For Christians, specifically, it is relationship with Christ our Lord that lies at the heart of our identity. Not only are we called by name to friendship with Jesus — we become "members of his body," sharers in his spirit.

Sometimes, in prayer we can taste the rich privilege of belonging to Christ. More often, it is in the darkness of faith that we simply believe in it. But always, and in ordinary details of behaviour, we are called to live up to the standard of love and truth set by the Spirit of Jesus. That is our real Christian vocation; and only by trying to live that vocation are we worthy of our name.

Later, we all hope, we will discover our full identity in God's presence, when this life is over and he calls us by name into the next life. Like the two apostles who wanted to know Christ better, we will be invited to "Come and see."

Sacrament of Confirmation. If there are any pupils in year 8 and above and who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Peace Sunday: 14th January 2024: This Sunday is Peace Sunday, which offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day message: **'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'**.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18-25 January 2024

This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speaking about and experiencing Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a national level. This year the theme *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by **the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN)**. They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, and all are encouraged to *Go and do likewise*. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

First Holy Communion 2024: REMINDER: Next meeting for those enrolled on our First Holy Communion programme is on Sunday 21st, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 24th January, all start at 4pm. Please ensure your child attends 1 of the sessions.

White Flower Appeal: There will be a retiring collection for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). SPUC defend the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. For further details visit website: www.spuc.org.uk

Parish Groups and Associations: Everyone is most welcome!

Knit & Natter: Next meeting 16th January @ 12.30pm

Legion of Mary: Members meet every Sunday at 3pm



Union of Catholic Mothers: Members meet on Wednesday 17th January @ 2:30pm.

Thursday Social Club: Members meet on Thursday 18th January @ 12 noon

Outreach Team: Next meeting TBA.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Every first Sunday of the month

CHRISTIAN AID MIDDLE EAST CRISIS APPEAL.: International development charity Christian Aid is appealing for help in boosting funds to help those caught up in the present crisis. £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit, while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza. Please visit the dedicated page on the Christian Aid website (www.christianaid.org.uk) to make a donation.