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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2024

GOD KNOWS YOU
BY NAME.
GOD LOVES YOU
BY NAME.
GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Sun 14th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	P D'Souza Int M Meyler R.I.P.; Private Int P Carroll R.I.P.; K O'Driscoll R.I.P.; L Hammond Int H DaCosta R.I.P.; People of the Parish	
Mon 15th	Feria	D Pillai Int	
Tues 16th	Feria	F & E Wedding Anniv	
Wed 17th	Feria	A DeSouza R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates 7 p.m. Baptism Preparation after Mass
Thurs 18th	Feria	P R Diniz R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 19th	Feria	E Asher R.I.P.; R Fernando R.I.P.; E Nugent R.I.P. T Gonsalves R.I.P.; J Gomes R.I.P.	
Sat 20th	Our Lady's Saturday	Sick & Housebound of the Parish	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Good things take time

We need time for the best things in life to come to fruition. Love grows in marriage, friendship and family over many years. It has significant moments but often it cannot be rushed. Jesus' disciples were invited to stay with him the rest of that day to get to know him; it would not happen immediately at the river. 'Rest of the day' would mean a very long time.

How well do I know Jesus? How much do I know about him? These are two different types of knowledge, like I can know everything about a person and not know the person.

What do I find out in this reading about Jesus? He is one who does not force himself on people – he asks 'what do you want?' He likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

When we read a gospel story, we can pause here and there and ask, what is new in this story about Jesus? Or what is new about myself? The gospel is always new. It is a treasure chest to bring out new aspects of the truth of Jesus each time we read it.

In prayer he has time for each of us. They stayed with him for a long time and he does not seem to hurry them. The lord is not in a hurry with us in any way except to love us.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday from 6 – 7.30 p.m.

White Flower Appeal - the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

- **I.T. classes** resume in the Hall this Thursday, 18th January at 11 a.m. Beginners welcome.

- **A Parishioner** has a Mercedes Sprinter, Medium Wheel Base Van for rent or hire (i.e. short term or long-term basis). If interested call and enquire on: 07946327625

- **Date for your Diary:** Bacon & Cabbage evening on Saturday 16th March. More details later.

- **Our sympathy and prayers** to the family of Leslie Marcel (Braemar Ave) who died last week. Requiem Mass for Leslie will be on Friday, 2nd February at 11.30 a.m. May he rest in peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the 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

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £797
Loose Plate: £906 Thank you for your support

- **CRIB APPEAL 2023** Thank you for your generous support. £681 was collected for the Catholic Children's Society.

- **Receiving Holy Communion.** Please ensure that you are on time for Mass if you wish to receive Holy Communion.
- We should treat the Holy Eucharist with reverence. Please do not receive Holy Communion in the hand whilst wearing gloves or carrying a rosary. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Polite Request to Parents:** If your child cries or causes distraction during Mass, can you please take them into the porch until they have settled. Your cooperation in this matter would be very much appreciated by everyone. **Thank you**

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. The foodbank operates to offer support to all families in need within the parish. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 84503631 or speak to Fr Albert or Mary.

Booking a Mass: Thank you to all those who booked Masses. I kindly encourage everyone to book Masses for your personal intentions and for the needs of your loved ones. You can also book Masses for those who are sick and for the repose of the souls of those who have died. To book a Mass, please write the Mass Intention, place it in an envelope with the stipends, kindly hand to myself or Mary. You can also call the office on phone to book a Mass. Meet me or Mary also to book a Mass directly. Thank you.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever. Amen

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk