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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God **21st January 2024**

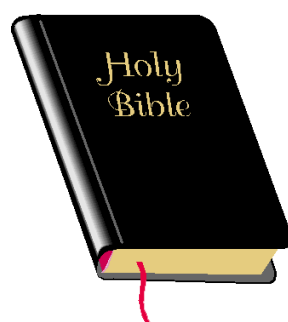
Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Sun 21st	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	J B Coutinho R.I.P. T Doyle R.I.P. D J Cardon R.I.P.; Fr Albert Int; Mary Int: T Fernandes People of the Parish	
Mon 22nd	Feria	G O'Riordan R.I.P.	
Tues 23rd	Feria	V Gallagher R.I.P.	
Wed 24th	Feria	Souls in Purgatory	
Thurs 25th	Feria	E M Vas R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 26th	Feria	Fr Hugh Int; C I Fernandes R.I.P.	
Sat 27th	Our Lady's Saturday	B Allen R.I.P.S O'Donnell R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Life's Messages

- We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick.
- We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage partner, or single person), plus a particular occupation rising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, homemaking, child-rearing ...).
- Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis Sales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted. Our call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened through the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and, for those so called, made manifest in the sacraments of Matrimony or Holy Orders. The amazing truth is that God is relentless in calling us back to Himself even when we stray away from Him.
- Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble service to all in our society.



I, encourage you please, take time to read your bible.

- **Fr Albert** will not be available on Monday.

- **Our sympathy and prayers** to Kathy O'Connor and family following the death of Tom last week. Requiem Mass for Tom will be on Monday, 5th February at 11 a.m. May he rest in peace.

- **I.T. classes** have resumed in the Hall on Thursdays, at 11 a.m. Beginners welcome.

- **The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 10 February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY
- **The Reflection** will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

- **ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY** - This will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm for couples in the Diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend this Mass at the Cathedral and participate in this ceremony to celebrate a wedding anniversary.

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 £641
Loose Plate: £782 Thank you for your support

White Flower Appeal last Sunday came to £632. Thank you for your generosity.

- **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

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