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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th February 2023

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February For parishes We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need

Sun 5th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	Fr A Boyle R.I.P.; M Carroll R.I.P. M & P Cahillane R.I.P.; S Pereira R.I.P.; P D'Souza RIP M Brazil R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 6th	St Paul Miki & Companions	P Broughton R.I.P.	Requiem Mass: D. Gallivan R.I.P.
Tues 7th	Feria	Private Int	
Wed 8th	St Josephine Bakhita	7 p.m. N Rachel R.I.P.	Confirmation Candidates after Mass
Thurs 9th	Feria	Private Int	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 10th	St Scholastica	E McGovern R.I.P.	
Sat 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes	A Nokoe & Family Int <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m.

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Salt for the Eucharist

In Galilee around the time of Jesus, there was a flourishing fishing industry. Peter, James and John were part of it, and they were big-time fishermen. Fish from Galilee went all over the then known empire, and to Rome along the trade route, which went through Galilee. It was kept fresh, as much food was, as we kept food fresh for years before freezers - by salting it. The word of God is kept fresh within us by prayer; otherwise our Christian life may become weak and tasteless.

A big food of Jesus is the Eucharist. His bread of life can go stale unless we 'salt' it. We salt the Eucharist by our lives. We keep the Mass alive by the way we live.

The Eucharist is entrusted to us. God gives us his Son, his food, and leaves it to us how we live by it.

Jesus invites us to be the 'salt of the earth' - to be people whose lives are centered on helping others and making the places around us places of kindness, compassion, hope, fun and life. We don't say 'You're salt of the earth', if someone just receives communion. We are the salt of the earth if we live out our communion. The bread of Jesus is salted with the goodness of men and women, young and old, everywhere.

Our response then links in with the first reading - if we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are 'the light that rises in the darkness'.

Recall when you helped someone recently.

Give thanks you could do this.

Lord may your kingdom come in every part of the world.

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

- **Funeral arrangements for Dora Gallivan R.I.P.** – Reception on Sunday at 7 pm. Requiem Mass will be on Monday 6th at 11 a.m. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

- If you are planning to get married in this parish or elsewhere you will need to give the parish **at least six months' notice**. Engaged couples can find up to date information on Marriage Preparation Courses in the diocese at www.rcdow.org.uk/pastoralaffairs/marriageandfamilylife

Isabel Vaughan Spruce - Arrested for silently praying outside a closed Abortion Centre. Come and hear her speak at 7pm Monday 13th February 2023 And learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details, contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. Venue: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

- **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.
- **Donations** for the foodbank can be left at church or handed into the school. Your support is very much appreciated by our parish families.
- Items urgently NEEDED please, Tuna, Long-life milk (Full, semi & skimmed), Chickpeas, Coffee, Shampoos, Conditioners, Body wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby food, Baby milk, Baby powdered milk, Soft drinks to dilute – orange, blackcurrant etc., Tin fruit – apple, pears, oranges, mixed fruit., Tin hams, Baked beans with sausages and Noodles. 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 Finances: Offertory: Envelopes** £562
Loose Plate £976 **Contactless** £149
- **Building Fund;** £25 **Thank you for your contin-**

- **World Day of the Sick.** On Saturday February 11 2023, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2:30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. You will need to register for this Mass. If anyone would like to attend please email the Parish Office.

- **Filipino Mass** next Sunday 12th February at 3 p.m.