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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th January 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are called by God to follow the Lamb, Jesus Christ. We become one spirit with him and offer our lives to his cause thus becoming parts of his Church. When he calls us in every situation in which we find ourselves we reply: "Here I am since you called me." Here I am Lord!



Ordinary time has returned. Doesn't the Church look bare! Thank you to those who helped remove the Christmas decorations and store them away ready for next year.

The Epiphany Quiz is still on the website. Take a look at the on-line teaser, test how well you know this Feast of the Lord.

Mgr Newton sent a note of thanks for the warm welcome last week. He was here for the eleventh anniversary of MPB being in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of OLW.

Epiphany Chalk was blessed. If you did not get any, there's some available today. Mark your homes with 20+C+M+B+24. If your home has not been blessed see FrC today to make a date.

Candle Intentions can be made for the candles which burn in Church. The list is on the website. Indicate which you would like and the intention - an anniversary, a birthday, a thanksgiving, someone who has died.... They prove to be very popular, so don't delay!

Lectors, those who read and lead the Universal Prayer at Mass, will be commissioned next week, *Word of God Sunday*. Please let May or Leslie know today if you would like to (or continue to) be involved. There will be a brief meeting after Mass next week.

Cash Collections are going out of fashion!

As well as the machines at the back of Church, there's a QR code on the Mass sheet which takes Apple & Google Pay (you will need to authorise your device the first time of use). We will still have the basket for those who prefer cash! Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Pastoral Council members are reminded there's another meeting on Tuesday 23 January, 19.00

Word of God Sunday - is next week. Bring your bible to Church to have it blessed. If you do not have a Bible (!) advice available next week on which you should have.

The Young Adults Group meet this week on Thursday from 19.30. *Being Catholic in the age of technology. Can we be masters of tech or will we be mastered by it?* If you did not receive the email invitation, you're not signed up. See Andrew or Brian today.

For those in the medical profession and anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church's response to difficult ethical questions, there's a series of talks this term by Dr Mehmet Çiftçi of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and others. See overleaf.

Week OF Prayer

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

"Restoration of unity among Christians is one of the main concerns of the Church...and this task is for all of us. No one can claim exemption from this responsibility. Indeed, everybody can make some contribution, however small it may seem, and all are called to that interior conversion is the essential condition for ecumenism." *Pope St JPii 30 May 82*

This Octave was first conceived by Father Paul of Graymoor on 30 November 1907, before his entrance into the Catholic Church. The initial success in 1908 was so encouraging that he decided to promote it annually, and he regarded the Octave as one of the special means which brought his Society of the Atonement into the Church on 30 October 1909. It was given papal blessings by Pope St Pius X on 27 December 1909, just two months after the Society of the Atonement had entered the Catholic Church. Other Popes have given it their blessings over the years, including Pope St John XXIII (who urged its observance more widely throughout the world) and Pope St Paul VI (who had promoted it in his archdiocese when he was the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan). Fr Paul considered the Octave as the greatest project which came from Graymoor, and even though it was overshadowed by the less-specific "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" during his own lifetime, he rejoiced that those separated from the Catholic Church felt called to observe the January period as a time of prayer for unity. Even though their concept of unity differs from that of the Catholic Church, it is significant that so many pray for that unity which God desires.

The Octave, as originally conceived by Fr Paul, reflects the unchanging truth that there can be no real unity apart from union with that Rock, established by Christ Himself, which is Peter and his successors. For that reason, St Peter is considered the special Patron of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Daily Prayers this Week

Antiphon:

That they all may be one, as you Father, in me and I in you; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.

V/. I say to you: you are Peter;

R/. And on this rock I will build my Church.

Pray the following petition for the day's prayer.]

18th Jan For the return of the "other sheep" to the One Fold of our Lord Jesus Christ.

19th Jan For the return of the Eastern Orthodox Christians to communion with the Holy See

20th Jan For the return of Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

21st Jan For the return of all Protestants throughout the world to the unity of the Catholic Church.

22nd Jan That Christians in England may be one, in union with the Chair of Saint Peter.

23rd Jan That lapsed Catholics will return to the Sacraments of the Church.

24th Jan That the all people will be converted to the Catholic Faith.

25th Jan That missionary zeal will conquer the world for Christ.

Then say

Our Father...

following prayer is then said.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;

look not our sins,

but the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Catholic Medical Ethics

A group for current university students of the healthcare professions interested in learning about the Catholic Church's response to difficult ethical questions.

This semester: Dr Mehmet Ciftçi of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, alongside other guest professionals, will be leading a seven-week virtual Bioethics lecture series.

It will explore the following topics:

- Catholic Anthropology
- Personhood and the human embryo
- IVF and Reproductive Technology
- Contraception and NFP
- Conscience and conscientious objection
- Organ donation and brain death
- End of life decisions

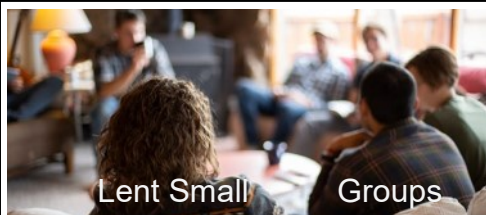
When? Mondays, 7-8pm on MS Teams, starting on the 5th February 2024.

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To sign-up for the group, and attend this lecture series exclusive to it, please email Laurence Jasper, Catholic Chaplain of King's College London: Guy's Campus: laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk using your university email account.

Southwark Marriage and Family Team, as part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February. A one day course is for married couples married for one year to 60 years. To help couples make their marriage better. (No group sharing and privacy guaranteed). All who attended have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. More information: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life



Lent Small Groups

During Lent we are planning Small Groups. A weekly gathering of 6-12 people for the five weeks of Lent. Can you Host? See FrC



Votive Candle Intentions are now available for 2024. A 9-day candle burn continually, day and night, 24-7 in all the holy places at MPB. You can offer an intention for a month to be attached to that light. All the candles used at MPB during 2024 will be blessed on the nearest Sunday to Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - the fortieth day of Christmas - which closes the Nativity Season. Traditionally it's the day when all candles to be used during the year in Church are blessed. This year it will be 4th Feb.

Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one?

[Sign up on line.](#)



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Peter Peterken <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 15th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 16th feria</i>	13.05	Roy Drury ✕
<i>Wed 17th St Anthony, Abbot</i>	13.05	Anthony Spooner ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs 18th feria</i>	13.05	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Fri 19th (St Wulstan)</i>	13.05	Fr Michael Carey <i>foundation</i>
<i>Sat 20th of Our Lady</i>	10.30†	Holy Souls ✕
Next Sunday 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Ian O'Hara ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jonah 3:1-5.10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £638.11 = cash £145.11; card £140.00; standing orders £353.00

Christmas: Offering £631.11 Crib: £91.56 Thank you!

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for January 2024: *For the gift of diversity in the Church.*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church. .

For your prayers:

Becoming Catholic Jules

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John

Recently Departed: Brian Gill *priest*, John Lungley *priest*, Arkadiusz Dawidziak, Ian O'Hara, Peter Peterken *priest*

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