

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of Prayer for Peace

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

During Judah's difficult restoration after exile, the prophet meditates on the joys and pains of being called by God for special service. This may apply to the prophet himself, or to the people as a whole. Jesus applied this to himself, and the gospel writers did, too.

Psalm (39) Response

Here I am Lord! I come to do you will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:29-34

Paul begins his first letter to the Corinthians by asserting his authority as an apostle. He reminds his audience that they're called to be holy, as are all, everywhere, who invoke the name of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist give Jesus two titles, and makes three other assertions about Jesus' importance.

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

The Recently Departed: Fr David McDonald

Day of Prayer for Peace of the World

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention: that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton & St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, Bristol.

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Aldhelm's / Octave Christian Unity

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Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 20 January	No Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 21 January	6.00pm Mass	Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Wednesday 22 January	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 23 January	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 24 January	12.00pm Mass	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Saturday 25 January	10.00am FEAST OF CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE <i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today</i> THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 26 January	9.30am Sung Mass <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>	(Yvonne Leahy & Isabelle Sythes)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Ministries in the Parish We continue our ongoing formation sessions for our Liturgical Ministers with a gathering for all our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. We will meet in the hall after 10am Mass on **Saturday 8th February**. This meeting is for existing ministers and others who may express an interest. If you cannot make this date do chat to Fr Michael and we will arrange a second session.

Mayor of Bath's Multi-faith Gathering Monday 27 January, 5.30pm at the Guildhall, High Street, Bath to remember victims of the genocide and Holocaust, on Holocaust Memorial Day. The date in 2020 marks the 75 anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland, and the theme 'Stand Together' has been chosen. This secular event is open to all.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Saturday 18th January and concludes on 25th Jan with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. We rejoice in the unity we already share by virtue of our common baptism and we pray that all may eventually be one at the Eucharistic table of the Lord, the fullest sign of our unity in the Lord. 'That they may all be one.'

First Holy Communion 2020 will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 14th June at 9.30am Parish Mass. Please pray for our young people as they begin to prepare to receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion.

Fri 24th January at 10.30am All parish flower arrangers are invited to a meeting in the Church Hall. Please come with any questions you have about rotas and florist supplies, etc. Refreshments will be available. We hope to finish by mid-day.

Congratulations to **Oscar Charles Hodder** on his Baptism on Sunday 12th January 2020

NEWS THIS WEEK

Quiz Evening. Everyone had a great time and £269 was raised for the Parish projects! A very big thank you to Anne-Marie for all her hard work and to everyone who attended for their support.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham The Bishops are inviting us to prepare for the rededication of our country and its people as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be 'visiting' Clifton Cathedral on **20 –22 Feb** and there is a full itinerary for the two days. See **behold2020.com** for more information.

Gift Aid Envelopes Boxed sets for planned giving are available for collection in Church. If you would like to begin to use envelopes just let us know!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next retreat is 6th - 8th March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

Gift Aid Maximise your weekly Offering by getting the Government to pay an extra 25% at no cost to you, by joining **GIFT AID**. This can be done in two ways – Firstly, by Bank Standing Order monthly or secondly, using the envelope scheme, whereby, you place your weekly offering on the collection plate. Either way is very beneficial to the Parish, especially when every penny counts! Please contact Vic Steadman via the Parish web site for details. Thank you.

Please continue to remember Corsham Foodbank and Borderlands.