

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday of the Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

Isaiah describes the desolation of a region of Israel occupied by a foreign army. He contrasts this with a prospering nearby Gentile region. The enemy power over Israel feels like the yoke, bar and stick used to control farm animals, which God will break again as God had done in a famous earlier battle.

Psalm (26) Response The Lord is my light and my help

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10:13.17

Among the Christians at Corinth were several factions, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher, or to a particular apostle. Paul wants them to rise above these immature rivalries, and speaks of them sarcastically.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
And cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Matthew quotes Isaiah to make clear that Jesus began his ministry in a busy place, the crossroads of Jews and Gentiles.

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.

Sunday of the Word of God: pray to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.

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 Gerard Majella, Knowle

& Christ the King, Knowle West. Bristol.

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: The Baptist Community

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Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

'Sunday of the Word of God'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 27 January	No Mass	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
Tuesday 28 January	6.00pm Mass	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
Wednesday 29 January	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 30 January	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 31 January	12.00pm Mass	Saint John Bosco, Priest
Saturday 1 February	10.00am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday with blessing of Candles	Our Lady on Saturday THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)
Sunday 2 February	9.30am Sung Mass with blessing of Candles and Procession followed by refreshments in the Hall	

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. Thank you to all Readers who gathered last week. If you could not make it please let Fr Michael know of a Saturday when you might be free to arrange for a re-run.

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 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland, and the theme 'Stand Together' has been chosen. This secular event is open to all.

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.

Preparing for Holy Week...dates for the diary. We are gathering for a series of three evenings in the hall to help us celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Three days) as a community with understanding and richness. Thursday 12th March '*Celebrating Holy Thursday*'. 18th March '*Celebrating Good Friday*'. Thursday 2nd April '*Celebrating the Great Easter Vigil*'. Do come along!

NEWS THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis has instituted the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. The Holy Father had proposed a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people. In the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's word. In his letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis points to the provision of training for readers which we are presently engaged with, highlighting and teaching about the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, making the Bible available and encouraging people to read and pray with Scripture daily, especially through the practice of *lectio divina*.

Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' film series coming soon to St Patrick's Church Hall Starts Thursday 13th February 7.30pm – 8.30pm Popcorn & other cinema snacks & drinks provided. 2.7m x 1.5m screen. All free, no pressure: attend as many or as few dates as you like. Please arrive in good time for an 7.30pm showing. See poster for full details.

Children's Liturgy Would like to thank the whole parish for supporting our Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We made 28 full backpacks and collected 4 huge boxes of spare items to gift to Mary's Meals, thank you for a fantastic response, we were overwhelmed by your support. All the items donated were collected by Mary's Meals last week.

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 the notice board or go to **behold2020.com** for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next retreat is 6th - 8th March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

*Please continue to remember Corsham Foodbank
and Borderlands.*