

RECENT DEATHS IN THE THE PARISH: Sadly we have lost members of our Parish family recently. Please pray for Mary Marston whose funeral will take place on Thursday 12noon & Sabatino Veneziale whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 11.00am. And also please pray for Arthur Johnson whose funeral will be on 29th January 9.45am and Mollie Foster whose funeral is on Monday 1st February 10.00am died this last week

FR CHRIS: THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

In our first reading we hear the much beloved story of the Calling of the young Samuel whose mother has dedicated him to the Lord. In his childhood he had not yet had formation in the Jewish faith and when the Lord called him he had no idea what was happening. But guided by Eli he was able to answer and come to his vocation as a prophet and fulfil God's plan for him.

I wonder how often the Lord calls to us or urges us to something. And more specifically I wonder how many young people have no knowledge of God and are never guided and therefore cannot recognise his voice or presence in their lives. They are unable to tune in as I said some weeks ago. They have a million things rushing about in their heads and cannot recognise that wonderful voice of the Lord speaking to them by name indeed. They have no formation in prayer or faith or scripture which are the means of hearing the voice of God. And he speaks & continues to speak to all through the Holy Spirit who dwells in all the Baptised in special way. That is true whether they can recognise his voice or not.

I wonder as Parents (and grandparents), do we have a truly supernatural outlook on the lives of our young people. We are generally very good at guiding them in their maturing in natural life. We are aware of their gifts and aptitudes as well as those skills they lack. We provide formation whether through school, clubs, sporting activities. We provide such things as music lessons to see if there is any aptitude there. We spare no effort. Yet, in all our young people there is the supernatural aptitude. The Holy Spirit dwells in a special way in the Baptised with his impulses and graces. This is true of them all. The supernatural gifts of faith hope and charity are given to us. Yet, I wonder how much discernment do we give to this? How is God at work in my child (or grandchild)? How often do I reflect on this? What is God calling my child to be and do? Do I ask for the Holy Spirit to help me guide my children? What impulses of love are there in them that I can make them aware of? Specifically we must have in our minds the call of God to each person. We sometimes think about what we would like our children to be. But the great question is what is God calling them to be. For each within that call is a special friendship in which God speaks to each by their name. Mostly these things will happen in everyday living when we have a supernatural outlook on the whole of life.

In the Gospel the young disciples have been prepared and formed by John the Baptist so that when the moment comes they can recognise and welcome Jesus. He had formed them in the Scriptures, the traditions and prayer of the Jewish faith and so when Jesus spoke to them, his voice struck a chord deep in their hearts, and they spent time with him and were able to recognise him as the Messiah. They were able to say with the Psalmist: *here I am Lord I come to do your will! May all our young people be able to say the same thing and do fulfil themselves in the fullest possible way.*



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17th January 2021
Week 2 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2
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Times of Services

Sunday: 2nd of Ordinary Time

Sat 6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 17th January - Janet, Gillian & Michael RIP (Baugh)

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Sister Scholastica Scanlon RIP

Monday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Fernanso Cosmo & Maria Ditri RIP

Tuesday: Feria

Private Mass: Mirek Nowakowski RIP 1st Anniv

Wednesday: Feria

11.00am Funeral Mass: Funeral of Sabatino Veneziale

Thursday: St Agnes

12.00noon Funeral Mass: Funeral of Mary Marston

Friday: Feria

10.00am: Mass: Peter & Millie MacKenzie RIP (Danks)

Saturday: Feria

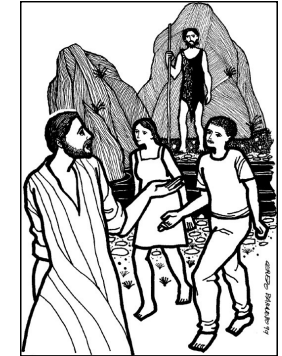
11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 24th January: Atkins Aitken & Springer Families RIP

Sunday: 2nd of Ordinary Time

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Fr Owen Wellbeing (KSC)



*They saw where he lived,
and stayed with him.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

BOOK NOW

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Thursday or Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

(Please note just Thursday and Friday Now)

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

FR CHRIS WRITES:

We hope that the Coronavirus will ease soon as the vaccine rolls out. I have now joined the rolling test program of the Prison. (1st test negative!) As I said last week we must all keep safe and remember that the Sunday Mass obligation is suspended. Even if you are following the Mass from home on a live stream, it is good to share the Sunday scriptures within your family or household.

We remain open for Mass though this is under review. I received the following information from the Diocese. We received an update from yesterday's Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force that meets with the Government. The Church was represented by Cardinal Nichols and Prof. Jim McManus along with Canon Christopher Thomas at this meeting yesterday. The highlights of the discussion were as follows:

1. Health professional research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. HMG stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. They asked that each Place of Worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good Covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. This is to include (but is not limited to):
3. Sufficient stewarding and management of the venue
4. Sufficient cleaning after acts of communal worship
5. Maintaining good social distancing in the space available along with good ventilation
6. Factors affecting travel to and from the place of worship, such as public transport
7. The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything that is not necessary should be omitted.
8. Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the church. They should disperse immediately
9. All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled (see below)
10. The officials noted that keeping Covid secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.
11. The task force expressed with great clarity that the role of the Local Authority is one of enforcement of closure in particular circumstances on the basis of evidence of lack of COVID security.
12. PHE will conduct an exercise in mapping exposure risks from different venues across the country for better data.

You should not turn up for Mass if you feel unwell particularly if you experience a new persistent cough, a high temperature, or a change in your sense of smell or taste.

- All must enter the Church through the through the Fairfield Rd door
- Please come in good time so we do not have large gatherings.
- Please sit where you are shown by the stewards for safety reasons. You can no linger choose which side.
- Our Lady's side to leave by the Coventry Road door and Sacred Heart side from Fairfield road.
- Please do not stop and linger near the doors as this is unsafe and causes a hold up for people leaving.
- Please do not mix with people outside your bubble
- Remember to always keep your 2m distance and remember there is no rush to leave Church

We will continue to review Mass in the light of our local situation.

PS Those of you with internet please print off a copy of the Newsletter for Parishioners who do not have the internet. Paper copies are available at church.

NEWS OF FR OWEN: We keep Fr Owen in our prayers as they continue to treat him in hospital. He is comfortable at the moment. We will publish any further news on the website

NEW HEADTEACHER: Please pray for the appointment of a new Headteacher at St Joseph's as we will soon be doing interviews.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL Many thanks for the brilliant retiring collection of £346.76. Donations can be made on line at www.spuc.org.uk/donate



REQUIESCANT IN PACE: (Anniversary 1st - 31st January)

Ellen Mary Capell 1885; Charles Webb 1951; Sydney Thomas Fortnum 1987; John Lindsay Moran 1988; John Austin Smallman 1989; Mary Cooper 1989; Hilda Mary Louise 1991; William Goodman 1991; Bronislaw Roman 1991; Robert Francis Preston 1992; Sheilagh Lillian Minogue 1992; Thomas Patrick Lennon 1992; Norah Freer 1993; Ivy Dyer 1993; Thomas Kevin Reilly 1993; Joanna E Boyd 1994; Teresa Cecily Jays 1994; Peter Morris Jones 1994; Nora Charlton 1995; Una Agnes Aitken 1995; Caroline (Kitty) Hall 1996; Gladys Muriel Ormonde 1996; Teresa Ellen Marsh 1996; Beatrice Davey 1997; Mary Hudd 1997; Lawrence Sidney Fortnum 1998; John Joseph Delaney 1998; Walter Smolicz 1999; Andrew John Skupinski 2000; Leokadis Pieslak 2001; Joyce Isaac 2001; Chris Blenkinsop 2001; Patricia Conaghan 2001; Josephine Mary Bolton-Carter 2002; Ugo Terreni 2002; Winifred May Walton 2003; David Andrew Tilley 2003; David Sean Riley 2004; Les Shiers 2004; Marion Agnes Campbell 2004; Margaret Ilson 2005; Betty Patricia Daly 2006; Vincent Woodward 2006; Eugene McSweeney 2006; Joan Doreen Scampton 2006; David Burns 2007; Edith Page 2008; Linda Mabbutt 2009; Alice O'Neill 2009; Joyce Scampton 2010; Jean Marie Dicks 2010; Betty Winifred Draper 2010; Maureen Green 2010; Mary Soughton 2010; Veronica Tennant 2010; Earnest Loakes 2011; Bruno Ziolkowski 2011; Mary Pamela Haynes 2012; Sarah Ann Kelly 2012; Mary Margaret Perkins 2013; John Thomas Finnegan 2014; Estelle Frances Yarsley 2014; Andrew Philip Priestley 2014; Maisie Lilian Herpin 2015; Philip David Palmer 2015; Joseph Leo Feetham 2015; Frederick William (Bill) Cotton 2015; Alice Maureen Bernadette Soghayer 2016; Nigel James Stainton 2016; Helen Mary Philomena Mulkerrin 2016; Baby Chloe Carmela Cox 2016; Arthur Leslie Wright 2016; Allen Victor Winter 2017; Elizabeth Edith Mary Goodchild Fish 2017; Peggy Irene Padvaiskas 2017; Ferdinando Michaelangelo Diriti 2017; Margaret Mary Vials 2017; Carl Odell 2018; Audrey Pugh 2018; Mary Marjorie Helen Frosi 2019; Brian Davies 2019; Michael John Gowing 2019; Sonia Jeffery 2019; Alexandra Anna Halberda 2019; Thomas Edward Roy Percival 2019; James (Bernard) Brandrick 2019; Maria Taylor; Mirek Nowakowski; Fran Scampton; Fr. Louis Drury 1961; Mgr Edwin Henson 1961; Fr. Stanley Burrows 1964; Fr. Michael Stewart 1982; Fr. Jeremiah McGillycuddy 1986; Fr. Bernard Keivill 1987; Fr. Roger Binks 1992; Mgr Hugh Atkinson 1993; Fr. Robert Woodbridge 1994; Canon Emil Puttman 1994; Fr. Patrick Kearney 1999; Fr. Daniel Reid 2000; Canon Peter Wilson 2002; Canon Bernard Mooney 2006; Fr. Peter Tierney 2006; Fr. Philip O'Dowd 2009; 'Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.'

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

18-25 January 2021 This will be an unusual week this year. Our prayer sessions will be on zoom. They will be prayer meeting of about 30-40mins **Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st, 12.00 noon. Then in the evening Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th, 7.00 pm** **United service Sunday 24th January 4.00 pm.** Leaders: various This will be a simple service of readings, music and prayer to round off the Week of Prayer and to bring to God both local and wider needs including the current pandemic and the issues it raises.

All to be held on zoom. For the links and details please email Fr Chris: Parish-priest@olvic.com And I will send you all the details.

