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2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

14/15TH JANUARY 2023

'PEACE SUNDAY'

Dear Parishioners,

Peace Sunday 2023
Join Pope Francis in prayer
and action for peace



Today we are encouraged to pray and work for Peace in the World. The message from Pope Francis says: "No one can be saving alone ..." He urges reflection on what

lessons can be learned three years after the start of Covid-19 pandemic". He writes: "What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place"? He feels, "the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 is the realisation that we all need each other".

We are invited to support the work of PAX Christi. This is a local and International movement involved in raising awareness of issues of injustice and trying to help alleviate the wrongs wherever possible. For the past two years, I've been on the Executive Committee of PAX Christi. We try to support the three-member staff at the Hendon Office as much as we can. Payment of the full time staff rely mainly on the second collections made in Churches today throughout the country. We have to work on a very tight budget. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

In the scripture (Isaiah) tells of how God has sent a servant who will be 'the light of

the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth". St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, reminds them and us that he is praying that we would have the grace and peace of Christ. In the Gospel, we see John the Baptist still at work. He said: "Look there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world". He reminds us of what we celebrated last Sunday – the Baptism of the Lord. The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus after he had come up out of the water of the river Jordan. The words from heaven were heard – "this is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him". And John gave witness too: "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.

There should be no doubt but that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Messiah and the Saviour of the world. When we renewed our Baptismal promises last week, this is what we declared. Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his blood being shed, has redeemed the world – all of humanity. Jesus is the servant of God described in our first reading today.

So let us continue to follow closely that ministry of Jesus as he sets out from the Jordan river. Over the coming Sundays, we will hear of the arrest of John the Baptist; Jesus calling his disciples; the Sermon on the Mount (the Beatitudes); we are salt of the earth and light of the world; and the radical new commandments, to love your enemies'.

Hopefully all these messages will set us on our way to following the Lamb of God who takes away our sins.

Have a blessed week ahead.

Fr Joe

INQUIRY INTO ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Our Bishop, John Sherrington has written to tell us "that the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. Options include a 'Citizens' Assembly', further independent research, or a referendum. I would be grateful if Parishioners can be informed of this Inquiry and ask healthcare and legal professionals to respond from their expertise.

Assist suicide presents profound dangers to public safety and the common good, and so it is crucial that as many people as possible engage with the Parliamentary Inquiry and oppose the introduction of assisted suicide into UK law. It is especially important that those who respond should oppose the idea of a 'Citizens' Assembly' or referendum on this issue, as there are easily abused to try to legalise assisted suicide."

We have a script of a statement by church leaders which is helpful in this matter.

Would it be helpful if a simple script were prepared for you to sign or compose your own message to send to the said committee?

YOUTH GROUP

Youngsters from

15 y+ are welcome



For more info, please contact Sr Anabel

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER

GROUP Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre.

Next session 17th January. All welcome!

Live Simply Group

Invite to watch the Film

"The Letter, Laudato Si"

on Sunday 15th of January at 3.30pm in the Hall of the Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays,
after 9am and 11am Masses.

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel on 07455544065 or the Parish Office.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next sessions: **Sunday 15th after 9am Mass**

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The Programme will start
on Saturday 4th Feb 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Programme will start
on Saturday 4th Feb 2023

RITE OF CHISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.
Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Would you like to help us?

Every Friday after 9.15am Mass
Thank you!

PEACE SUNDAY



This **Sunday, 15th January, is PEACE SUNDAY** and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: **'No one can be saved alone.'**

Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'.

On the website there are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>

Please be as generous as you can in the Retiring Collection and the contactless system is available.

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

Monday 16th January 2023.

Every first and third Monday of the month. Add your name to our mailing list for future dates and prayer sheets in advance via

Barbarakentish@talktalk.net
or johanmaertens@hotmail.com

New Year's resolution – Volunteering for CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970



EYE GUIDE MC LTD – PARKINSON DISEASE

Fr Joe recently met Sandra, the inventor of the Eye Guide MC device and has found the invention fascinating.

About the device:

**The Eye Guide MC is designed to be used by people with Parkinson's where the Basal Ganglia (our movement control centre) has been damaged.*

**Its aim is to make new pathways to the brain; it is a simple device that can instantly improve the debilitating symptoms of Parkinson's (speech, tremor, movement, coordination, rigidity);*

**It is a lightweight earpiece that hooks over the ears – looks like a very thin Bluetooth earpiece.*

More information the leaflet available and on the website: eyeguidemc.co.uk or have a word Fr Joe.



FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Our parish LiveSimply Group has issued a flyer about fixing our local and global food system.

As part of our Climate Change initiative, please ensure you undertake a carbon footprint survey at

<https://www.carbonindependent.org>

THANK YOU!

RECYCLING APPEAL for CAFOD

Recycling of any old or unwanted Gold, Silver Costume Jewellery; watches old & new; banknotes – UK or foreign; even broken and damaged items.

Items MUST fit in an A5 envelope, attaching the FREEPOST address:
FREEPOST RTSB-AJBR-AJSC,
CAFOD, Unit 14.

Amber Business Village,
Amber Close, Tamworth B77 4RP

barcode  to the envelope.

Entrance Antiphon

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O
God, and shall sing to you, shall sing
to your name, O Most High!*

First reading

Isaiah 49: 3-5-6

Psalms 39

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on the King who comes, in the
name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest
heavens!*

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon

*You have prepared a table before me, and
how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.*

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 9.15am

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of:

Anthony Stapleton, RIP

*Husband of Bernadette, father of
Katherine.*

We remember his family in our prayers.

His Funeral Mass will take place here at

9:15am, Monday 16th January

followed by cremation.

May he rest in peace.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Johanna Mary Geoghegan [mother of Philip]

Max Fernandes [Candy's husband]

Katherine McGrath [Katrina's mother]

Anthony Stapleton

Just Opiyo

Luigi Sanviti [father of Doris]

Benjamin Richard Antha [son of Ivy Antha]

John Corran

Boniface Pinto [brother of Angela]

RIP Anniversary

Margaret Kennedy

Martin McDoagh

Ana Wadham

Tommasina DiVetta

Lena Rahilly

Vijantie Sherry Anandie Arul

Special Intentions:

**And for the sick and those in our
parish**

Michael J Philip

Kim Monica

Ann Merle

Eileen Sheila

Candy Ivy

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED
IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email

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*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*