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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 16th and 17th January 2021

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 17 th January				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 17 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	Patrick McCann – Recently Deceased (JG)	Paddy Mullins – RIP (RCB)
Monday 18 th January	Online	10.00am	John and Maureen Bending – RIP (RCB)	John Salter – RIP (MS)
Tuesday 19 th January	Online	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Rein Family (CH)	Fr. Ambrose Walsh RIP (M&RW)
Wednesday 20 th January St. Sebastian, Martyr	Online	10.00am	Mass for flood victims (TC)	Margaret Coyle – RIP (M&RW)
Thursday 21 st January St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Online	10.00am	John Blackey – RIP	Richard Watson – Recently Deceased. (TC)
Friday 22 nd January St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Monica Bibey – Recently Deceased (T&DO'L)
Saturday 23 rd January Our Lady	Online	10.00am	Holy Souls	Richard Watson - RIP
Sunday 24 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	John Norris – Anniversary (CT)

Quote of the Week



“Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.”

The Gospel Acclamation of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Drawn from 1 Samuel 3:9 and John 6:68.



St. Teilo's remains closed for public worship,

Due to the Alert Level Four in place for the whole of Wales, with a very high risk of infection and the 'at risk' profile of many of our parishioners, **Mass will be live streamed only from St. Teilo's** until further notice.

Please take the Welsh Government advice and STAY AT HOME if at all possible.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday, the Church begins Ordinary Time with the readings of Year B of the three-year cycle. Year B is often called the Year of Mark, as Mark is the Gospel read most frequently during the year, but as Mark's is the shortest of the first three Gospels, this year we also find readings from St. John's Gospel interspersed in the cycle of readings. Today's Gospel, John 1:35-42, is an example of this. The Gospel is very fitting for early in the New Year as it reminds us of Jesus calling his first disciples. As we hear them being called, we are asked to listen to the Lord calling us to follow Him and stay with Him in faith.

Live Streaming

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church for prayer at any time.

Mass Times

Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Parish Website from St. Teilo's at 10am each day. You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

At Communion time each day, we will be led in praying St. Alphonse Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
AMEN.

Dial for Mass

We continue to operate the 'Dial for Mass' scheme for those who do not have access to the Internet. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2.00pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week.

The number is a local number from Cardiff based landlines – 22 670 999. If you are dialling from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone, you will need to dial 029 2267 0999.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Pullen and Fr. Jim Fr Jim McKnight who died on Thursday. Fr. Jim, a Rosminian priest, has served for many years at St. Peter's Church. Mrs. Pullen's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday, January 22nd at St. Teilo's, time to be confirmed. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family members and invited guests. However online attendance at Mrs. Pullen's Requiem Masses will be available on the Parish Livestream.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice Pearce, Norah Candergain, Melvyn Webb, John Thomas, Albert Muarry, Gertrude Burke, Patrick O'Leary, Helen Purnell, Gertrude Hill, Beatrice Martin, Angiolina Bacchetta, John Cashman, John McRae, Roland Bartlett, Melvyn Jones, Antonio Delgaudio, James Quigley, Alma Linnard, Anthony (Tony) Regan, Marjorie Adams, Mary Hougardy, William Pepper, Jane Elliot, Sheila Hallett, John McCabe, Terence Doolan, Jane Powell, Mona Hefferman, Honora Brian, Mary Costello, David Edwards, Christopher Hutchinson, Thomas Lancey, Kieron Mahoney, Timothy Collins, Francis Allen, Kenneth Kear, Susan Thomas and Catherine O'Donnell.

Canon Isaac

Canon Isaac remains in good spirits and continues to self-isolate in the Presbytery. A new schedule of treatment has now been worked out by the surgical team. While things can change at short-notice in the current health care environment due to the pandemic, it is hoped that Canon will have initial surgical treatment on Wednesday, January 20th to redirect the blood supply from the cancerous part of his liver to the healthy part. This is a routine operation but will involve general anaesthetic, so please continue to keep Canon in your prayers, especially on the day of the operation. The treatment is intended to allow the healthy part of the liver to grow over the next few weeks before the major operation to remove the cancerous part of the liver takes place, thus improving the prognosis for this surgery. Canon continues to celebrate Mass, pray the Rosary and his Divine Office each day. He wishes to thank all those who have shown such kindness to him during the last few weeks.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity take place from January 18th to the 25th (The Octave leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul).

This year, prayers and reflections have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in My love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

The community at Grandchamp has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity, the sisters are a living parable of unity in diversity. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning. This year the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the universal church.

You can [download the English language version of the prayers for the week here](#), a bilingual, Welsh-English version is [available here](#). If you are unable to take part in the daily prayers as outlined in the guides, you are encouraged to pray for the Unity of all who follow Jesus Christ in the following prayers from the liturgy of the Church:

Lord Jesus Christ,
at Your Last Supper, You prayed to the Father that all should be one.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon all who bear Your name and seek to serve You.
Strengthen our faith in You, and lead us to love one another in humility.
May we who have been reborn in one baptism
be united in one faith under one Shepherd.

Amen

Eternal Father,
we praise You for sending Your Son
to be one of us and to save us.
Look upon Your people with mercy,
for we are divided in so many ways,
and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.
We ask this gift, loving Father,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Virtual Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, in conjunction with Digital Communities Wales, is offering training to those parishioners who would be interested in Virtual Volunteering to support individuals on their digital journey. Do you think that you could become a Virtual Volunteer, supporting the most vulnerable in society with simple online tasks, that can make the world of difference and brighten their day? There are many members of the Welsh public who own digital devices but require support or guidance in how to make the most of being online. Before lockdowns and restricted travel, a family member or friend may have offered these individuals one-to-one support. Unfortunately, not everyone has this support network around them and for those who have, access to support has been made even more difficult due to the Social Distancing and Lockdown procedures.

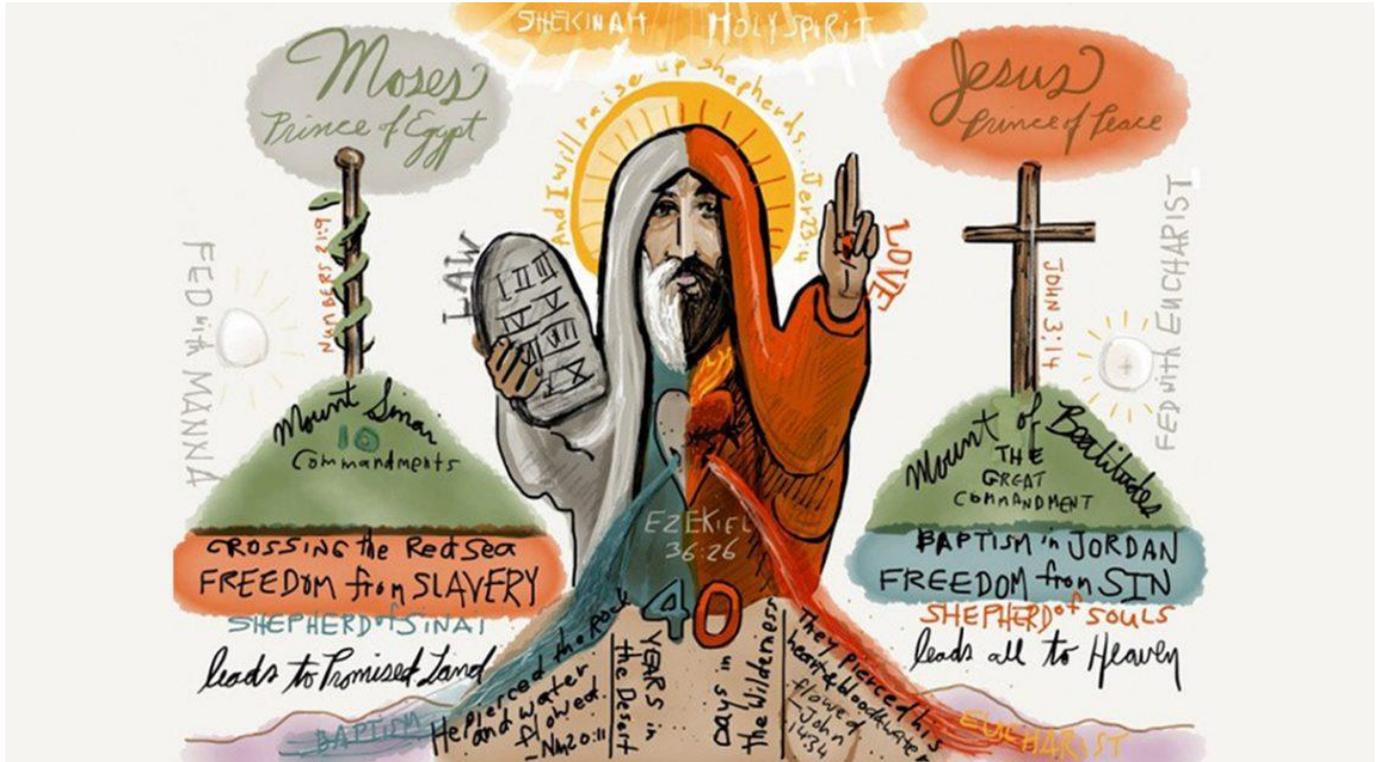
Training is offered to those who may be interested in Virtual Volunteering to support individuals on their digital journey. We are not expecting volunteers to access client's personal information but to support individuals with achieving the best from being online. Whether that is through apps to keep in touch or options for accessing entertainment media, your support can make a world of difference to someone's day.

The training event will be on Tuesday, January 19th between 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. If you would like to register, please click on the following link and a Zoom meeting link will then be sent to you. https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtc-yorzssHtzvbDsc_WTMNF_Fgm_VkrzR

Christ the King Catholic Primary School – Nursery Applications

The application system for nursery admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School will be open from Monday, January 18th to Monday, February 22nd. Application forms will be available on the School website – <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or by email – christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Echoes of God: Journeying with the Word of God



David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham has been involved in training Catholic priests, deacons, teachers and parishioners for the last 40 years. His expertise in Sacred Scripture is world renowned. During lockdown, he has taken the time to put together a fascinating course which embodies the spirit of this Year of the



God who Speaks.

The aim of this course is to help us get a sense of the Scriptures as a whole: to see the unfolding of God's liberating and creative love in the history of Israel and in the Church. Those who follow the course will set out with the freed Hebrew slaves and their leader Moses, responding to God's call; so close and yet always a little strange to us. Participants will become familiar with the pattern and be guided by the echo of the Divine Words from the beginning, words which continue to liberate people in our time.

The journey will lead us to encounter God. The same God across all the ages in the one unifying Spirit. The choice of readings will reveal the growing sense of the mystery of God and the mystery of God's Creation, of men and women called to be a reconciled community, capable of selfless responses that can heal and fulfil each other and the world.

The course is made up of an introduction and seven sessions that you can follow in your own time at your own speed. It can be accessed [here](#).

Sunday of the Word of God: 'A day of awakening'

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, is designated by the Church as the Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Motu proprio "[Aperuit illis](#)" issued on September 30th 2019. It is well worth a read, or re-read, to remind ourselves of the importance of the Word of God in our lives as Christians.

Recently, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments released a [note on the topic of The Sunday of the Word of God](#), signed by the prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah. It explains that the Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God."

The note points out that "through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to His people and Christ Himself proclaims His Gospel." It indicates that "One of the ritual possibilities suitable for this Sunday could be the entrance procession with the Book of the Gospels or simply placing the Book of the Gospels on the altar."

Next Sunday, during Mass, Father Dwayne, will bless the bibles and other books of scripture we have at home. As Mass is live-streamed not in person, you are invited to ensure you have your bibles or books of scripture with you at the television, computer, tablet or phone, via which you attend Mass online.

Housebound Parishioners without internet access

If any parishioner knows of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound and unable to access the parish newsletter online, please let us know at whitchurch@rcadc.org so that the newsletter can be mailed directly to them. Many thanks to Peter Searle who prints and posts the newsletter to housebound parishioners each week.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving

Donations to the parish made online should be completed at the following web address:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

Please continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations or consider a Standing Order for regular monthly donations to the life of the parish. If you would like to set up a standing order, please e-mail whitchurch@rcadc.org for more information.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to book Mass Intentions, please do so by email to whitchurch@rcadc.org. The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website. The guidance is that the minimum donation for a Mass intention should be £10 but your donation amount is at your discretion.

Praying for the Sick and the Dead

We have a long-standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on whitchurch@rcadc.org ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died.

Online Newsletter

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email: whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Staying in touch with the Parish

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) or the parish twitter account (https://twitter.com/stteilos_olol) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>).

Children's Liturgy and Family Time

The sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend is below; many thanks to Nick for all that he is doing to support the children of our parish at this time. You can also access the Family Time Leaflet by clicking on [this link](#).



ROOTS
Children's Sheet

Today's Bible reading
John 1.29-42
Jesus calls his first disciples to 'come and see' and they follow him straight away.

How well do you use your eyes?

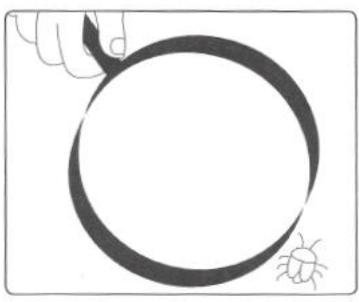
Activity 1
Colour in the glasses and footprints if you want to follow Jesus.



Come and see.
Follow me.

I look
follow

Activity 2
Redraw the bug and make it bigger than life size, as if it is seen through the magnifying glass.



PRAYER

Lord, thank you for our eyes and the wonderful gift of sight.
Help us to see the world as you see it,
and to take steps to follow you.
Amen.

Live in faith
Play a game of '1 spy' this week and thank God for all the things you see.

Check it out
New Testament Tales from the Lion Storyteller Bible, Bob Hartman, ISBN: 978-0-74594-405-0.
Great read-aloud stories to encourage young disciples.
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