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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 23rd and 24th January 2021

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 24 th January				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 24 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	John Norris – Anniversary (CT)
Monday 25 th January The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle – Feast	Online	10.00am	Raffaella Bacco – RIP (GM)	For the Sick and those caring for them (TC)
Tuesday 26 th January St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops	Online	10.00am	David Hartley – RIP	Eileen Mary Coyne – RIP (M&RW)
Wednesday 27 th January St. Angela Merici, Virgin	Online	10.00am	Sanchez Family – Living and Dead (BdM)	Wellbeing of Paolo Trisolini
Thursday 28 th January St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Online	10.00am	Private Intention (EM)	Angela Mary Neylon – Anniversary (L&CJ)
Friday 29 th January	Online	10.00am	Wellbeing of Pat Norris (TC)	Father James McKnight – RIP (UMcC)
Saturday 30 th January Our Lady	Online	10.00am	Holy Souls	Mairead Sutherland – RIP
Sunday 31 st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	George and Mary Allen – RIP

Quote of the Week



“By this revelation then, the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company.”

The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council (Dei Verbum) no. 2.

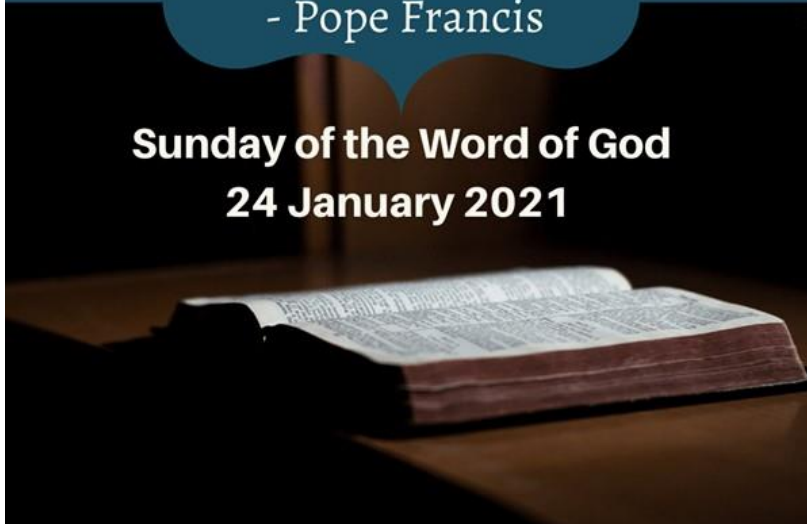


Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God

Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.

- Pope Francis

**Sunday of the Word of God
24 January 2021**



Today, 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.”

Today, 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.

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.

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 soul of Patrick Cooney, a faithful parishioner who regularly attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Mr. Cooney's Requiem Mass is on Friday, February 12th at St. Teilo's at noon. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family members and invited guests.

However online attendance at Mrs. Cooney's Requiem Masses will be available on the Parish Livestream.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Patrick Creed, Father Thomas Dove-Nowell, Margaret (Peggy) Eklund, Honora (Paddy) Mullins, Dorothy Edmonds, John Lawson, Mary Sliney, Jonathan Cronin, David Edwards, Teresa Brown, Mary Cecilia (Molly) Inch, John Gaffney, Mary Callaghan, Thomas Phelan, Sidney Freeman, Mary Lunn, Paul Hughes, Doreen Stevens, Mary Hayes, Edward Murray, Bernard Devine, John Gardner, Ronald Bartlett, Alan Williams, Alexander Sutherland, Mary Coleman, Frederick Thomas, Bob Andrews, Sandra Parsons, Bernard Blackmore, Catherine Parker, Dorothy Hallisey, Mary Collins, Mary Frederickson, Kenneth Harvey, Sheila Kinsey, Augustine A'Herne, Joseph Daring, James Boyle, Grace Forward, Gertrude Poole, Ellen Marsh, Alan Mitchem, Patricia Hinkin, Letitia Geary, Jean Sharp, Maud Martin, Thomas Holley and Barbara Gardner.

Canon Isaac

Canon Isaac has now returned home after the minor operation which took place last Tuesday (a day earlier than originally planned due to theatre space). Canon feels well after the operation and remains in good spirits while continuing to self-isolate in the Presbytery in preparation for the more significant operation which will take place in a few weeks time.

Prayer for the Sunday of the Word of God

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.
- Pope Francis

**Sunday of the Word of God
24 January 2021**

Lord Jesus, here I am, You invite me to leave my nets and follow You.

Millions of people need to hear Your word.

You invite me to be a fisher of men with creativity and enthusiasm, with initiative and risk-taking, with courage and audacity.

I am infinitely grateful to You for Your call.

I want to know You more and more, so that You can illuminate and guide my thoughts, intentions and actions.

Give me the passion I need to make You known to everyone I am in contact with every day.

I only wish that when others look at or listen to me, they will discover You, Jesus, tireless fisher of men.

Amen

Holding fast to the Word of life (St. Paul to the Philippians 2:16)



A reflection for the Sunday of the Word of God by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation.



This year, the Biblical phrase for celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter to the Philippians:

“Holding fast to the Word of life” (Philippians 2:16). As can be understood from some references, the Apostle is writing the letter from prison. It is certainly one of the Church’s most important texts. The Christological passage, in which Paul highlights the kenosis fulfilled by the Son of God in becoming man, remains throughout our history as a point of reference of no return for understanding the mystery of the Incarnation. The Liturgy has never ceased praying with this text. Theology has made it one of the main elements for understanding the faith. In these words the Christian witness finds the foundation for building love-filled service. While the letter expresses the essential substance of the apostle’s preaching, it also shows how important it is for the Christian community to increase its knowledge of the Gospel.

With our verse, the apostle offers an important lesson to the Christian community to show them the way they are called to live in the world. First of all, it recalls the importance that Christians must give to their commitment to salvation, precisely by virtue of the event achieved by the Son of God in becoming man and offering himself to the violence of death on the cross: “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). No Christian can think of living in the world apart from this event of love that has transformed his life and all of history. Of course, Paul does not forget that no matter how hard Christians may work at attaining salvation, it is always the primacy of God’s action that remains: “for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). The combination of these two elements provides insight into the challenging words that the apostle now gives to the Christians of Philippi, having before his eyes the believers who over the centuries will be disciples of the Lord.

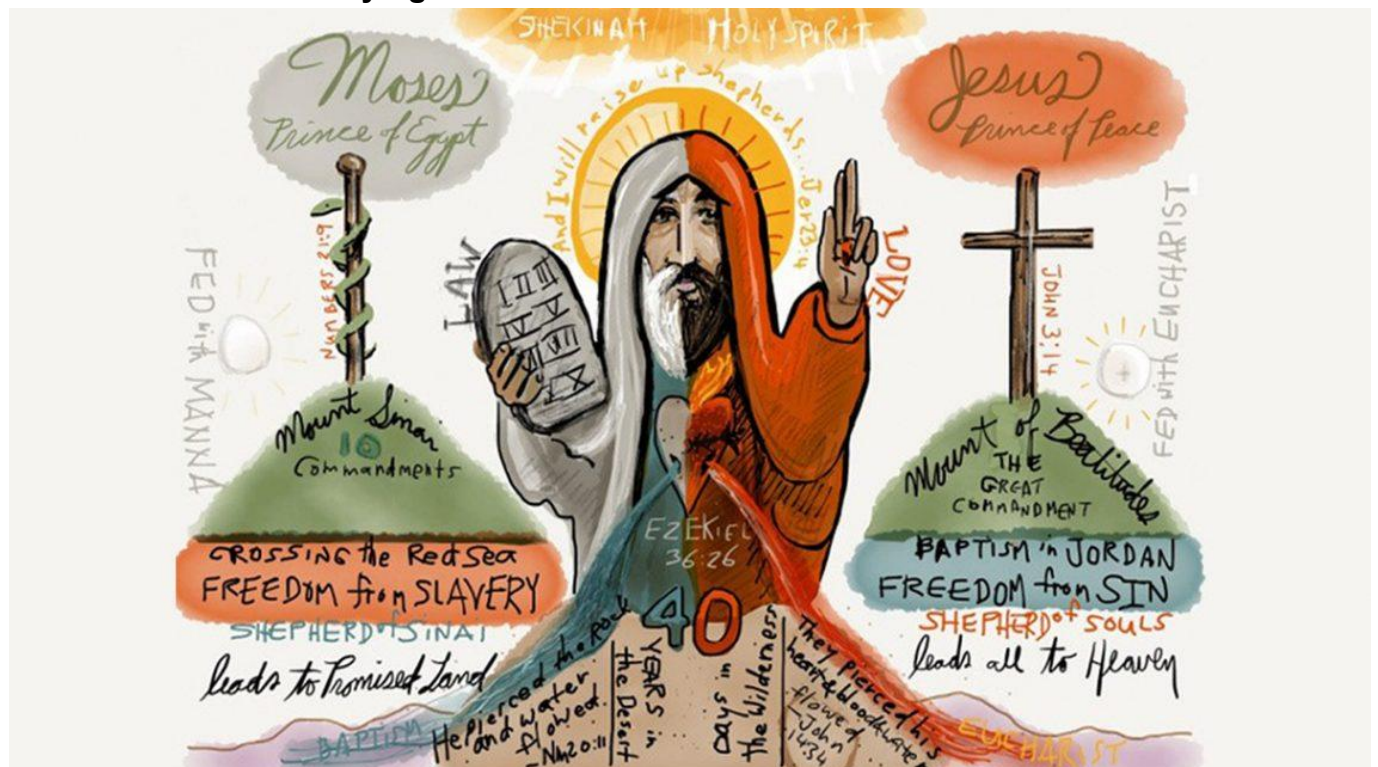
The first commitment that believers are required to make is consistency of life. The call to be “blameless” and “upright” in the midst of a world where deception and cunningness often predominate refers to the words of Jesus when He invited His disciples: “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16). For this to happen, Paul shows the way: Christians need to remain faithful and united to the Word of God. “Holding fast to the Word of life”, Christ’s disciples “shine like stars in the world”. It is a beautiful image that the apostle offers to all of us today, as well. We are living in a dramatic time. Humanity thought it had reached the most solid certainties of science and an economy of solutions to ensure security of life. Today it is forced to admit that neither of these guarantees a future. Disorientation and mistrust emerge strongly due to unexpected uncertainty. Also in this situation, Christ’s disciples have the responsibility of offering a word of hope. They can achieve this insofar as they remain firmly anchored to the Word of God, which generates life and presents itself as full of meaning for personal existence.

Perhaps the most authoritative interpretation of this verse is that of Victorinus. The great Roman rhetorician, whose conversion was described by Augustine in the Confessions, who wrote in his Commentary to the Philippians: "I glory in you because you possess the Word of life, that is, because you know Christ, who is the Word of life, because what is done in Christ is life. Therefore, Christ is the Word of life; from this we perceive how great are the profit and the glory of those who govern the souls of others". On the Sunday of the Word of God, rediscovering the responsibility to work so that this Word may grow in the hearts of believers and animate them with joy for evangelisation is a wish that becomes prayer.

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



God who Speaks.

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

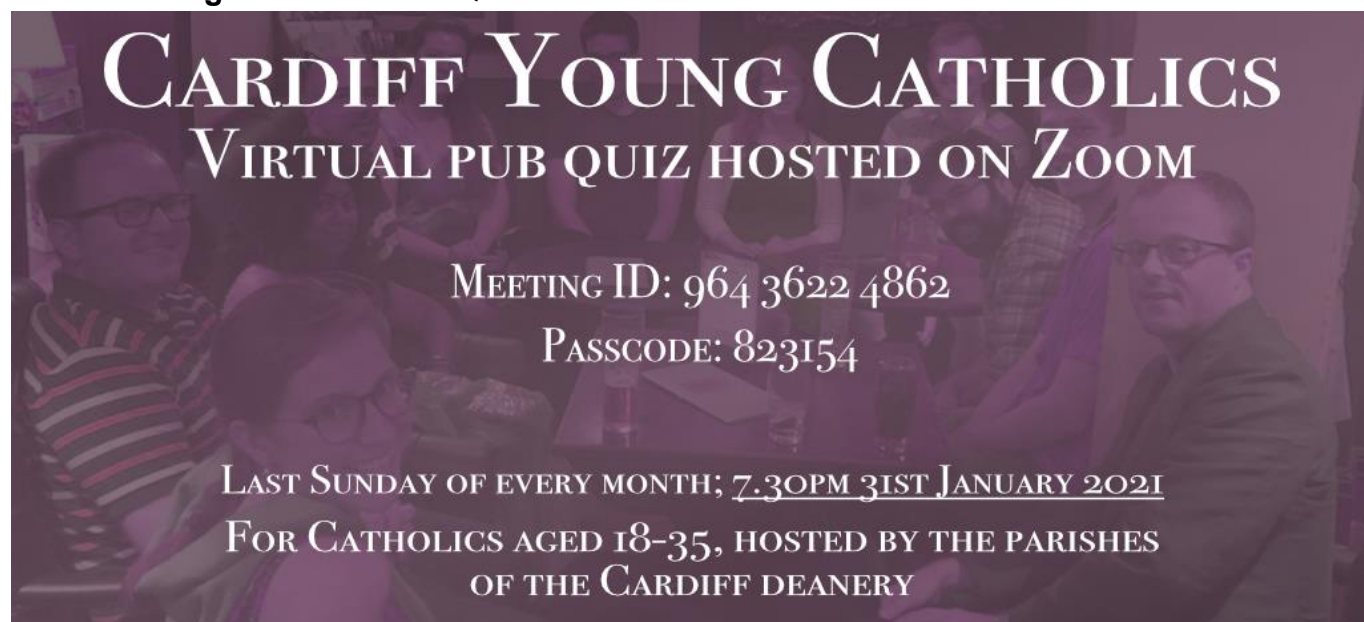


The aim of this course is to help us get a sense of the Scriptures as a whole: to see the unfolding of God's liberating and creative love in the history of Israel and in the Church. Those who follow the course will set out with the freed Hebrew slaves and their leader Moses, responding to God's call; 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](#).

Cardiff Young Catholics Pub Quiz on Zoom



CARDIFF YOUNG CATHOLICS
VIRTUAL PUB QUIZ HOSTED ON ZOOM

MEETING ID: 964 3622 4862
PASSCODE: 823154

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH; 7.30PM 31ST JANUARY 2021
FOR CATHOLICS AGED 18-35, HOSTED BY THE PARISHES
OF THE CARDIFF DEANERY

Catholic People

The January edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper [Catholic People](#) is now available. This month along with Teresa O'Driscoll's thoughtful article on the Bible as a source of inspiration, there is a full report of Rev. Christian Mahoney's ordination as a Deacon and a reminder of the Year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Bringing Lourdes Home – Four days of prayer in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

BRINGING LOURDES HOME

Our Lady of Lourdes is known throughout the world to intercede for both spiritual and physical healing. During this time last year, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France closed its gates for the first time in over a century. The Sanctuary has a privileged place in our hearts of prayer for and with the sick. It is still a place of intercession. The last year has taken its toll on many people in different ways, whether emotionally, spiritually, or physically. Let us unite ourselves in prayer during these 3-days Novena with all those who seek the healing intercession of Our Blessed Lady.



Let us pray for those who are sick. Let us reflect on and respond to human suffering and pain. Let us recognize and honour all those who work in health care and serve as caregivers.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
St Bernadette, pray for us*



JOIN US EACH NIGHT

When : 8th February – 10th February (Monday till Wednesday)

Time : 7pm – 8pm

Zoom Link : 868-571-1627 / Password : cathedral

FEAST DAY : 11th February (Thursday)

Time : 6pm (Rosary followed by Mass)

Live-Stream : www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk

Reflection by Guest Clergy

Rosary

Novena Prayers

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](#).

Name _____

ROOTS Activity Sheet

24-30 January 2021
Epiphany 3



Mark 1.14-20

Jesus asks Simon, Andrew, James and John to go with him and they say 'yes' immediately.



Jesus asks the fishermen to go with him – and they say 'yes'.



Puzzle

Can you help the fishermen find their way to Jesus?



Jesus Love Write

Imagine you are one of the fishermen and write a diary entry about the day you said 'yes' to Jesus.



What did the fishermen say?
Colour in the dotted areas to find out.

