

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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January 3rd 2021

Second Sunday of Christmas, Year B

"YOU SEE BEFORE YOU THE LORD'S SERVANT, LET IT HAPPEN TO ME AS YOU HAVE SAID" (LUKE 1:38)

May Mary's words be ours as we start this New Year, 2021. If nothing else, this last year has taught us that we must not take anything for granted in this world. The only constancy is God's love for His creation which He continues to bless and renew with love.

Nothing is impossible to Him. Even when we worry, fret, even despair, He, using the many gifts given by Him to each of us, shows us the way forward. Gifts of charity, medical knowledge, friendship and family are present to ensure that in the days and months to come there will be hope, and a certainty of His presence.

Let us echo Mary's "fiat" with confidence and joy.

Fr Peter

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your very generous offerings and gifts over the Christmas period. We are also truly grateful for your support during the challenges of 2020. Thank you for your prayers, for your Mass offerings and for all the practical help you have given to keep the Church open whenever possible. Like many families in recent months, our Parish Family has been physically distant, but we look forward to the time when can gather again without restrictions.

Fr Peter and Fr Simon

JANUARY 6TH - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday January 6th is the Solemnity of the Epiphany and would normally be a Holy Day of Obligation. There is no obligation this year but there will be an additional Mass at 7.30 pm if people would like to celebrate this feast.

ADORATION

Monday Adoration will recommence after the Christmas holiday on Monday January 11th, between 11.15 am and 2 pm.

NEW CAMERA ON THE LIVESTREAM

The second camera has, unfortunately, developed a fault. It will be back online as soon as possible.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOULS OF

Paolino Castello RIP,
Flaminia Mastri RIP,
Macushla Mills RIP (aunt of Adrian Foulkes)
and Archie Trovato RIP.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
May they rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially for **Anna Snell** (daughter-in-law of
Louise Greenfield).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer at 9.45 am Monday - Saturday

Saturday 2nd January Saints Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

10.00 am *Wilson Kannookaden, birthday*
Rosary and Adoration
6.00 am *All Parishioners*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 3rd January Second Sunday of Christmas

9.00 am *Deryck Mitchell RIP*
10.30 am *Melissa Pereira Gregolin RIP*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *Alberto Arieza RIP*

Monday 4th January Weekday in Christmastide

10.00 am *Johnny O'Malley RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
11.45 am Requiem Mass for Katherine Piasecki RIP

Tuesday 5th January Weekday in Christmastide

10.00 am *Sheelagh Horne RIP*
Rosary and Adoration

Wednesday 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

10.00 am *Intentions of Amanda Vassell*
Rosary and Adoration
7.30 pm *Peter Nhu Hoe Do RIP and Maria Thi Moi Do RIP*

Thursday 7th January Thursday after Epiphany

10.00 am *Annie Pascoe*
Rosary and Adoration

Friday 8th January Friday after Epiphany

10.00 am *David Townsend RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
12 noon Requiem Mass for Paolino Castello RIP

Saturday 9th January Saturday after Epiphany

10.00 am *Tony Cagney RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
6.00 pm *Cathy O'Sullivan RIP*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 10th January The Baptism of the Lord, Feast

9.00 am *Ken Turner RIP and Leonard Turner RIP*
10.30 am *All Parishioners*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *Alice Thompson*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.15 - 9.45 am and 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Also available on request - please ring the parish office for an appointment.

All services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS - YEAR B

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 In this reading wisdom means more than common sense. It is linked with the idea of absolute purity and integrity, only accessible in the character of God Himself. As we search for God we occasionally glimpse true wisdom. However, God's wisdom took root in the people of Israel, was nurtured and grew there until it reached fulfillment in the person of Jesus.

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 Jesus broke the barriers that divided us from God, allowing us the opportunity to come close to Him in a way not previously possible. To be adopted into his family means that we are full members, and as we become more responsive to God's love we participate in drawing others into a relationship with Him.

John 1:1-18 When reading such well known scripture, instead of analysing each word or phrase, it is sometimes worthwhile to take a different approach. To contemplate the images and words of the passage in an atmosphere of stillness and calm. God has no hands on Earth but ours, and to let Him act through us we need to reach a deeper knowledge of Him. A regular habit of stillness and silence can allow Him to reach us.

From *Focus the Word*, Susan Sayers, 1989.

Readings for January 10th, The Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

CHILDREN

Introduction Today in the gospel, we hear about the Word. The Word is another name for someone very special. Who do you think that might be? Other names that are sometimes used for this person are “the light of the world”, or Emmanuel. The Word is another name for Jesus, Son of God.

Reflection The gospel reminds us that God sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world to be with us. Jesus came to show us how to live and to help us to get to know God better. He knows what it is to feel happy, excited, to laugh and to love. He knows what it is to feel sad, worried, frightened, or angry.

So, whenever we feel any of these things, we can share them with Jesus in prayer. He loves us, especially those of us who are poor, or sick or who are finding things difficult in any way or feeling lots of worries. We know that Jesus is always with us and that he understands.

Activity Think about how you can be like Jesus this week. Colour a piece of the picture each day, as a reminder to follow in the ways of Jesus.

Prayer God of life, you sent your Son Jesus to be with us and to shine a light in the darkness. Help us to love our neighbour, to treat others as we would wish to be treated and to share what we have so that everyone in the world has enough. Fill us with your love, your light and your joy. Amen.



Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the website. Thank you.

COVID-19 Indulgence: press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like to receive information about preparing your children for these Sacraments, then please email the parish office. Please remember that if you have received and read the information and would like to go ahead, you must then also enrol for the 'Pre-First Communion Course' for parents. Please enrol by Friday January 8th. Thank you to those who have already enrolled, and we hope to be in touch again in January.



CRIB COLLECTION

This year our Crib Collection will be donated to the Crisis Fund operated by the Catholic Children's Society. This fund enables them to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. The need for this work is more acute than ever and many families are facing real hardship and an uncertain future due to the Coronavirus pandemic. You can find out more or make a donation by visiting www.cathchild.org.uk. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

In normal years we invite parishioners to leave Christmas presents under our Christmas tree in the Narthex, which we then give to the Jesuit Refugee Service for refugee children. Sadly the JRS are not able to accept gifts this year, but if parishioners would like to support individuals and families served by JRS, it is possible to send a JRS gift online by visiting www.jrsuk.net/refugeegifts/.

ST DUNSTAN'S SVP

If you are lonely or have other concerns and need help, we can be contacted by leaving a message on our mobile 07947 714139.

JUSTICE AND PEACE WEBINAR 2021

HOW SHOULD THIS DIOCESE RESPOND TO THE FOOD POVERTY CRISIS?

The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help on Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm. To book your free place and receive the Zoom link contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk.

ACROSS INTERNATIONAL CAROLS

THE#LIGHTOFCHRIST

Friday 8 January 2021 7pm Via Zoom

ACROSS's multi-cultural service of songs and readings with Rev Emil from Lebanon. All are welcome. For details on how to join the Zoom meeting please email acrosswokingoffice@gmail.com.



DO YOU SPEAK ARABIC, TIGRINYA OR KURDISH SORANI?

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED

If you do then Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. They support asylum seekers and other migrants held in detention at Gatwick Airport. They come from many different countries but at present in particular from Yemen, Iran and Iraq. If you would be able to help, please contact Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk. References will be taken, an interview will be carried out and DBS checks be made, as are done with all of the many volunteers who support their work. Thank you.

REDEEMING OUR COMMUNITIES - WOKING (ROC)

Whether or not you are affected, ROC Woking - the community needs organisation set up this year - would like everyone to take just a few minutes to complete a simple on-line survey which asks about loneliness and social isolation and tries to identify their causes. The intention is to follow up the results of this survey with action and practical provisions to help make Woking people feel happier and more connected. The survey can be found at www.facebook.com/WOK.ROC or search @WOK.ROC within Facebook. A hardcopy version, if anyone wants one, will be available on request in mid-January.

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