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Jan 2021	Second Sunday (Peace Day)			Year B
Saturday	16th			All God's Children who died during the Pandemic
Sunday	17th	9.30 a.m.	Second Sunday (Peace Day) Second Collection: Pax Christi	Paul Conmee
Monday	18th	Feria		
Tuesday	19th	St Wulstan		
Wednesday	20th	Feria		
Thursday	21st	St Agnes		Mary Finn (RIP)
Friday	22nd	Feria		
Saturday	23rd	Feria		
Sunday	24th	9.30.a.m	Third Sunday	Victoria Sally Saunders (RIP)

During National Lockdown Mass will be on Sunday only starting promptly at 9.30 a.m.

Daily Mass will continue to be offered privately by Fr. Mario and all intentions booked will be honoured.

Our routines of cleanliness, stewarding and social distancing to which we have become accustomed, and which have made our church a place of real COVID-19 security, will be maintained. Face coverings should continue to be worn in churches unless individuals are exempt. Thank you to our Stewards for their ongoing support.

Please pray for those of our Parish who are sick: Fr Dominic, Margaret and Majella McAtavey, Soraya Wilson, Beatrice Akamanyi, Alan and Tess Shepherd, Katie Guiden, George and Pat Gallagher, Margaret Murphy, Brian Reaney, Janet and Harry Fox, Sharon Simon, Dawn McGhie, Anne Murphy, Elizabeth Keene, Ann and Colin Overton.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daniel Gault, Peter Lynch, Winifred Wheatly, Patrick Graham, Hughie Heavy, Patricia Flaherty, Kate Gatesby, Mrs Kraska, Ellen Farrell, Thomas Rodgers, Winifred Shaler, Stephen Folan, Rev, Fr, Clement Burrett, Patrick Hornby, Freda King, Nicholas O'Brien, Catherine Jones, Barbara Stewart, Sr Jeanne Murtagh, Charles Hamill, Timothy Finnegan, Clive Green.

Readers: This Sunday 17th January – Pat Gallagher. Next Week –Sunday 24th January – Chris Packham.

Parish Notices

Piety Stall: If you wish to buy an item from the Piety Stall, please speak to a Steward who will try and help you. Sadly, due to the current restrictions we cannot open the shop for you to browse.

Sacristy: We need additional helpers to assist Anne, our Sacristan. Please speak to Fr. Mario or Anne if you are willing to help.

Stewards: We still need additional volunteers to Steward and clean. Currently we are heavily reliant on the same people. We call on the rest of you to help share the load.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Sadly, Fran McKearney has stood down after having provided many years of dedicated service to our Parish in this important role. A copy of the role description is on the noticeboard in the Porch – please speak to Fr. Mario if you are interested in this role.

Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator: We are seeking a new Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator. Please speak with Terry Keene or Fr. Mario.

Readers: Please speak to Chris Packham if you are interested in becoming a Reader.

Parish Office: During National Lockdown, the Parish Office will be open for phone calls on, Wednesday 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Should you need to speak to a Priest, please call or text Fr. Kurapati on 07543 776851.

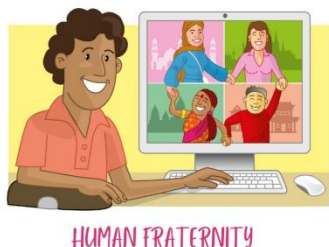
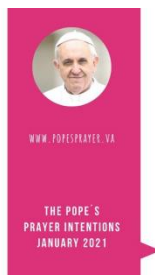
Gift Aiders: We do not have our usual gift aid envelopes. If you are a gift aider, please submit any gift aided funds in an envelope clearly marked with your name and gift aid envelope. Please place any gift aided second collection money in a separate envelope with your name, gift aid number and collection name e.g. Pax Christi. Thank you.

Home Visits – Fr. Mario has paused home visits to the sick and those needing home communion. The sacraments for the dying are available should they be needed in which case you should phone his mobile rather than the Parish Office.

Other Notices

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has 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.

Christian Aid has provided Go and Do action points for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

"The Day of the Word" We have been asked to share with you information about a Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) Webinar in preparation for the "The Day of the Word" which has been organised for 22nd January on 'The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All'. A flyer and English language details are below. Other resources including those for the Sunday of the Word are, or will be available on the CBF website: <https://c-b-f.org/>

CBF LIVE CONFERENCE **The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All**
Towards the Sunday of the Word of God

Prof. Ernesto Borghi (Switzerland) | Prof. Stefania De Vito (Italy) | Fr. Adrian Graffy (United Kingdom)

Prof. Séamus O'Connell (Ireland) | Fr. Djurica Pardon (Croatia) | Fr. Eduard Patrașcu (Romania)

English Italian French Language
Friday, January, 2021
22nd 05:00 Afternoon GMT (London)

<https://c-b-f.org/streaming/>

“Year of St Joseph”

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Source: Vatican News