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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 21st January <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am <i>Davy Gibbons RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Moira Jones RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 22nd January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASS <i>(Church Closed)</i>
Tuesday, 23rd January <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am <i>For the repose of the soul of Rosanna Skelton RIP</i>
Wednesday, 24th January <i>Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS
Thursday, 25th January <i>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</i>	9.30am <i>Maria Young RIP</i>
Friday, 26th January <i>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	9.30am <i>Maria Lin RIP</i>
Saturday, 27th January <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.30am <i>Baby Maria Lin RIP</i>
Sunday, 28th January <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.00pm <i>Myung-Ja Cheung RIP</i>

Saturday Mornings

Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 10:30am

Our Sanctuary lamps this week are burning in memory of:

Main Altar: Deceased Family and Friends of the Teesdale Family.

Our Lady Chapel: Margaret McDonald RIP.

Readings for today's Mass



Scan the code on your smart phone or tablet and this will take you to the readings. This works for any day, not just Sundays.

Page:129 in the Parish Mass Book

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement!

To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr David is necessary so that the canonical and civil processes can be explained and correctly followed. Couples need to give at least six months' notice.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr David in person at a Sunday Mass. He can check a few simple facts. After this an appointment can be made to fill in a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but in person with the parents. They need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

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ABOUT THE NEXT SUNDAY'S MUSIC AT 11.15AM

The music at next Sunday's mass features three musicians renowned both for their secular and sacred compositions. Carlo Gesualdo (1566-1613) came from an aristocratic family (he was himself Prince of Venosa and Count of Conza) and was the nephew of St Charles Borromeo (Archbishop of Milan) and the great-nephew of Pope Pius IV. At the age of 24, however, he caught his wife and her lover in flagrante and killed them both. He was acquitted of murder, but haunted for the rest of his life, generating a musical output highly dramatic and emotional. We hear his setting of Jeremiah 17.14, Sana me, Domine. ('Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved, for thou alone art my hope.') The mass setting is by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643), noted for importing the techniques of the madrigalists into the church. His Missa In illo tempore of 1610, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is based on a motet by Nicholas Gombert (ca1495-ca1560). At the mass's close we hear a toccata, Fiat Lux ('Let there be light'), by the fin-de-siècle Parisian composer Théodore Dubois (1837-1924), the centenary of whose death is marked this year.

300 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the following who are winners of the 300 club for December 2023. The additional Christmas draw has also taken place. Your prize cheques are on their way to you.

<u>December 2023</u>	<u>Christmas Draw</u>
1 st Prize, £100 Davies (28)	1 st Prize, Hughes (6)
2 nd Prize, £50 Bevan (63)	2 nd Prize, Richards (43)
3 rd Prize, £25 Jamison (33)	3 rd Prize, Roger (35)

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please note that on **Saturday, 27 January** First Confessions for the First Holy Communion Candidates will take place. Please keep all of the children in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each Sunday as part of the 9.30am Mass. Do feel you can send your children to listen to God's word in the Old Priory? They will be sent out at the start of Mass and will return at the time of the Offertory so that they can celebrate the 'second part' of the Mass with us. All children are welcome to join us!

LENTEN RETREAT

Clifton Diocese, in partnership with 'Light of Truth', is offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at **7.30pm** on a Tuesday evening: **20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March**. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#)

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH

John Huntriss, well known scripture scholar is visiting us to talk about how the Church uses Scripture in our liturgies. **7pm** on **25 January** in the Old Priory. John will have copies of his book on scripture available at £5:00 (cash) each. All welcome!

PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AS AN EXAM INVIGILATOR

A part time (exam season only) vacancy is open to applicants to support young people as they take their GCSE and A level exams at St Edwards School, Charlton Kings. Please contact Deacon John for application information.

VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

You can now use the church Dona machines to make your donations for the votive candles if you wish to do so and, if you are able, the donation can be gift aided.

DATES FOR 2024

Ash Wednesday - 14 February
Easter Sunday - 31 March
Ascension Day - 9 May
Pentecost Sunday - 19 May
Corpus Christi - 2 June
First Sunday of Advent - 1 December

Your prayers are asked for those who have recently died: Muriel O'Connor RIP

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Leslie Gardiner, Mai Upton, Paul Mason, George Kelly, Thomas Simoney, John Dormer, Michael Barrett, Rosanna Skelton, John Turner, Flora Berghella, Oi Lin Hiew (Ursula), Paul Bedford, Margaret Wood, James Henry.