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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 JANUARY 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) Parish Mass Book page 125

8.00am Wellbeing of Jim, Pauline and Mark Murphy (*Brownrigg Family*)

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Wellbeing of Mary Banks (*Brownrigg Family*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 16th Feria

9.00am Rosary

11.00am **FUNERAL MASS: Heather Webster RIP**

Tuesday 17th St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Fiona Hughes RIP and Sheila MacDonald-Hughes (*Manche family*)

Wed 18th No Mass today

Thurs 19th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Lino and Nivea Mizzi RIP (*Manche Family*)

Friday 20th St Fabian, Pope and Martyr and St Sebastian

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Tommy Madden 80th Birthday (*Sharon McCluskey*)

Sat 21st St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

9.00am Mass: Sheila Clark (*Manche Family*)

9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 22 DECEMBER THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

8.00am Wellbeing of Philomena and VJ Srivastava (*Brownrigg Family*)

10.00am For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Private Intention (*Adele Badrick*)

Last Week's Offertory

£ 779.18 (of which £ 315.50 is Gift Aided envelopes, £169.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £294.18 cash)

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*Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.*

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The Parish Office is normally open on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri from 10am until 12noon. All Parish Hall bookings should be made during these times.

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**If you would like Mass to be offered please write clearly and complete a brown Mass Intention Envelope. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please give at least eight weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.**

**Kingston Hospital** If you are admitted to Kingston Hospital, it is your responsibility to inform the ward staff if you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of a patient in the Hospital please call the Hospital Main Switchboard on 020 8546 7711 who will contact the Chaplain.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions: Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 10.15am-10.45am, after every weekday Mass and by appointment by ringing or e-mailing Fr Peter – contact details at top of this page.**

**Readers 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am: Alberto Ravano**

**10am: Louisa Nkohkwo**

**6pm: Howard Brinkworth**

**Readers 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 8am: Cecilia Suarez**

**10am: Tony Gernon**

**6pm: Paul Johnston**

**Counters 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Karen and Peter**

**Cleaners w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Jozwicki Group**

### **PARISH MEETING SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 11 AM**

Fr Peter writes: Further to last week's newsletter, I am now confirming the date of our parish meeting to discuss the state of the parish and our hopes and vision for the future. Please come to the parish hall in the first instance. For those unable to attend that Saturday, and in order to involve as many of you as possible, I will also call a second, weekday evening meeting of parishioners towards the end of the month. As I said last week, we need to brace ourselves as there will be a lot to do. We shall have to turn once again to some serious fundraising.

### **FR PETER'S INDUCTION MASS**

Fr Peter writes: When a new Parish Priest is appointed, the Bishop or Episcopal Vicar or acting Bishop will preside at a Mass of induction before the parish and well wishers in order to make the appointment formal. The Dean of the Kingston Deanery also attends, together with other priests. My induction Mass will be on **Saturday 18 February at 12 noon at St Catherine's**. I look forward to welcoming our Episcopal Vicar for the south-west of the Archdiocese, Canon Gerard Bradley and our Dean, Fr Michael Lovell from St Raphael's, Surbiton. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There will be refreshments in our parish hall afterwards.

### **URGENT – UKRAINIAN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER**

Our friends the Ukrainian mother and daughter we spoke about before Christmas and who are parishioners here still need help. The good news is that the Council has found a place for the six year-old daughter at St Mary's School, Chessington. The bad news is that they are now living a long way from the school and the parish in wholly inadequate temporary accommodation. They came to the UK under the special scheme for Ukrainian immigrants but were let down at the very last minute when the sponsor pulled out before he had even met them. The Council is making every effort to find a new sponsor, or failing that is prepared to help the mother and daughter find rental accommodation or a room in house. Can anyone come up with any ideas or offer accommodation in the Chessington area? If you would like a preliminary conversation, with absolutely no commitment, please approach Fr Peter. We thank three parishioners who provided Christmas presents for our friends.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – EVEN MORE PROFIT!**

Recently we reported that we had made an overall profit of £2,110. However, match-funding was in the end arranged for the full £1,610 proceeds from ticket sales, not just the first £500. The overall gain from the raffle, including match-funding, is therefore **£3,220**. We are truly delighted, and again we also thank the organisers and donors of the prizes which were so good.

### **POPE BENEDICT'S REFLECTION ON THE MAGI AND CONTINUING CONVERSION**

*In a homily on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2012, Pope Benedict wrote this about the Magi: "They were men with restless hearts, not satisfied with the superficial and the ordinary. They were men in search of the promise, in search of God. And they were watchful men, capable of reading God's signs, his soft and penetrating language. But they were also courageous, yet humble. For them it mattered little what this or that person, what even influential and clever people thought and said about them. Dear friends, how can we fail to recognize in all this certain essential elements of episcopal ministry? The bishop too must be a man of restless heart, not satisfied with the ordinary things of this world, but inwardly driven by his heart's unrest to draw ever closer to God, to seek his face, to recognize him more and more, to be able to love him more and more. And he must have the humility to bend down before the God who made himself so tangible and so simple that he contradicts our foolish pride in its reluctance to see God so close and so small. He must devote his life to adoration of the incarnate Son of God, which constantly points him towards the path."*

### **PLEASE NOTE - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmation course will begin on **Friday 27 January** with Mass and an introduction for both candidates and parents at **7 pm**. After that, meetings will be every Friday from 6.15 pm to 8 pm. There will be no meetings over holiday periods. If this timing causes problems, please discuss with Fr Peter. Candidates are entitled to collect their free copy of Fr Stephen Wang's excellent CTS booklet, "*A Way of Life for Young Catholics*" (which is also appropriate for old Catholics).

### **TODAY'S REFLECTION**

### **WE HAVE LEFT THE SAFETY OF THE HARBOUR AND ARE OUT ON THE HIGH SEAS**

Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter can be seen as periods when our soul is given a good servicing! It is like a ship that has been battered on the stormy high seas and comes into port and dry dock for a thorough examination, repair and renewal. Now that we have entered Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar, we have left the renewal of Advent and Christmas and are back out at sea, being tossed around by life's storms, facing the many challenges that risk taking us away from our journey – our journey to be with God. We may have to stand up to some rough treatment, exploitation and temptations of all kinds. It is at this point that **Jesus calls us to continuing conversion**. Baptism is the necessary first conversion to renounce evil and declare one's faith (CCC 1427-29). But we are called by Christ to continuing conversion every day. We have to keep feeding our body-soul nature with good things if we are to survive the journey. These good things are the Mass, our prayer life and prayer retreats; studying Holy Scripture and the faith handed down from the Apostles; and embracing the teaching of the Church guided by the Holy Spirit. All this helps us to renew our faith constantly. It also enables us to go out into the world to work for peace – not just any peace, but the **VERY SPECIAL PEACE** of Christ ("**Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, MY peace I give you**"). Violence, power, harmful substances, corrupting music, films and literature, and all manner of lustful bodily behaviour will only serve to weaken and even destroy us on the journey. Young people are especially at risk, because they may not yet have experienced the full destructive nature of sin. Christ's proclamation of the kingdom of God – "repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15) – at the start of his preaching ministry is our call to daily renewal. It enables us to discover God's will for us and how to implement it. We too, like the Corinthians in the Letter of Paul today, are called to be the holy people of Jesus Christ, and indeed a light among nations to bring peace to the world. We can do it, if we truly love Jesus and his teachings.

### **Thought for the week**

**Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will**

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick** especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin Jackson, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Jimmy Murphy, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.