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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 15th January 2020

As we begin the New Year, whatever our mood or life-situation, our readings give us hope and comfort as we celebrate Jesus Christ's life of service and ministry.

In the so-called 'Servant Song', Isaiah writes of the mysterious servant of the Lord God. Christians have long identified him with Jesus, who was formed by God in the womb and sent into the world as 'the light of the nations' (**First Reading** Isaiah 49: 3, 5–6).

In the **Gospel** (John 1: 29–34), we encounter not only Jesus as he begins his public ministry, but also John the Baptist, who witnesses to Jesus's baptism. John hears the voice of the Father and sees the Spirit descend and rest on Jesus: a revelation of the three persons of the Trinity.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1. 1–3), Paul wishes the Corinthians the grace and peace of Christ; a grace that implies everything associated with God's free gifts to us in Christ. We, too, like the Corinthians, have a calling to be holy and to lead a life of prayer.

This week, we might pray for the grace of an 'open ear' and an open heart and ask for continued faithfulness in our Christian ministry this coming year.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Many thanks to those who have donated to the crib offerings. We raised £727.75 for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED: 55 of our young people have started their faith journey to their Confirmation at Pentecost, they need your support, and we would ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch. We will then allocate a young person or persons to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our Confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their Confirmation which you would be invited to. Our young people thank you for your consideration.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Join us at St Mary's Baby and Toddler Group each Tuesday 2pm in the Parish Hall (Please ring buzzer on school gate for entry.) Term time only. £2 per family. All welcome.

PASS IT ON!: This is a multigenerational social group, bringing older and younger people together. The group meets monthly in St Mary's Parish Hall, Hornchurch on a Saturday 2pm - 4pm. This is free group, open to all and refreshments are provided.

The next meeting is Saturday 4th February. If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196.

MASS INTENTIONS: We can only have a certain number of intentions per Mass, so to avoid disappointment, please book well in advance!

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: On the 28th/29th January there will be a second collection for the white flower appeal after all masses. Information leaflets are available at the back of the church.

FOODBANK: Please leave your donations for the foodbank at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ROSARY THURSDAY 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us.

PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION: Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon.

UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL – BISHOP ALAN WRITES: Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.)

It is hoped that £160,00 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal. Funds can be remitted to:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund - Account Number: 20927317

Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing *Winter Appeal* in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

FINANCES: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order.

The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation.

Any donations are very gratefully received.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. It is simple: you complete just one form (located at the back of the church), and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Abigail (Bina) McCarthy RIP, Kathleen Murphy RIP and Anita Garnier RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

The funeral of Kathleen Murphy is on Tuesday 17th January at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Romford at 11am followed by burial at Herongate Cemetery at 12.30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan,

Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Betty Gemba, Victor Guy, Fr Bob Hamill,

Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph,

Pauline Joyce Bertha Samuels, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Carly Menon,

Bridget O'Sullivan, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh,

Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE PRAYER

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace,

Whose son Jesus Christ taught us

To love our neighbour as ourselves,

Give your strength to the people of Ukraine,

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world,

Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –

Peace that will transform,

Peace that will heal,

Peace that will last,

For the sake of the same Jesus Christ,

The Prince of Peace,

Amen.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	14 th January	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Brigid McNally RIP
Sunday	15 th January	8.00am	All Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Chris Redmond RIP / Clive McDonagh RIP
		11:30am	Teresa Woods RIP / Stephen Kennedy RIP
Monday	16 th January	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Jim Delahunty RIP
Tuesday	17 th January	9.15am	The Hooper Family RIP / Paddy Mollaghan RIP (anniversary)
<i>St Anthony</i>			
Wednesday	18 th January	7.30pm	Mrs Joan Watts RIP / Theodore & Paul Bray Int
Thursday	19 th January	9.15am	The Devenauld Family RIP / Mr & Mrs Geary RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20 th January	8.15am	Frank Bettin & Family RIP / Raphael Abikoye Babaoye RIP
Saturday	21 st January	5.30-6pm	Confession
<i>St Agnes</i>		6.30pm	Deceased members of the Ireton & How families RIP / Margaret McNally Int
Sunday	22 nd January	8.00am	All Deceased Priests / Johnny Carey RIP
<i>Third Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP / Roselyn Young Int

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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