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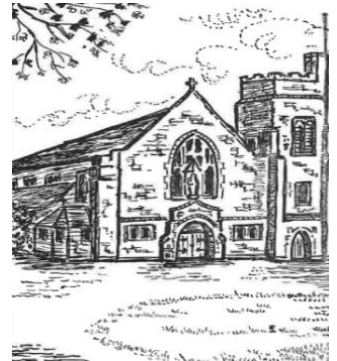
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B centers on the theme of recognizing and answering God's summons. In 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, the young prophet Samuel perceives God's beckoning during his slumber. Upon waking, he acknowledges, "I'm listening." This serves as a divine awakening.

Samuel's readiness to heed God's call sets an example for us today. In our daily lives, we might not encounter such direct divine communication, yet we're often faced with opportunities to listen and respond to God's guidance. Just as Samuel displayed attentiveness, we can cultivate an open heart to God's nudges.

This passage invites us to reflect on how we engage with God's invitations in our routines. Our response doesn't have to be grand or complex; a simple act of acknowledging and seeking to understand God's will can set us on a meaningful path. This story isn't about flashy revelations but about the willingness to be receptive to God's messages.

In our modern world, noise and distractions can cloud our ability to hear God's call. Samuel's story reminds us to create moments of stillness, even in our busy lives, to discern God's voice. As we contemplate this narrative, let's consider how we can adopt Samuel's attitude of attentiveness, responding with a humble "I'm listening" whenever God reaches out to us.

PEACE SUNDAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make this Sunday a day of prayer for world peace. For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. We pray to God our creator to make us vigilant as we develop technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost and that all that we develop may contribute to peace and justice. **Our second collection** will be for Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (13)

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we now turn to Saint Francis Xavier, the patron of the Catholic missions. Born in Spain, Francis studied in Paris, where he met Saint Ignatius of Loyola and, together with a few companions, formed the Society of Jesus, placing themselves at the service of the Pope for the most urgent needs of the Church of their time. The sixteenth century, the age of discovery, called for a great missionary outreach. Francis set out for the East Indies, where, starting in Goa, he carried out an intense activity of preaching, baptizing, catechizing and caring for the sick. From India, he passed to the Maluku islands and from there to Japan. Unable to fulfil his dream of entering China, Francis died, at only forty-six years of age, on the nearby island of Shangchuan. His heroic zeal for evangelization was the fruit of a life of deep prayer and loving union with the person of Jesus Christ. May the example of Saint Francis Xavier inspire our own efforts to advance the Church's mission, as joyful witnesses to the risen Lord and his saving word.

FR JOSEPH FARRELL GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS: Father Joe will be celebrating Mass here at St Mary's on Friday 19th January at 9.15am to celebrate his golden jubilee anniversary. All are welcome.

CRIB OFFERINGS: A reminder that the money will go to the BCCS.

VOCATIONS: The next vocations evening will be on Tuesday 6th February at Brentwood Cathedral. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

CALLING EX-ST EDWARD'S PUPILS FROM UPTON PARK: On 5th February 1973, Bobby Moore, Captain of England and West Ham United, had this photograph taken with 99 pupils of St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School. If you were one of the children in the photograph on that historic day, 51 years ago, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Paul Underwood, Head Teacher, St Edward's, at info@st-edwards.newham.sch.uk

LENTEN LECTURE ST JAMES' CHURCH, SPANISH PLACE, LONDON
FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7.00PM: Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary (Bismark, North Dakota) and co-author of From Christendom to Apostolic Mission will deliver our Lenten Lecture on effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A, and then refreshments will be available. *Please email info@guild-ransom.co.uk for ticket.*

PA TO HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School Upminster are looking to appoint a personal assistant to the Headteacher. For more information, please contact admin@mary.havering.sch.uk The closing date for applications is 24th January 2024.

AWAKE LONDON: A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th January 2024 from 11am to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller, Fr. Jijo George and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children www.afcmuk.org. Free car parking available.

BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral

Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email info@bcys.net

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – Last week of July 2024

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

Serve the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assist the elderly and infirm, with times of retreat, reconciliation, visit the baths, take part in the beautiful Processions, as well as an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese.

The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

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

Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, Fr Francis Coveney, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O’Sullivan, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES:

You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

All payments are gratefully received.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass | 13 th January | 6.30pm | Tim & Ellen O’Sullivan RIP |
| Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 14 th January | 8.00am | Mary McCarthy RIP |
| | | 9.30am | All Parishioners |
| | | 11.30am | Eamon Commins RIP |
| Monday | 15 th January | 9.15am | Norah Lenehan RIP |
| Tuesday | 16 th January | 9.15am | Sean O’Sullivan RIP |
| Wednesday St Anthony | 17 th January | 7.15pm 7.30pm | <i>Evening Prayer</i> Eileen Jonas Int |
| Thursday | 18 th January | 9.15am | Fr Tansi CFR & Fr John Paul Ouelette CFR Int |
| Friday | 19 th January | 9.15am | Sheila McCarthy RIP Fr Joseph Farrell Anniv Ints |
| Saturday Vigil Mass | 20 th January | 9.15am | Rosaline Zina D’Souza RIP |
| | | 9.45-11.15am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 10.30-11.15am | Confessions |
| | | 5.30-6pm | Confessions |
| | | 6.30pm | Chris & Ted O’Sullivan RIP |
| Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21 st January | 8.00am | Scott Taylor Int |
| | | 9.30am | All Parishioners |
| | | 11.30am | Jack Hughes RIP |
| | | 5.00pm | Holy hour with Rosary & Benediction |

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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