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Church Unity Octave is from the 18th of January until the 25th. It is a time of prayer for Christian unity. Usually events take place around churches. I have yet not heard of any activities due to the lockdown but perhaps we can offer some time before the Blessed Sacrament or a rosary for this intention.

Sunday of the Word of God: Is on the 24th of January. Where the church reminds us of the importance of the study of the Holy Bible. There are resources which can be downloaded. Use them on your own or with friends, from the God who speaks website (<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk>). This resource is called "Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God". It is eight sessions with 2 pages of reading and reflection of significant parts of the bible. Do have a look.

Sunday Missals 2021: From the CTS are now selling for £1.99 if you are interested please order them from the CTS website (www.ctsbooks.org) or give your details to Fr Neil who will order them for you.

Christmas Decorations: In keeping with the ancient tradition of the 40 days of Christmas, I will be keeping the decorations till the feast of The Presentation of the Lord. When we will celebrate a candle lit Mass in the evening (7:00pm, 2nd of February) and hope to put away the decorations after Mass. Any help with this will be very welcome.

Covid Vaccine: The bishops have offered a statement regarding the vaccine due to some Catholic groups not representing the church's teaching faithfully.

- The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.
- Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.
- Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.
- Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but [one] continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

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17th January 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Peace Sunday

Readings: Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 John 1:35-42

Responsorial Psalm 39: Here I am Lord! I have come to do your will.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!



I remember as I was closing the church after Mass on Christmas day. A car pulled up and an elderly lady came into see the crib and light a candle. She took her time praying by the statues, the crib and lighting candles. I also managed to sell her some Christmas cards. Casual conversation took place and she was so happy to go to church on Christmas day. She was an orthodox Christian and her church was closed. She was glad to come to a church which was open to say her prayers and adore the infant Lord. I realised how in her tradition icons are play a big part in church and in homes. I also remembered the picture of the Sacred Heart of our Lord at home. Where mum daily lit a candle, sometimes in tears if she had heard bad news or praying for the family. Where we as children gathered to mumble a hurried prayer before we

Mass Intentions

<p>Sunday 17th January 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Peace Sunday. 9:00am Mass - Geraldine Kilron RIP 11:00 am Mass - Genevieve Crotty 90th Birthday 6:00pm Mass - People of the Parish</p>	<p>Thursday 21st - St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 10:00am Mass</p>
<p>Monday 18th – Monday of 2nd Week in Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass -</p>	<p>Friday 22nd - St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr 10:00am Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th - Tuesday of 2d Week in Ordinary time 10:00am Mass</p>	<p>Saturday 23rd - The Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am - Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th - St Sebastian, Martyr. 10:00am Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 24th January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass - People of the Parish</p>

went to school. Longer prayers on exam day, especially when it was subjects not liked or well revised. The image of the Sacred heart still adorns a lot of churches and homes. The litany of the Sacred Heart is usually recited in June as the feast falls in the month and also the feast of Corpus Christi (The most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). There is nothing stopping you praying the devotions anytime. Icons, statues, devotions, help deepen our relationship with God. How can we embrace someone we do not know? In helping us visualise the Lord and the saints these are wonderful aids. The prayers then are a made a little bit more easier to say as we have a focus. In meditating the Gospel message today, what did the apostles see and do with our Lord, that really moves them to invite others to Christ? Let us too, “Come and see”, and use all our means available to help deepen our love for the Lord. The One who will embrace and love us to eternity. God bless. Fr Neil.

Collection 10/01/21: Gift Aid £55 + Loose £73 + Direct Debit £130 = £ 248, Thank you.

Please pray for the Sick of the parish: Gerard Smith, Margaret McNeil, Patricia Rolfe and Maria Fletcher.

June Healy RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of June who was called to eternal rest on the 2nd of January. Please pray for her husband James and her family. June worked at St William of Perth school. Please pray for all mourning her. We are still awaiting a date for her funeral.

Peace Sunday Pax Christi UK the charity working for justice and peace has based its Peace Sunday materials on the message from Pope Francis to mark the 54th annual World Day of Peace. In it, Pope Francis highlights Catholic Social Teaching as an expression of Christian care for all people – particularly in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In presenting loving care as a path to peace, the Pope highlights the connection between social injustice and violent conflict, and the critical role of women at all levels of peacebuilding.

He calls on leaders in all sectors – the state, business, science and academics, international organisations, and media – to adopt the principles of Catholic Social Teaching: the dignity and rights of each person, the common good, solidarity, peacebuilding, and the protection of creation.

He explains that these can act “as a ‘compass’, capable of pointing out a common direction, and ensuring ‘a more humane future.’” Where there is violence, Pope Francis calls on peace-makers to promote healing and renewed encounter.

Christmas Cards in the foyer: Please do take the cards left there for you. If you know of any friends isolating please be kind enough to deliver the cards to them. Thank you.

Catholic calendars and diaries: Now available in the foyer area please have a look. The diary is £3.00 and comes with the liturgy of the Mass. The calendar is £ 1.00.

Crib Collection Mary’s Meals: This year our crib collection will be for this wonderful charity who help children with their school meals in poor countries. With the effects of Covid 19 essential help has been cut-off from the

Notice of the major Solemnities and Feasts of the Year.

2nd February - **The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas**

17th of February - **Ash Wednesday**

4th of April - **Easter Sunday**

13th May - **The Ascension of the Lord**

23rd of May - **The Feast of Pentecost**

6th of June - **The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

28th of November - **First Sunday of Advent**

Times of Confession

Sat 10:30 –11:00

Sun 10:30 -10:45

And by request.