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SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	16th	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Maureen Reid
SATURDAY	17th	18:00	Second Sunday	Solemnity	Dec'd relatives of Belinda Constable
SUNDAY	17th	08:30	Second Sunday	Solemnity	Anita Cramer RIP
		10:00	Second Sunday	Solemnity	Pro Populo
		12:00	Second Sunday	Solemnity	Ann Thomas RIP
MONDAY	18th		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	19th	10:00	St Wulstan	<i>Memorial</i>	Francis Bekeny RIP
WEDNESDAY	20th	10:00	St Fabian	<i>Memorial</i>	Teresa Ayden RIP
THURSDAY	21st	10:00	St Agnes	<i>Memorial</i>	Blanca Calvache RIP
FRIDAY	22nd	10:00	St Vincent	<i>Memorial</i>	Angele Falle
SATURDAY	23rd	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Sylvia Kelly RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.



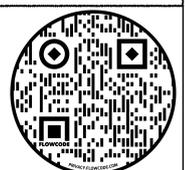
We pray for Joscelyn Ferdinand Haughton-James who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We remember all who are working at our hospitals at the current time; doctors, nurses, medical staff, porters, administrators, cooks, cleaners. We pray for the London Ambulance service staff, those who work administering emergency response via phone and those working in the air to come to the aid of those who are seriously unwell. May each individual who is working to save lives be given the graces of perseverance.

I celebrated the funeral Mass of Alfred Owusu today whom many of our Ghanaian community knew and will miss. Within what was a warm and succinct appreciation of his life it was mentioned - with great thanks - that he produced translations of the Ghanaian liturgical music for parishioners here: he helped others to understand and appreciate words of prayer directed to God. Our listening to words of prayer sung is something we miss at the moment owing to the restrictions we are employing in Church. It was so sad that - for someone dedicated to song himself (he used to sing the Reproaches in our parish during the Good Friday liturgy) - there could be no singing at his funeral Mass. Instead we listened to the hymns being played (very well) on a keyboard and I asked that we sing inside ourselves: look at the words on the page, internalise them and express them in our hearts without our voices. It's a strange sensation - alien to the ordinary experience of Mass (as so many things are at the moment) but it was also powerful. There was a sense - even though we were silent - of deep prayer and participation. It was a lesson not merely learned but lived in the Mass of the value of being still which leads to contemplation: it makes us aware of our internal life and our desire for God.

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PARISH NEWS

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!” This period of lockdown is not easy. It has affected our lives in many ways and may have exposed how difficult we find it to pray. In preparation for the season of Lent - in which we're invited to go deeper in our prayer lives - I will give a talk on the subject of prayer. It will be possible to come (with a limited number of places available as per Sunday Mass) and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be streamed live via YouTube and Facebook. **The talk will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm.** Please Save The Date! I will link to the booking system in the Newsletter when bookings go live. I look forward to our being together in person and online as we spend time together asking the Lord Jesus to teach us and help us do what He prioritised while on earth and calls us to do in order that we may grow in His love.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: This weekend is Peace Sunday and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. He calls us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another." In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>.

FROM OUR “WOMEN OF FAITH” GROUP: “Would you like an opportunity to deepen your understanding of your faith and share it with others? A group of women in the parish have been meeting regularly for some time - currently on Zoom - and you would very welcome to join us. In the past we've looked at stories from the Bible, lives of saints and papal writing as well as sharing our own experiences and prayer. If you or anyone you know is interested or would like to find out more please contact Barbara Wilson (07713241449) or Yogi Sutton (07891039861).”

WORSHIPPING SAFELY TOGETHER: Safe communal worship can continue within Churches at this time. **We have reverted to 2m social distancing and closed every other pew. We will also cease all singing within Church** until the situation improves. Please continue to observe social distancing, wear face masks at all times, use hand sanitiser and follow the direction of the Stewards. **The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended by the Church meaning you are not obliged to come to Mass and - if you are clinically vulnerable - you should stay at home!**

WEEKDAY MORNING CHURCH OPENING, ADORATION AND MASS: In this period of lockdown I am slightly adjusting our midweek schedule. There is no need to book for weekday adoration, private prayer or Mass. All are welcome to join with us in prayer! **Mass will be at 10am.**

MONDAYS:	CLOSED	
TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS:	Adoration (9am-10am)	Mass (10am)
SATURDAYS:	No Adoration	Mass (10am)
WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS:	Private Prayer (4pm-6pm)	