

Holy Family Church

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Weekday Mass: Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: on request

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FIRST READING

1Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" he answered, "Here I am". Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, since you called me." Eli said, "I did not call. Go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, since you called me." He replied, "I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down." Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, since you called me." Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if someone calls says, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (39): **Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

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| 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. | 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. |
| 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. | 4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. |

SECOND READING

1Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God." Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered, "Rabbi - which means teacher - where do you live?" "Come and see" he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas" - meaning Rock.

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"Come and see."

"What are you looking for?" 'How we answer Jesus' question determines how we live, how we navigate the tragedies and pain of life, and how we relate to God and our neighbour. We answer it every minute of every day by our choices, the decisions we make, the priorities we establish and the relationships we create.' [1] Underlying each personal response, there is a common search for our true home, 'that place where we discover who we are, where we are coming from and where we are going to. It is where we learn to love and be loved.' [2] Jesus tells us where to find our true home. 'Make your home in Me as I make mine in you.' (John 15:4) Like the apostles, we may ask, "Where do you live?" and with a sense of anticipation and awe we may respond to Jesus' invitation, "Come and see."

'How many times have we heard a child say: "Come and see" There is excitement and joy in their voice, maybe even a sense of urgency. Their words are an invitation to share in their discovery, to experience their world, and to participate in their life. It is an invitation to let our life and theirs come together as one. That's why we can't just sit back and say, "No, just tell me about it." That's not an acceptable answer. Children know that information and relationship are not interchangeable. We never outgrow the desire to invite and to be invited, to share our life with another in a deep and meaningful way, and to participate in something larger than ourselves. Would we rather read a travel brochure or travel to a new land? Would we rather know about Christ or know him?' [1]

'The only way we can get to know another person is by immediate presence. You have to be around them to pick up their real energy; to experience how they live and how they love.' [3] 'Our relationship with Christ, with one another, and with ourselves must be a first-hand experience. A first-hand experience won't let us stay where we are. It moves us to a new place. It transforms us in a way that information and facts about Jesus never will.' [1]

[1]Michael Marsh [2] Sister Stan [3] Richard Rohr

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

17th January 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th January 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Devereux	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Mary & Ralph Holden For our parish Private intention	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Helen Towey	
Tue 10.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Johnny Greenwood	<i>Feast: St. Wulstan</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bob Taylor	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H Family</i>	Private Intention	<i>Feast: St. Agnes</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eileen Bashall	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Timmy O'Donovan	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Maeve Walker For our parish Frances Thompson	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Masses received this past week: Winnie Gildea, Johnny Greenwood, Bob Taylor, Joan Taylor.

BIDDING PRAYERS

We pray ... for a strong, personal faith life throughout 2021. Let us draw on our own personal experiences to grow and develop as we build upon the faith of one another.

For all those working in education as they quickly adapt to new ways of teaching. May they maintain the virtues of perseverance and courage to inspire all children, especially those that are disadvantaged.

That the vaccine roll-out will run smoothly and effectively. We give thanks to those that are working tirelessly to administer the injection and pray for its success.

We pray for the sick and the housebound of our parish and for those who care for them, particularly: Harold Slack, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bill York, Vera, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Joyce Hilton.

those who have died recently: Frank Baron, Mary Frances Thompson, Mgr Jim Hook, Harry Motherwell, Celia Flynn, Johnny Greenwood, Mildred Slack (Jean's mum);

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Holland, Leonard Holt, Albert Fiddler, Lea Cummins, Margaret Roe, Kevin Wayne, Doreen Eccles, Marie Blacoe, Sheila May Berry, Ernest MacDonald, Mary Bradley, Muriel Dacey, Frank Curran, Peggy Atherton, Joan Smith, Edward Holland. May they rest in peace.

Church is open for Mass

We thought the Government might order the closure of churches but it seems that at this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.

Nevertheless we cannot stress enough the need for us all to strictly adhere to the rules and to ensure best hygiene practice in our churches at all times.

From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales: 'It is very important to encourage all who attend churches to abide by the Covid-security restrictions and to protect themselves and those around them. It is also an opportunity to thank those who clean and steward our churches for their generosity of service to the local community' The Directors of Public Health identify the entrance and exit points of places of worship as potential places of infection, so please do not gather in doorways, and be sure to leave in an orderly way, dispersing immediately.

First Holy Communions

It seems unlikely that we'll be able to celebrate first Holy Communions for the foreseeable future. We'll have another look at the situation after Easter. It is very sad for the children who are at the stage when they could be taking this great step forward in their faith. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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Price is £4.00 or £4.50 for ring-bound. Please put payment in the slot in the green safe.

Christian Unity Week 18-25th January

Sadly we shall not be able to meet up with the other Christian churches this year. This annual week of prayer for unity reminds us that it is the will and prayer of Christ that we may all be one. We can keep the other Christian communities in our prayers. Pope Francis, in his recent letter to the world entitled Fratelli Tutti, (on fraternity and social friendship) has given us this prayer which we could all perhaps pray during the Octave:

"O God, Trinity of Love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grants us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family at Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother and sister who makes a new start".

Walk for Water

CAFOD has written to remind us that in 2021 the UK is set to host two major international meetings –the G7 and the UN Climate Talks (COP26). Climate change means that access to clean water is becoming more unpredictable. We know that one in three people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water. That's why this Lent, we're asking everyone who can, to take on our 'Walk for Water' challenge –Sign up, get sponsored and get walking -10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk

A parishioner has asked us to include the following notice:

The Night Shift (3rd Tuesday of each month - next: 19th January)

"There is a great outcry against them and it has reached the Lord" Genesis 19:13. Will you help a great cry to rise up in the night against the present ubiquitous evil in our world? Are you able, willing and called to give a night-time hour or two or more? God will hear our cry and send his angels, as in Lot's day. Details from TheNighttimeWatch@protonmail.com (No internet? Phone 01772 396 278 (Christina). The new time is 10 pm - 7 am.