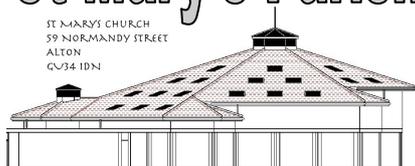


# St Mary's Parish Newsletter

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## MASS INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 17th January, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year (B 1) (Psalter Week 2)

**Saturday** *Our Lady on Saturday*  
5.30pm The People of The Parish

**Sunday** *2nd Sunday of the Year*  
11.00am Nemesio Absulio, RIP

**Monday** *Feria*  
*Anstey Convent Community only*  
Sr. Antoinetta De Caro, RIP, Sr. Caterina Mattei, RIP,  
Sr. Carmela Boccapiandola, RIP and In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday** *Feria*  
*Private Mass* George Kutty Kurian RIP,

**Wednesday** *Feria*  
9.30am Fr. Tim Garrott, RIP (A&B Dio.)

**Thursday** *St. Agnes*  
*St. Lucy's Community Only*  
Repose of the Souls of the beloved Dead whose names  
are on the Chapel Altar in the Convent of St. Lucy

**Friday** *Feria*  
9.30am Johny, RIP

**Saturday** *Our Lady on Saturday*  
5.30pm The People of The Parish

**Sunday** *3rd Sunday of The Year*  
11.00am Kathleen & Michael O'Connor, RIP  
Confessions: *Please email or call the Parish  
Office for an appointment*

***NO BOOKING REQUIRED FOR WEEKDAY MASSES  
BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK FOR WEEK-ENDS***

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall  
sing to you, shall sing your name, O Most High !**

First Reading: Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

### Responsorial Psalm

**Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will.**

Second Reading: Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia !**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have message of  
eternal life.

**Alleluia.!**

Gospel: John 1:35-42

They saw where he lived and stayed with him.

The Creed

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the  
chalice that quenches my thirst..

Steve Joseph, who is training at Oscott College for the Permanent Diaconate, will be instituted as an Acolyte at this Sunday's Mass in St. Mary's. The Ministry is focused on the Eucharist and how this should become central to the life of a would be cleric. The homily, which is printed on Page 5, describes how service is at the heart of Diaconal ministry—service to the Church's faithful and to the sick. This is the last ministry to be conferred before Ordination and so is an important step.

The main scrutiny for Steve's preparedness for Ordination will be held in February. Please pray for him, and for Stephen Opoku from Reading, and for the other students in his year group during this time. The Ordination, pandemic permitting, is scheduled for August 1st 2021.

As the rite of Ordination says"

*"May the Lord who has begun this good work  
in you, bring it to fulfilment".*

## SUNDAY MASS—LIVE STREAM

You can now join with the Sunday Mass at  
St. Mary's as below.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA)

By following this link you will be able to see up-coming  
streams, past streams and uploaded videos.

This can also be done directly through the  
St. Mary's website.

## Special Collection

*On the 23rd & 24th January there will  
be a Special Collection at all Masses  
For The Cathedral.*

**This collection is the only support our Cathedral  
receives from the wider Diocesan family.**

If you are not currently attending Mass but would  
still like to donate you can do so in various ways.  
Posting in an Envelope, marked with your name and  
'The Cathedral', through the Presbytery door  
(or indeed via Royal Mail)

Making a Paypal donation through the St. Mary's  
website

By direct bank transfer to the St. Mary's account  
(please email for Bank Details)

You can also make a direct donation through the  
Diocesan Website at:

[https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/  
cathedral-annual-appeal](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal)

If you are writing a cheque, please make it payable  
to: P.R.C.D.T.R. Alton St. Mary.

Please don't forget to put your name or Gift Aid  
Number on the envelope in which you place your  
donation

## Marian Antiphon until the Presentation

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,  
gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
assist your people who have fallen,  
yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature  
you bore your Creator,

Yet remained a virgin, after, as before.

You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
have pity on us poor sinners.

V. After childbirth, O Virgin,  
you remained inviolate.

R. O Mother of God, plead for us.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who by the fruitful virginity  
of blessed Mary has given to mankind  
the rewards of eternal salvation:

grant, we beseech You,

that we may experience her intercession for us,

by whom we have been made worthy

to receive the Author of Life,

our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with You

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God,

world without end. R. Amen.

## Wednesday, 20th January—Feria

### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and  
shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High !

### First Reading Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17

You are a priest forever of the order of Melchizedek, and  
for ever.

### Responsorial Psalm

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of  
old.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge  
secret emotions and thoughts.

Alleluia !

### Gospel Mark 3:1-6

Is it against the law on the Sabbath day to save life ?

### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious  
is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## Friday 15th January—Feria

### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and  
shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High !

### First Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13

It is a better covenant of which he is the mediator.

### Responsorial Psalm

Mercy and faithfulness have met.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia !

### Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

He summoned those he wanted to be his companions.

### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious  
is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## **“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!”**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth,  
Mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
And bestow your peace on our times.

Like the people in today's readings, we, too, are called by  
Christ: called to spend time with him; to work with him; to  
offer our bodies, hearts and minds in loving service  
of God's will.

The First Reading tells the delightful story of God's initiative  
in the life of the boy Samuel, who is open to the call of the  
Lord despite his youth, signalling the beginnings of a close  
relationship with God.

The Psalmist invites us to a personal knowledge of and inti-  
mate relationship with God. God desires 'an open ear', bid-  
ding us to make Samuel's prayer our own:

‘Speak Lord, your servant is listening’.

Writing to those in Corinth, a city notorious for its vice, Paul  
emphasises that both our bodies and our souls are meant for  
the glory of God. The physical body is a temple of the Holy  
Spirit, and we come together in unity as the cosmic body of  
Christ (Second Reading).

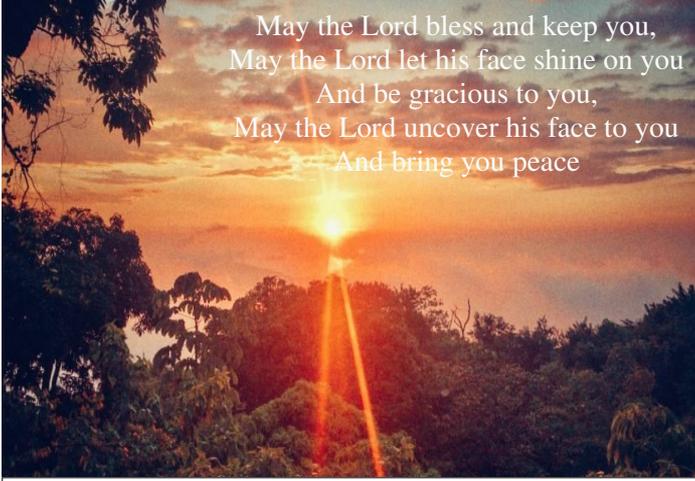
John the Evangelist describes the call of the first disciples,  
where Jesus asks the searching question addressed to every  
reader of the Gospel: ‘What do you want?’ Here begins the  
journey of getting to know Jesus, as the disciples (and we  
ourselves) follow on the path of deepening faith towards an  
understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

This week, we, too, may ask for the grace of an open ear and  
an open-hearted response to Jesus's invitation to ‘Come and  
see’. We also remember those of our sisters and brothers who,  
like Samuel, as yet have ‘no knowledge of the Lord’, and ask  
that they may come to know the safety and peace such knowl-  
edge can bring in an uncertain world.

‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!’ *First Reading*

We have found the Messiah – which means the Christ – grace  
and truth have come through him. Alleluia!

*Gospel Acclamation*



May the Lord bless and keep you,  
May the Lord let his face shine on you  
And be gracious to you,  
May the Lord uncover his face to you  
And bring you peace

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Adi Morando, Carol & Margaret Conway,  
Kate Cradock, Francesca Adams,  
Bill Wood, Rita Rawling,  
Brenda Gregory, Margaret Collins,  
Alex Smith, Lily Jones, Theresa Davies,  
Michael & Jo Rogers, Annie Tomlinson





*A message from Fr. James .....*

As you are all aware, we are now in Lockdown 3.

Many shops and businesses are closed during the lockdown and people are being urged to stay at home and work from home if possible.

Chuches, however, remain open for communal worship and travel for this purpose is permissible.

As a result , St. Mary's will be open for public Mass on

**Saturday at 5.30pm**

(maximum capacity in the church is 30 with a limited overflow of 10 in the hall)

**Sunday 11am**

(maximum capacity in the church is 30 with a limited overflow of 10 in the hall)

**Wednesday 9.30am**

(capacity of 25 and a maximum of 5 overflow in the hall)

*Priority for this mass will go to the vulnerable and over 70'.*

**Friday at 9.30am**

(capacity of 25 and a maximum of 5 overflow in the hall)

This will continue through January, however, continuation through February to the end of lockdown will depend on the availability of Stewards.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact myself or Anne Bothwell.

**Please Note that the above is subject to change**

The **11am Sunday Mass** is now being broadcast live and the details are in the Bulletin and on the Parish Website.

Funerals may continue with a maximum of 30 people attending.

2 metre separation must be maintained at all times whilst attending Church.

You should not socialise with anyone outside of your family and/or social bubble.

If you feel unwell, suspect you may have COVID19 symptoms, are in a clinically

extremely vulnerable group, shielding or self-isolating, please **do not** come to Church.

Face masks/coverings must be worn at all times.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

Toilet facilities are currently closed.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, fellow parishioners who are not able to attend Church and for the success of the vaccine rollout.

**Fr. James**

**PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP SCITT**

Primary Catholic Partnership is a SCITT (School-Based Initial Teacher Training) and has been training teachers for nearly 20 years. We work with schools to offer training places across the Portsmouth Diocese, including Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke. PCP SCITT are rated Outstanding by Ofsted and are dedicated to preparing our trainees to successfully meet the challenges of a rewarding career in education.

**Online Information Sessions**

Are you thinking about a rewarding career in teaching? Would you like to train in a Catholic ethos of education? An online Primary Catholic Partnership Information Session can give you the opportunity to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply.

**Who is this event for?**

Our event is for anyone who has a degree and is interested in teaching - particularly those who are considering starting their initial teacher training in September 2021.

It offers a great opportunity to get all your questions about teaching and teacher training answered.

**What to expect**

At an online information session, you'll be able to: discuss the different teacher training options available, to help you decide which would best suit you meet representatives from PCP and our partnership schools, and find out about our courses and entry requirements

receive advice on submitting a successful application talk to past and current trainees, including those who have changed career to teach, about what a career as a teacher is really like

find out about the funding available for teacher training

**When**

We have sessions scheduled for 28th January (1-2pm) and 4th March (5.30-6.30pm). More dates will be added soon, so please visit our website for the latest information.

**How to register**

Our information sessions are held online. Please use the link below for session dates, times and to register your place.

<http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/>

*We look forward to meeting you.*

**St. Mary's 200 Club**

The Winners of the Christmas Draw are:

**1st Prize: S. Begley, 2nd Prize: L. LeFeuvre**

**3rd Prize: D. Wilson, 4th Prize: S. Mather**

*Don't forget to place your entry for the January Draw.*

A small reminder to those who pay annually that subscriptions are now due if you wish to continue.



## **Institution of an Acolyte During Mass**

### **Introduction**

1. The Bishop or the Major Superior of a clerical religious institute carries out the institution of Acolytes, within Mass.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

2. The readings are taken in whole or in part from the liturgy of the day.

## **INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTE**

### **Calling of the Candidates**

3. *After the Gospel, the Priest designated by the Bishop, sits and the appointed Deacon or Priest calls the candidate*

Let him who is to be instituted in the ministry of Acolyte please come forward.

The candidate is called by name and he answers:

**Present, and goes to stand before the priest.**

### **Homily**

4. *Then all sit and the priest gives the Homily, which he concludes by speaking to the candidate in these or similar words:*

Dear son in Christ, as a person chosen for the ministry of Acolyte, you will have a special role in the Church's ministry.

The summit and source of the Church's life is the Eucharist, which builds up the Christian community and makes it grow.

It is your responsibility to assist Priests and Deacons in carrying out their ministry and as Special Ministers to give Holy Communion to the faithful at the Liturgy and to the sick.

Because you are specially called to this ministry, you should strive to live more fully by the Lord's sacrifices acceptable to him through Jesus Christ. In performing your ministry bear in mind that, as you share the one bread with your brothers and sisters, so you form one body with them.

Show a sincere love for Christ's Mystical Body, God's holy people and especially for the weak and the sick.

Be obedient to the commandment which the Lord gave to his apostles at the Last Supper: "love one another as I also have loved you".

## **Invitation to Prayer**

5. *Then all stand and the priest invites the people to pray:*

Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord for those chosen by him to serve in the ministry of Acolyte. Let us ask him to fill them with his blessing and strengthen them for faithful service in his Church

*All pray in silence for a brief period.*

### **Prayer**

6. *Then the priest, with hands joined, continues:*

God of mercy, through your only Son you entrusted the bread of life to your Church.

Bless + our brother who has been chosen for the Ministry of Acolyte.

Grant that he may be faithful in the service of your altar and in giving to others the bread of life; may he grow always to faith and love and so build up your Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

R. Amen

### **Institution**

7. *The candidate then goes to the Priest who gives him a vessel with the bread or wine to be consecrated, saying*

Take this vessel with bread/wine for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church

*The Acolyte answers: Amen*

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

8. At the preparation of the gifts, the Acolyte presents the patens with the bread and the chalice with the wine

9. The Acolyte receives communion immediately after the Deacons (if present)

10. In the Mass of Institution the Priest may direct the Acolyte as Special Minister to help in giving Communion to the faithful