

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Ps 24; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20	
<b>Saturday 23rd January 2021</b> <b>(THE ESPOUSALS (BETROTHAL)</b> <b>OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:</b> When Mary arrived at the age when it was custom for Jewish maidens to leave the service of the Temple, the High Priest told her that a Husband would be chosen for her. But Mary had already made a vow of virginity to God and God did not fail to fulfil the desires of His Handmaid. She found, on being espoused (Betrothal is / was more than engagement: <b>they were Married</b> ), that Joseph her spouse had, like her, made a vow of chastity, and that she could therefore dwell with him in perfect security). <b>Holy Mass: David Hull RIP</b> (J & M Saunders)	<b>Sunday 24th January 2021</b> <b>08:00-10:00am: personal prayer</b> <b>No 08:30am Holy Mass</b> <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM from the Presbytery</b> 10:30am: Chrissy Willsher RIP (H. Davies) <b>(ZOOM)</b> <b>from the Presbytery</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD</b> <b>WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: on ZOOM</b> <b>Meeting ID: 828 0862 8869</b> <b>Passcode: Unity</b>
<b>The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle</b> <b>Mon. 25th January 2021</b> <b>08:00-10:00am: personal prayer</b> <b>Holy Mass: Special Intention (JR)</b>	<b>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b> <b>Tues. 26th January 2021</b> <b>08:00-10:00am: personal prayer</b> <b>Holy Mass: Holy Souls</b>
<b>Weds. 27th Jan. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>(St. Angela Merici, Virgin)</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom <b>Sr. Rita Philomena 100th Birthday</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <b>Thursday 28th January 2021</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 9:15am: John and Betty Gray RIP (Foy)
<b>Friday 29th Jan. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 9:15am: Private Intention (DG)	<b>Saturday 30th Jan. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>(The Blessed Virgin Mary)</b> 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Deut. 18: 15-20; Ps 94; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28	
<b>Saturday 30th January 2021</b> 6:30pm: Aunt Ursula Gummett 90th Birthday	<b>Sunday 31st January 2021</b> 8:30am: People of the Parish <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM</b> 10:30am: Gjonis Family <b>(ZOOM)</b>
REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!	
Our Lord Jesus Christ calls each one of us to review our lives, everyday, in the light of His Gospel. <b>Every evening "review" / Examen the day in the Loving Presence of God our Father.</b> (Please see the Newsletter Supplement for a Prayer exercise to do this.) In this process we ask God to show His ways so that we may always choose the right path. <b>The world as we know it is passing away</b> and therefore we should not be engrossed in it.	



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**Welcome - Worship - Witness**

**WE WILL BE OPEN FOR HOLY MASS**  
**WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY**

**AND ARE ALREADY OPEN FOR**  
**PERSONAL PRAYER DAILY!!**

***WITH GREAT THANKS TO***  
***OUR STEWARDS:***

**ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY,**  
**and SUNDAY:**  
**8:00am to 10:00am**

and

next **SATURDAY 30th**  
 and **SUNDAY 31st JANUARY**  
**AT THE USUAL TIMES.**

**N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**OF THE WORD ON ZOOM**  
**\*\*09:40-10:10AM\*\***

**FOR THIS AND THE ZOOM CODES FOR**  
**10:30AM HOLY MASS**

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**CONFESSIONS MAY BE**  
**HEARD - IN THE CHILDREN'S**  
**LITURGY ROOM - WHENEVER**  
**THE CHURCH IS OPEN AND**  
**BY APPOINTMENT, ON REQUEST.**  
 PLEASE 'PHONE OR EMAIL  
 TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

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**FR DAVID WRITES:**

**"In case you do not know: I am in SELF-ISOLATION until Tuesday 26th January, having been in the proximity of One who has been tested positive. As I write this, on Friday 22nd January, I have no symptoms, and hope to be celebrating Holy Mass in public, in Church, once again from Wednesday 27th January. Thank you for all you good wishes and offers of help. Also, thank you to the Stewards, especially to Alex for keeping the Church OPEN for Prayer during this time."**

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:  
24th January 2021**

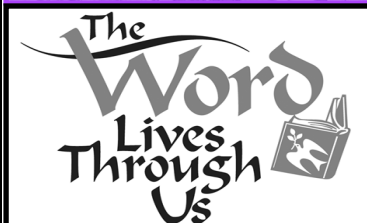
Pope Francis has established The Sunday of the Word of God for all Christians as a Day of Reflection so that the entire Church can celebrate in unity the Word of God.

**"HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES" (Lk 24:45)**

This was one of the final acts He opened the minds of His Disciples to the Sacred Scriptures.

**"May the Sunday of the Word of God help His people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures." (Pope Francis)**

**I will bless your family and personal Bibles BY WAY OF ZOOM AFTER THE 10:30AM HOLY MASS this Sunday 24th January.**



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD - CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE**

**TODAY: Sunday 24th January 2021 at 5.00 pm via ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82808628869?pwd=N3NHWG1keXR6U3ZwcUJlbWdnczZSZzo9>

**Meeting ID: 828 0862 8869 Passcode: Unity**

**OR: ring on landline: 0203 481 5237 OR 0203 481 5240  
OR 0203 901 7895 OR 0203 051 2874**

**THE BOOKLET FOR THE CHURCH UNITY SERVICE can be found on PAGE 16 and following from: [WPCU-2021-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.SnR5lgw9dp.pdf](http://WPCU-2021-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.SnR5lgw9dp.pdf) (ctbi.org.uk)**

**Please: bring a candle: real, or electric.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Please make an appointment to see Fr David in person. Please bring the Child's Baptismal Certificate with you. Thank you.**

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021**

At the beginning of His public ministry Jesus outlines his Mission in the synagogue in Nazareth:

***'He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'***

His ministry was one of compassionate involvement, concern for the disadvantaged. Aware of obstacles, including those of the Law, which limited joy and fulfilment Jesus acted. He confronted, sometimes angrily, what undermined a person's dignity. **The theme of Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is: A Time to Act.** Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant.

**Second Collection:  
Next weekend  
will be for the  
Catholic Association  
for Racial Justice**

which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

**Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

**PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE  
Lord Jesus Christ, in Your ministry**

You were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who suffer the help that they need and the care that they require. May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects. **We ask this of You, Who live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN.**

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Alan Hughes, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis, ... **for all in the NHS and all in self-isolation, quarantine, or effected by Covid-19. For some Scripture about praying for our Doctors and Pharmacists: See The Book of Ecclesiasticus / Sirach Chapter 38 - only in Catholic Bibles or those that contain the Apocrypha / Deutero-Canonical Books.**

**Anniversaries of Death**

Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Sister Barbara Campbell, Hannah Dwyer, Maureen Corbett-Smith, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell, Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes