THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Ps. 24; 1 Cor. 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20	
Saturday 20th January 2024 5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions 6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm: Chris O'Sullivan (Elizabeth Coyne)	Sunday 21st January 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Cathy Bull RIP (Shrimpton) 10:30am: People of the Parish 6pm: Churches Together IN CRAYFORD CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE
Mon. 22nd Jan. 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Nell Saunders RIP FM	Tues. 23rd Jan. 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bill Rae RIP
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Weds. 24th January 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention DG n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Kathleen Westwood RIP (LSU)	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE Thursday 25th January 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: John Joseph Murphy RIP (DG)
STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS Friday 26th January 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick (Packie) Lynch RIP (Youngs)	Sat. 27th January 2024 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD) Deut. 18: 15-20; Ps. 95; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

Saturday 27th January 2024 **5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions** 6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary 6:30pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 28th January 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary

8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Helen Davies RIP (Galibardy)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

John Quicke, Dora Bushell, Kathleen Futter, Anne Smith, Elizabeth Goherty, Kathleen Dowling, William Young, Gladys Cain, Constance Dodge, Nell Saunders, Edith Looker, Alexander Coyles, Francis Waugh, Sr. Carmel Thérése, Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Sr. Barbara Campbell, Hannah Dwyer, Maureen Corbett-Smith, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis.

REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!

As Christians we have to review our lives in the light of the Gospel. This process goes on in our daily lives and we ask God to show His ways so that we may choose the right path. The world as we know it is passing away and therefore we should not be engrossed in it.



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AND JESUS SAID TO THEM,



FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU INTO FISHERS OF MEN"



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 13TH/14TH JANUARY 2024

Gift Aid: £182.50; Card: £30.00; Loose Plate: £264.46 ATTENDANCE: 207 Building Fund: Gift Aid: £101.50; Card: £50.00; Loose Plate: £190.28

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for Racial Justice.

This collection 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 donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER, YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

Thank you for your care and support. Fr. David.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

What was striking about the Apostles' response to the call of Jesus was their realisation that something better was on offer. They sensed that Jesus was inviting them to a higher way of life and they saw themselves, not as they were, but as they could be. To such an invitation there could only be one response: to repent and believe the Good News. Repentance is not as easy as it appears. The Gospel gives us a picture of what is involved in the process. Leaving our nets and disentangling ourselves from worldly pursuits in order to follow Jesus is not a one-off decision. It is an ongoing battle and the challenge of a lifetime. We have to constantly reassess our behaviour in the light of the Gospel and, if need be, make a fresh start.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: 28TH JANUARY 2024

Pope Francis 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).

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life 16-18 February 2024 in Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit the website www.fcisisters.org

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of

BERNADETTE YOUNGS, who died on the 4th January 2024.

RECEPTION OF HER BODY INTO CHURCH:

Wednesday 31st January (time to be confirmed). **REQUIEM MASS:** Thursday 1st February at 10:30am **COMMITTAL:** Eltham Crematorium at 12:30pm.

NINA SMITH, who died on the 2nd January 2024. **COMMITTAL**: Eltham Crematorium on Friday 2nd February at 2.30pm.

CATHERINE BULL, who died on the 31st December 2023.

RECEPTION OF HER BODY INTO CHURCH:

Ash Wednesday 14th February at 3.30pm **REQUIEM MASS**: Thursday 15th February at 10:30am

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 12:15pm.

SISTER ANGELA WOOTTON RIP (LSU) AT SHALOM CONVENT

who died on the 16th January 2024. **FUNERAL**: Details to be advised.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided.

For more information get in touch with southwark@cafod.org.uk or cafod.org.uk/Volunteer. Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk.

PALMS FOR ASHES

FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
Please bring in your Palms from
last year's Palm Sunday so that
we might burn them and create the
Ashes for Ash Wednesday:
14th February 2024.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

18-25 January 2024.
The Theme for 2024 is
"You shall love the Lord your Godand your neighbour as yourself" (LUKE 10:27)

On **SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY** there will be a **CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** at St. Mary of the Crays at **6pm.** Please come along and join in Christian fellowship. **All welcome.**

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

Anna Idahosa, Anneka Saunders, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Michael Russell, Mick Murphy, Pat Goodwin, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Renee Rae, Rita McCloy, Rita Pearce, Sean Tansey, Tommy Cox. Please, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?