

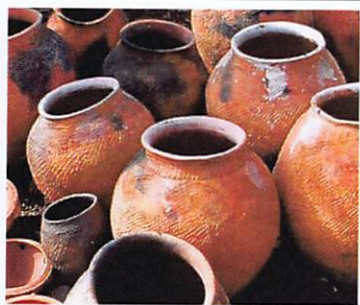
# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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## Weekend Mass Intentions

**Sat:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – Intentions of the McDermott Family  
**Followed by Confessions until 11.30am**  
5.00pm – Birthday Intention for Mary Keighrey  
**Sun:** 8.00am – Thomas Jules - Anniversary  
9.30am – Brendan & Claire Carberry & Family Inten  
11.00am – Margaret & Family Int & Jimmy McDonagh  
5.00pm – Evette Simon - Anniversary

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Mon:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – Sheila Nellis - Sick  
**Followed by Exposition until 11.15am.**  
**Tue:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls  
**Followed by Exposition until 11.30am**  
**Wed:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – Intentions of Catherine Wheeler  
**Followed by Exposition until 11.30am**  
**Thu:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – Intentions of the Campbell Family  
**Followed by Exposition until 11.30am**  
**Fri:** 6.00pm – Church open with Exposition  
6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary  
7.30pm – Private Intention (Mc)  
**Followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
**Sat:** 8.30am – Church opens with Exposition  
9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
10.00am – Gerald & Theresa Carberry & Family Int  
**Followed by Confessions until 11.30am**  
5.00pm – Intentions of Bill & Anita Paul

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples has also been invited.*

It was not a chance happening that this village wedding occurred at the beginning of Jesus' public life. God in him had wedded humanity to himself: that is the good news, even if the guests who are present are unaware that the Son of God has sat at their table, and that he is the true bridegroom. The jars of the old law are brimful with the new wine of grace. By getting the wedding wine Jesus acts as the husband. And Mary while gaining from her Son as it were the anticipation of the hour of salvation in this sign, hears herself called 'Woman' (the new Eve) and so symbolises mankind turned towards the saviour.

*Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. Alleluia!*

## CONFESSIONS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am to 11.30am**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 10.30am to 11.30am**

Confessions are heard in the Sacristy at the front of the church – either face to face or anonymously. Do make an Examination of Conscience before coming to Confession. Please try to get into the habit of going to Confession on a regular basis, say two or three times each year. If you haven't been for a long time – take the plunge and then it gets easier.

### Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

#### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

SPUC will be holding their annual appeal on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> January

SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please give generously.

## St MARY'S FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

Our Friday Lunch Club is open every Friday morning from 11.30am to 1.30pm. You will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you once again. We are now open once again for business.

## CRIB OFFERINGS

These will go to the Catholic Children's Society. When you visit the Crib there will be a box for your offerings which will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society – which supports families in difficulties as well as helping families who wish to foster older children. Please help.

## CHRISTMAS CANDLES

There will be candles at the Crib which you can light for your own personal intentions. These will be a little different from the usual candles and will burn for approximately 72 hours. They are in glass containers and cost £3.50pm each. Light a candle for your loved ones and leave your intentions with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

## THE CRIB SCENE IN OUR CHURCH

Although we move back into Ordinary Time in the liturgy of the Church and the Christmas Decorations will be packed away for another year, the Christmas celebrations do not come to an end until 40 day after the birth of the child Jesus – the Celebration of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas). Our Crib Scene will, therefore, stay in the church until the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Claire Musoke – RIP – Baby Jacob  
McGowan – RIP – Ada Felgate – RIP –  
Ernest Ndolor – RIP – Kathy Dimond –  
Get well. Rosetta Rotella – Sick. Eliston  
Carron – Recovery. Spagnuolo Family Int  
- Anna Nakalanzi – Sick Sebastian  
Fernandes – RIP. Eileen Swanton – RIP  
Frances Paul – RIP. Neil Rodway Jones –  
Unwell. Margaret Farrow – Anniv. James  
Gubagana – RIP. Willie Simon – Unwell.  
Marie Francaisa Babet – Sick. – Patrick  
Hore – RIP. Nilo Depasucat – RIP.  
Josephine Yaweh – Anniv. Ada Felgate –  
RIP. Evette Simon – Anniv Charles Lusiba  
- RIP. Anna Nakalazi – Sick. Rosary Mary  
Ayebare – RIP. Alice Audu – Anniv. John  
Mukasa – RIP. Teresa Matovu –  
Recovery. Margaret Boyne – RIP.  
Gavin Tugwood – RIP. John Meehan –  
Prayers. Roy Felgate – Prayers. Mary  
Conway Sick. Cyril Ibekwe – Anniv.  
Gerry Coman – Recovery.

## PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE "Candlemass"

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**



9.00am – Morning Prayer  
and Rosary  
10.00am – Mass  
'At last, Lord, you can let your  
servant go in peace for my  
eyes have seen the salvation  
you have prepared.....'

## LEGION OF MARY MEETING

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We haven't met together as a Praesidium for a considerable time so can Legionaries gather together today the 16<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in the parish hall. We can renew our commitment to the Legion, pray together and discuss how we continue to move forward in our work. We will meet in a safe way. Please can all members make every effort to come along – we'll have a cup of tea as well! The Curia meets on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – if anyone would like to come you would be most welcome.

## Holy Father's Prayer intention for January 2022 For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family

## COVID -19 REGULATIONS

We want to keep you as safe as possible in our church during these difficult times so please help us by complying with the regulations. You must wear a face covering in the church at all times covering your mother and nose. Please make sure you sanitise as you enter the church. Please stay safe and please have your vaccinations

## CATECHISM CLASSES

**First Holy Communion Preparation** continues on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January beginning with Mass at 9.30am  
**Preparation for Confirmation** continues on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the parish hall.  
**Baptism** – please pick up a registration form from porch, complete and return to us and then we will let you know what the next move will be.



## WORLD PEACE DAY 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

'EDUCATION, WORK AND  
DIALOGUE BETWEEN  
GENERATIONS:  
TOOLS FOR BUILDING  
LASTING PEACE'  
Pope Francis 2022

Today is PEACE SUNDAY and the thoughts of Pope Francis are mentioned above. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the COVID pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the world of peace making? Which tools for building lasting peace do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? Pax Christi is an active Catholic Peace Movement and provides suggestions on their web:

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Please give generously to the second collection



# SUNDAY PLUS

Create peace



## Jesus the peacemaker

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

It was a potential family row. In catering for the wedding breakfast, allowance was made for unexpected guests. "Everybody" was welcome in accordance with the unwritten rules of hospitality: a wedding in the time of Jesus was an expensive business. As anticipated, some female family members arrived early to help with cooking for

the immediate and extended family, friends and acquaintances and "others" who would need to be fed. It's easy to imagine a hot, tired Mary, slaving over a fire and cooking pot, brushing her hair back in disbelief as she saw, not only Jesus, but a group of his hot, tired and thirsty fishermen friends appear for the wedding – and the food! The wine was already in embarrassingly short

supply, so Mary was possibly not thrilled to see Jesus. Her words, "They have no wine", might have implied, "and you haven't helped matters!" Jesus' reply, "What is that to me?" sounds almost churlish.

What were Mary's thoughts as she told the servants to obey any instructions Jesus might give them? She couldn't have expected her son to turn water into wine, but she might have hoped Jesus and the disciples would find some

money to buy more wine from a nearby vendor.

The wedding at Cana was Jesus' first miracle. It saved newly-weds and their families from an embarrassing start to a marriage and its celebration – but it also quite possibly saved Mary from the awkwardness of apologising on behalf of Jesus and his disciples. Cana was the first recorded incident of Jesus the peacemaker.

*Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.*

## God in the home

By Pope Francis

I wish to underline how important it is for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love. In practice, this means giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting. How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, "please", "thank you" and "I'm sorry". Every day we have the experience of fragility and weakness, and therefore we all, families and pastors, are in need of renewed humility that forms the desire to form ourselves, to educate and be educated, to help and be helped, to accompany, discern and integrate all men of good will. I dream of an outbound Church, not a self-referential one, a Church that does not pass by far from man's wounds, a merciful Church that proclaims the heart of the revelation of God as love, which is mercy. It is this very mercy that makes us new in love; and we know how much Christian families are a place of mercy and witnesses of mercy.

*Letter announcing the Ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin, 21-26 August 201*

## Feast of the week

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of the 18th to the 25th of January is dedicated specifically to this — to ask God for the gift of unity to overcome the scandal of division among believers in Jesus. After the Last Supper, he prayed for his own, "that they may all be one". This was his prayer before the Passion; we could call it his spiritual testament...

Unity can be achieved only as a fruit of prayer. Diplomatic efforts and academic dialogue are not enough. Jesus knew this and opened the way for us by praying. Our

prayer for unity is thus a humble but trusting participation in the prayer of the Lord, who promised that any prayer said in his name would be heard by the Father.

At this point, we can ask ourselves: "Do I pray for unity?" It is Jesus' will but, if we inspect the intentions for which we pray, we will probably realise that we have prayed little, perhaps never, for Christian unity. And yet, the world's faith depends on it; in fact, the Lord asked for unity among us "so that the world might believe"... Therefore, may prayer be the starting point to help Jesus achieve his dream: that they all may be one.

*Pope Francis*

**"My hope is that peace may reign in the hearts of men and women and in families, in places of work and of recreation, in communities and in nations. In families, at work, in nations: peace, peace. Now is the time to think that life today is organized around war, and enmities, by many things that destroy. We want peace. And this is a gift."**

*Pope Francis*

Today:  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

Monday:  
1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday:  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday:  
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday:  
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Mark 3:7-12

Friday:  
1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday:  
2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27  
Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday:  
Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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**Encountering Christ**  
*Prayerfully preparing for the  
Sunday Mass and praying in  
particular for our school families*



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



## 2 Read

**Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - The Wedding-Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11)**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now," he told them, "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



## 3 Reflect

**After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

*Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.*

**Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

## 4 Respond & Request

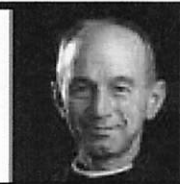
Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## First Reading: *The Wedding-Feast of the Lord*

### Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent; about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

*The marriage relationship is perhaps the most intimate of the personal relationships we know, designed to become ever deeper and more absorbing. Even the relationship of mother to child cannot equal it. So in the Bible the relationship of the Lord to his people is likened to the relationship in marriage. But, like many human marriage relationships, it went through bad patches. Israel was so persistently unfaithful to the Lord that eventually it seemed that the Lord abandoned her to those with whom she had 'prostituted' herself. This could not be permanent; Israel could not go on being called 'Abandoned' and 'Forsaken'; the past would be forgotten. After the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, Isaiah prophesies the final wedding in terms of the unalloyed joy of a freshly wedded couple. So in the gospels, Jesus uses the figure of the final wedding-feast, and the image of himself as the bridegroom in the joy of the festival. The Lord always gives us another chance, an unalloyed welcome to his feast.*

**What does it mean to liken our relationship with God to the relationship between a couple in marriage?**

## Second Reading: *Gifts of the Spirit*

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

“I can rejoice in gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack.”

*At the beginning of each year the Church gives us some six Sundays of readings from Paul's first letter to that troubled community, the Corinthians. Corinth was a thriving port-town of southern Greece, with a very varied community, rich and poor, academics and dockers. There were no clear human leaders in the Church community, and reliance on the Spirit for guidance in the problems of living as Christians did not always seem to provide a solution. The readings on these three Sundays show Paul trying to help. Yes, the Spirit is at work in the community in many different ways. There are many different gifts, all necessary for this varied community. The trouble seems to have been that each person valued their own contribution so much that the gifts of others seemed insignificant. Paul's stress on the variety of ways in which the Spirit works to build up a community gives us the occasion to reflect on the variety of gifts which the Spirit has poured out on our own Christian community, and on every individual member of it. I can rejoice in gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack.*

**What gifts do we need in a Christian community for its full flourishing under God? How do we help all in the community realise the diversity of gifts?**

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# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

*Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have places in our Nursery, Reception and Year 2 2021/22 year groups and some places in*

*some of our other year groups.*

*Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.*



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR  
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD  
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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*'The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection... Pupils make good progress from their various starting points... Their willingness to come to school is evident in their well above average rates of attendance... You have successfully maintained the above-average attainment by the end of Year 6 in reading, writing and mathematics... Teachers form good relationships with pupils, providing them with a wealth of interesting activities across the curriculum. Pupils concentrate well in class and are keen to work with each other... Pupils say they feel safe at school and know how to avoid danger in the wider community' (OFSTED Inspection, June 2018).*

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

***'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding***

- *The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.*
- *The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.*
- *After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.*
- *Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.*
- *Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.*
- *The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.*
- *The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.*

***B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding***

- *The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.*
- *The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.*
- *The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.*
- *Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.*
- *Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.*
- *The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'*

*(OFSTED Section 48 Inspection, September 2019).*