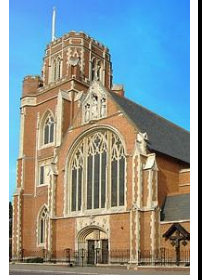




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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th January 2021

We have found the Messiah

Mass Times

16th Sat Feria	17.30 Bridie Lennon +
17th Sun Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Jane Downey +
18th Mon Feria	9.30 Members of Devlin Family +
19th Tue Feria	9.30 Jim Treacey +
20th Wed Feria	10.00 Funeral Jane Downey +
21st Thu St Agnes	9.30 Randall Spencer-Lowe +
22nd Fri Feria	9.30 Jane Downey +
23rd Sat Feria	17.30 Hugh Walsh +
24th Sun Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00 Parishioners

Confessions:

By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Before Lent

Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Justice and Peace in the World, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to Combat it, The Sick and those who Care for them, The Unemployed

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

**Please wear a face mask
while in Church**



Eli and Samuel, John Singleton Copley, 1780

Samuel

The story of the boy Samuel hearing God calling him that we are presented with as our First Reading today is one of the more wonderful stories we find in the Bible.

It did not take the old High Priest Eli very long to realise that the boy was being called directly by God. In adulthood following the disastrous defeat of the Israelites by the Philistines, Samuel rallied his humiliated people and won for himself recognition as a great judge and prophet.

Samuel is seen as the first of the major prophets and was to anoint as King both Saul and David.

As a prophet he travelled each year through the whole country rebuking the people and calling them to repentance. He is regarded as one of the wisest of the leaders of Israel.

He is also viewed as one of those who foreshadowed Christ, giving the people an insight into what the coming Messiah would be like.

Father Alex

A Prayer for Generosity

Teach us, Good Lord,
To Serve Thee as Thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Thy will.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Though young, yet wise
Though small, yet strong;
Though man, yet God He is;
As wise, He knows, as strong He can,
As God He loves to bless**

St Robert Southwell

St Mark's Gospel

In the Sunday liturgy we have switched to St Mark's Gospel. Copies of St Mark's Gospel are available at the back of the Church at £3.50 each. It is the shortest of the Gospels and you can comfortably read it in a couple of hours. Please take a copy.

Year of St Joseph

The Pope has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. It is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes normally falls on Thursday 11th February. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9.30 mass on that day.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Monday 18th January to Monday 25th January.

**Charity is that with which no man is lost,
and without which no man is saved**

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Exhibition at the British Museum

The postponed exhibition on St Thomas à Becket at the British Museum will now take place from 22nd April to 22nd August 2021.

Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday..... 17th February
Easter Sunday 3rd April
Confirmation..... 12.00 2nd May
First Communion 12.00 9th May

Feast of St Thomas à Becket

It has been difficult to arrange the Feast of St Thomas à Becket on 29th December due to the Coronavirus so we have decided to postpone it for now. Archbishop John Wilson has agreed to celebrate the mass and preach. We are now awaiting a date from him.



Organ Repairs

You can see photos of our organ repair work at [facebook.com/Henry Willis Organs](https://www.facebook.com/HenryWillisOrgans). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Forms are available at the back of the Church for candidates to register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Please return them asap. Due to the lockdown restrictions we will hold the Confirmation Classes beginning on 22nd January by means of Zoom and we will inform First Communion Candidates how their classes will be conducted beginning on 23rd January.

Child Protection

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police. If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. The Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office 0207 261 1606 or via email at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

**Sow a thought, reap an action;
sow an action, reap a habit;
sow a habit, reap a character;
sow a character, reap a destiny**

Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Crib are given to The Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

Forthcoming Second Collections

17th January Racial Justice, 24th January Organ Fund

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Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance: 11.00 Saturday 13th February