

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022: THIRD SUNDAY (C)**

Mass Book Page <b>129</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	<b>Entrance:</b> 725 <b>Offertory:</b> 814	<b>Communion:</b> 979 <b>Post-Communion:</b> 432	<b>Recessional:</b> 854



**TOGETHER WE ARE CHRIST'S BODY**

**W**e belong to the Church of which the head is Christ. Just as the human body is made up of many parts, all of which are interdependent, so we too are dependent on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to those who are poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promises.

This text is being fulfilled today.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - 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.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 22 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Felicia Kankam RIP</b>
Sun 23 09.30	✠ <b>THIRD SUNDAY (C)</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass for the Assemien &amp; Kouadjo families</b> <b>Lobo family members faithful departed</b>
11.00	
Mon 24 09.30	<i>Saint Francis de Sales</i> <b>Wellbeing for Effrem Edgar</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 25 09.30	<i>The Conversion of Saint † Paul the Apostle</i> <b>Wellbeing for Cecilia Aidoo</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Wed 26 09.30	<i>Saints Timothy and Titus</i> <b>Bert &amp; Raymond Fallon RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Thu 27 09:30	<b>Wellbeing for Kathleen Watts</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Fri 28 09.30	<i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i> <b>Alice Knott RIP</b> <b>Exposition</b>
Sat 29 09.30 18:30	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Wellbeing for Bernadette Mode</b>
Sun 30 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>FOURTH SUNDAY (C)</b> <b>Faithful Departed (Christmas Flowers)</b> <b>Joaquim Fernandes RIP</b>

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

In 2019 Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God – to be marked each year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In his letter *Aperuit Illis* he encouraged every Parish in a special way “to devote this Sunday to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word”.

**SHARING THE WORD TODAY**

First reading (Neh 8:2-6.8-10) When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. The Persians entrusted Nehemiah with the political reorganisation, and Ezra with the restoration of the Jewish religion. Ezra brought back with him from Babylon the book of the law of Moses which he solemnly read to the people. Thus he called upon them to rededicate themselves to God. This sets the scene for Jesus' reading of from the book of Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth.

Second Reading (1 Cor 12:12-30). This reading picks up where last Sunday's left off. Here Paul introduces the analogy of the body with its members. The human body is one entity though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ. Each individual Christian is a member of the body of Christ, and each has his or her part to play within the body.

Gospel (Lk 1:1-4: 4:14-21) Today's Gospel show Jesus proclaiming the word of God in the synagogue at Nazareth. From the scroll of Isaiah, he selected the passage that contained the prophet's messianic vision of pardon, healing, and liberation (61:1-2). Then he declared that this marvellous prophecy was being fulfilled among them (in and through his ministry). Jesus was sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but

to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Who are the poor? In the first place, the poor are those who live on bread alone and who never hear the Word of God. But the poor are also the dispossessed of this world, those who are waiting for liberation. The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only.

## REPORT ON THE SYNODAL MEETINGS OF 13TH JANUARY 2022

Concern was expressed regarding the need to encourage young people to return to church.

Various suggestions were made regarding this issue: To restart a local parish scouts group, a youth group 'start-up', a schools / parish 'reach-out' initiative, and a social media initiative were suggested.

Volunteers are requested who have any expertise or interest in any of these areas, Please contact Father Regis if interested.

Plans are in hand to re-start 'Children's Liturgy' after this year's first communion programme is completed.

Again, volunteers are requested. If anybody is interested, please contact the Fr Regis. Training will be provided if necessary.

Contact details are in the Parish Newsletter.

A weekly parish coffee morning is planned, starting in February.

It was suggested that we should enhance our use of the internet and social media for evangelisation and promoting Catholic values.

Post-Covid, it is hoped that the Diocese will become more pro-active in asserting Christian leadership in the spirit of pastoral love for the salvation of souls in an increasingly secular, world-focused and anti-Christian environment.

(Kevin Smith and Helen Kiernan)

## VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: [Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk))

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

- **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

## DIVINE RENOVATION WEBINARS

### From Courses to Conversions: Rethinking Sacramental Preparation

Join Divine Renovation for their two-part series: Part 1 on First Communion and Part 2 on Confirmation. Join Georgia Clarke (St Elizabeth's Richmond), Maria Quinn (Blessed Sacrament Exeter), Kurt Klement (Leadership Coach) and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce (Divine Renovation UK) for Part 1 on First Communion on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7pm.

#### Part 1: First Communion - Tuesday 25th January, 7-8 pm

Do you find you're pouring resources into sacramental preparation that sees young people slip away at the end? Are you frustrated at the fruitlessness of families jumping through hoops, never to be seen again?

In this webinar, DV share 'from the trenches' experience of parishes doing it differently. Could now be the time when you decide to leave behind courses and instead prioritise conversions?

Register here: <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/Sacramental-Prep-1>

#### Part 2: Confirmation - Tuesday 22nd March, 7-8 pm

Join Divine Renovation for the second in their two-part series. Join Georgia Clarke (St Elizabeth's Richmond), Matt Regitz (Leadership Coach) and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce (Divine Renovation UK) for Part 2 on First Communion on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7pm.

### LAST WEEK

**Offertory** Gift Aided £160 • Not Gift Aided £332  
**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION** SPUC White Flower Appeal £279  
**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (45) • Sun 09.30 (91), 11.00 (78)

**THIS WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

**NEXT WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

### DONATING

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