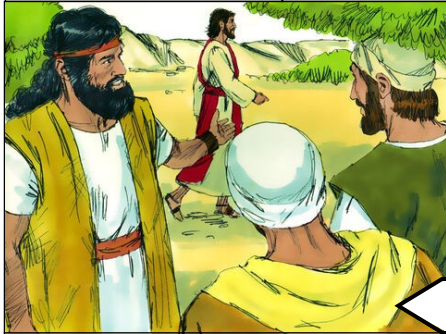


15th JANUARY 2023: SECOND SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book Page 125	1 st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3	Gospel: John 1: 29-34	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 865 Communion: 979	Gospel Acclamation: See Overleaf Post-Communion: 972	Offertory: 762 & 813 Recessional: 768



Christ the light of the nations

The Holy Spirit rested on Jesus Christ when he was baptised by John the Baptist. Through the coming of the Spirit John recognised Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Through the gift of the Spirit, we too are called to take our place among the saints and become the light of the world, proclaiming salvation to the ends of the earth.

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 14	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Wellbeing for Esther Bell
Sun 15	✠ SECOND SUNDAY (A)
09.30	Paddy Conaty RIP
11.00	Joe Hughes RIP
Mon 16	
09.30	Alice Maristella Leslie RIP Rosary
Tue 17	<i>Saint Anthony</i>
09.30	Joe McIntyre RIP Rosary
Wed 18	
09.30	Sister Stephanie Davidson OSC RIP Rosary
Thu 19	
09.30	Anne & Emmanuel Awosusi RIP Rosary
Fri 20	
09.30	Wellbeing for Bridie Horgan Exposition
Sat 21	<i>Saint Agnes</i>
09.30	Sister Agnes O'Shea RIP
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Marriage of Catherine & Eric Palmer
Sun 22	✠ THIRD SUNDAY (A)
09.30	Intention of Deacon Charles Wilton
11.00	Thanksgiving for prayers answered: Fortune Belletty

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Send an email to Fr Regis or send a message on the parish mobile: 07857801938.

Please pray for those who are in poor health
Minna & Henry Hutcheon and Ann Manly-Rollings

Sharing the Word

First Reading: We hear from one of the 'Songs of the Servant' in the second section of the Book of Isaiah. It is really our song. We, too, are called to let the Lord be our strength, to know our calling to gather the scattered and to be a light for the nations so that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: What is our prayer for our world at the beginning of another year? Surely it is grace and peace, a grace and peace which, as St Paul tells his Corinthian hearers, is already given to us as 'the Holy People of Jesus Christ.'

Gospel: A prophet is no someone who sees the future but someone who sees the reality before him or her and names it. Thus John the Baptist, the fiery desert preacher; sees the truth about Jesus: sees the Lamb of Sacrifice who frees us from Sin; sees also the Dove descending, sign of the presence of the Spirit, the bringer of peace.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 22nd Jan at 10am for, Chapter 6: The Word of the Lord.

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 28th Jan at 5pm for, Session Six: Mission of the Church.

Gospel Acclamation - Sunday 11am

- 1 Sing alleluia to the Lord.
- 2 Sing alleluia to the Lord.
- 1 Sing alleluia to the Lord.
- 2 Sing alleluia.
- 1 Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
- 2 Alleluia.
- 1 & 2 Sing alleluia to the Lord.

CAFOD

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? 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, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? We believe that everybody had unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world.

Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Celeste and Sarah: southwark@cafod.org.uk and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

Marriage Enrichment Course

Marriage Encounter England & Wales have organised this course in Hendon on the 11th & 12th February at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. It offers a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. The organisers experience helped them to understand each other more and reminded them that they had made a sacramental marriage in front of their families and God. This course also helped them with their relationship with their children. For them their experience was a gift from God. Please visit: <https://wwme.org.uk>.

Special Ministers and Readers

The next Rota is now available in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor from the Spring term of the academic year 22/23. We would be interested to hear from practising Catholics with expertise in either Law, Finance or HR. Please contact our Clerk to the Governors: cmingay@stphils.org.uk

Pax Christi - Peace Sunday

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the annual World Day of Peace: "There is light even in our darkest hour." And on Wednesday we will begin the octave for the prayer for Christian Unity.

To donate or to make a gift aid donation please visit: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/support-us/donation/>

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £208, Not Gift Aided: £363

Mass Count: Sat (41), Sun 09.30 (117), 11.00 (116)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: PAX CHRISTI - PEACE SUNDAY (GIFT AID ONLINE)

Next Week: SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (GIFT AID ONLINE)

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

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