

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm.** We welcome our Confirmation candidates to their Enrolment Mass.

**The popular Children's Liturgy** for children aged 4-7 yrs at 10.00am Mass is back. **Cake sale & coffee** after 10.00am Mass on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks to our enthusiastic catechists! New helpers always welcome. Speak to Vittoria or Sr. Jenefer.

**Please pray for the families preparing for their children's First Holy Communion.** They celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Children who have made First Holy Communion** are invited to read at 10.00am. Mass. Contact Sr Jenefer to arrange a time to practice.

**Next Prayer Workshop:** 2.00pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Nazareth House Prayer Centre. All welcome.

**Adults interested in the Catholic Faith** and adults who wish to be confirmed please email [srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk), speak to one of the priests or contact the parish office to find out more.

**If you have finished the marmalade** you bought at the bazaar **Sr. Jenefer** requests the return of the empty jars.

**Holy Trinity Cine Club:** for children in Year 7 to Year 10 (approx 11-14 years old). Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact [cineclubbg@gmail.com](mailto:cineclubbg@gmail.com). The next session will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism:** If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

**Please pray for the sick especially:** Helen Zolyomi, Fr Nigel, Aleyda Franco, James Downes, Jenny Majumdar, Susan Gent, Frances Brady, Fr Tony Brunning, Leo Timmins, Peter Dewar, Mae Higgins, Peggy Lundy, Linda Pick, Sue Pachoa, Andreas Philiotis, Eulalia Morales, Raymond Gibbs, Mavis Hancock, Irene Macneil, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Thomas Edward Rodrigues, Maureen Tyson, Tommy McCarthy, Erica Simonis, John O'Brien **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Francis Chute, James Barnes, Canon William Heffernan and Nancy Gibney.

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### Third Sunday of the Year 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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Neh 8:2-6,8-10; Paul 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21



**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm**

**Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
*Christmas feria*

9.30 am Mass

6.00 pm Mass

followed by Confessions

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year C of the Word of God</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	6.00 pm Mass
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>SS Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	6.00 pm Mass
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Angela Merici</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers 11.00 am Funeral Mass of Thomas Rodrigues RIP
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>feria – of B V Mary</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass followed by Confessions
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

**Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.** Instituted by Pope Francis as an annual celebration of the way God speaks to us through his Word in Scripture, it is a day when we bless our Parish Readers who proclaim the Word of God to us at Mass. Our Readers will receive the blessing at the Mass they normally attend. We are hoping to recruit some additional readers, and so we invite other parishioners who would like to be considered for this ministry to let us know.

**Parish Readers and those interested in becoming Readers** please take a free copy of the leaflet 'Being a Reader at Mass' from the back of the church.

### Today's Bible Readings

**Old Testament Reading:** 'The return of the people of Israel to their homeland after the Babylonian exile was marked by the public reading of the book of the Law. In the book of Nehemiah, the Bible gives us a moving description of that moment. The people assembled in Jerusalem, in the square before the Water Gate, to listen to the Law. They had been scattered in exile, but now they found themselves gathered "as one" around the sacred Scripture (Neh 8:1). The people lent "attentive ears" (Neh 8:3) to the reading of the sacred book, realizing that in its words they would discover the meaning of their lived experience.' (From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting this Sunday of the Word of God)

**The Gospel:** In the synagogue of Nazareth, his home town, very early in his ministry Jesus proclaims the Word of God from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolls the scroll and reads, 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor... ' On concluding the passage, he begins to preach by saying 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' Jesus was anointed as the Christ, the long awaited Messiah, by the Holy Spirit at his baptism in the River Jordan, and from now on will begin to carry out his messianic role, which continues in our own day through the Church proclaiming his Word.

**Last Sunday was White Flower Sunday.** The collection in support of the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children raised £408. Thank you for your generosity.

**Monday, the Feast of SS Timothy & Titus,** the disciples of St Paul, is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, (1992.) He was an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, before becoming Archbishop of Birmingham, and then Archbishop of Westminster.

**Tuesday is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul,** and the last day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The chapel to the right of the front of the church is dedicated to St Joseph & St Paul. The reredos at the back of the chapel depicts St Paul's conversion. St Paul is also the subject of the stained glass window above it.

**The Christmas Crib remains in the church until Candlemas,** 2nd February, the time when the 40 day old infant Jesus was presented in the Temple and revealed as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**Crib Offerings go towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society** with needy families in our Diocese of Westminster. The Crib Offerings are the main annual source of their income. Parents – do bring your children to visit the Infant Jesus in the Crib, light a candle and say a prayer for children in need, and make an offering to help them.