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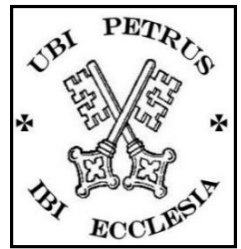
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

9.15 am, 11.00 am, 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am

Thurs: 7pm; Sat: 10.30 am

Holy Days of

Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.10 am

Last Week's

Collection

£725.07

CRIB

31 Dec - £58.09

7 Jan - £23.30

Thank you

Text: ParishHATSO to 70800 to donate £5 through your mobile phone.

“Jesus said to them, Come and see.” (John 1.39)

Vocation is a call by God. The word has its roots in the Latin word, *vocare*, meaning, ‘to call’. Broadly, it is primarily of two kinds: (a) the first and common vocation of all human beings given them by God at creation, to collaborate with Him in the work of creation, and this includes the vocation to married life (cf. Gen. 1.26-28); and (b) the vocation for the ‘sake of God’s kingdom’ (Mt 19.12), inclusive of the priestly and religious vocations by which people become God’s co-workers for His kingdom (cf. 1 Cor. 3.9; 1 Thes. 3.2; Col. 4.11). This last type of vocation is not for everyone, but only for those God chooses and calls. It always comes at God’s initiative, not at ours or at anyone else’s. It is not one’s to call oneself (Lk 8.38-39; 9.57-58); it is God alone who chooses and calls, just as the Lord says: “You did not choose Me, but I chose you . . .” (Jn 15.16); “one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God . . .” (Heb. 5.4). God may call a person directly, as He called Samuel in the first reading today (1 Sam.3.1- 1-10), or indirectly through another person, as He called Andrew and his friend through

John the Baptist, and as He called Peter through his brother Andrew (Jn 1.35-42), or through an event or circumstance in one’s life. However one is called, one should not walk away (Mt 19.16-22), make excuses (Mt 8.21), or delay (Lk 9.61-62), but should respond promptly, positively and generously, like Peter and his companions (Mk 1.16-20), and Matthew (Lk 5.27-28). In calling a person to this vocation, God wants the person firstly to be with Him, to experience Him and get to know Him sufficiently, and, afterwards, to go and share that experience with another by a life of witness to Jesus and all He stands for, by a life of service inspired by the gospel, and by a direct proclamation of the gospel. The goal in all circumstances is to give glory to God in Christ, and not to glorify or enrich oneself.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: 1 Sam. 3.3-10, 19; **Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 1.6.13-15, 17-20; **Gospel:**
John 1.35-42

Psalm 39: Response: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 14 th Jan.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15 am	Mary Grace Zarb, RIP
		11.00 am	Parishioners
		6.00 pm	Anne Flaherty, RIP
Mon., 15 th Jan.	Feria	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tue., 16 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Parish Priest's Intention
Wed., 17 th Jan.	St Anthony, Abbot	9.30am	Funeral Mass Michael Berry RIP
Thur., 18 th Jan	Feria	7.00 pm	Betty Wild & family, Intention
Fri., 19 th Jan.	Feria	9.30 am	Fr. Livie, Intention
Sat., 20 th Jan.	Feria	10.30 am	Olive Byrne & family, Intention
Sun., 21 st Jan.	+ 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15 am	Dan Moran, Anniversary
		11.00 am	Parishioners
		6.00 pm	Holy Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine, Mary Mullhall, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Peter Flower, and William Naughton.

This Sunday is **Peace Sunday**, with particular focus on **Migrants and Refugees**. May we keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who have to seek refuge as migrants and refugees in foreign lands, especially in our own country.

Induction of our Parish Priest: Bishop Paul McAleenan has rescheduled the induction of our parish Priest, Fr Livie, to take place **next Sunday, January the 21st, during the 9.15 am Mass**. The reception will take place in the hall of Marychurch after the induction ceremony during the 11.00 am Mass there. We look forward to seeing everyone at both events.

We warmly welcome our newest brother in the Lord, **Louis Chike Emmanuel Chiejina**, who will be baptised during the 11.00 am Mass.

We also welcome **Michelle Fitzgerald, Rufaro Chitsike, and Thomas Maunganidze** as they have the **Rite of Acceptance** into the RCIA programme during the 9.15 am Mass today.

We thank **Maria Pereira** for her generous donation of £100 to the parish shortly before Christmas. May the good Lord reward her abundantly.

Christian Unity: Between January the 18th and 25th each year, we keep the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. In Hertfordshire we have a quite outstanding and powerful witness to our Church's commitment to unity. Every Friday at 12.00 noon, Catholic Mass is celebrated in St Albans Abbey in St Albans. This year, the **Hatfield Service for Christian Unity** will take place on **Sunday, 21 January 2018, at 6.30 pm**, at Oxlease Methodist Church on Wood's Ave/Traveller's Lane junction. All are welcome to attend.

Free on-line Safeguarding awareness training is available to all parishioners. If you would like to complete the training, please email safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk, and they will forward you all the information you need to access and complete the modules of the EDUCARE course. This is for all, but will be especially useful for parents, people caring for others, as well as volunteers within the parish.

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF), started in 1994 by St John Paul II, takes place every three years. The last time it took place was in 2015 in Philadelphia, US. This time, it will take place in Dublin from 21-26 August 2018. The archdiocese of Westminster looks forward to taking to the event a big group of participants from across our parish communities. To find out registration details and general information on WMOF, please email: family@rcdow.org.uk, or call 02079316064 and speak with Charlotte.

Family Bingo - The next Family Bingo evening will be on Saturday the 13th of January. All are welcome to come along for an enjoyable evening. Doors open at **7.00 pm**, with eyes down at 7.45 pm.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Michael Berry**. His mortal remains will be received in the church on Tuesday the 16th, while the funeral Mass will be on Wednesday the 17th.

Please return the hymn books and Mass cards back to the book shelves at the back of Church after Mass and take the newsletter home. Thank you.

<p>Sacred Heart Novena: After Mass every Friday</p> <p>Rosary: After Mass on Wednesday</p> <p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: After Mass on Tuesday</p>	<p>Lead Catechist: Linda Graham: 07768777768</p> <p>Hatfield SVP: 07960 785673</p> <p>St Pius (Padre Pio) Prayer Group: 1st Thurs monthly: 6pm</p> <p>Prayer & Bible Study Group: Prayer & Praise: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:30 - 5:45pm; Bible Study & Prayer: 2nd & 4th Thursdays: 7:30 – 8:45pm.</p>	<p>St Philip Howard: Primary: 01707 263969</p> <p>Nicholas Breakspear: Senior Mixed – 01727 860079</p> <p>Loreto College, St Albans: 01727 856206</p> <p>Catholic Chaplaincy Lister Hospital: John O’Neil</p>
<p>Baptism: See Parish Priest – Preparation obligatory</p> <p>Confessions: Sat., 11am – 12 noon; 5-5.30 pm; or by request</p> <p>Marriage: See Parish Priest 6 months’ notice. Preparation obligatory</p>	<p><u>Weekly Rotas</u> <i>Flowers: Christine</i> Church Cleaning: Henry & Janet Cornelius Shop: 9.15am – Maureen Irving 11am – Heather Coakley 6pm – John Nwachukwu</p> <p>“My house shall be called a house of prayer”</p> <p><i>Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.</i></p> <p><i>Before Mass - Talk to God</i> <i>During Mass - Listen to God</i> <i>After Mass - Talk to each other</i></p>	<p>Suggestions & Comments Box: There is a box on the table in the side porch entrance, if you wish to express any suggestions or comments in relation to the parish.</p>
<p>Parish Office: Tues, Weds & Fridays: 10am-1pm</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer: Sue McLellen: 01707 646383 Email:hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Planned Giving envelopes: Pat Malsher: 01707 265530</p> <p>Hall Bookings: Parishioners only Enquiries to Parish Secretary</p>		

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