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**Newsletter for the week commencing 18th/19th January 2020**

**Second Sunday of the Year ( A )**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6**

**Psalm Response:**  6pm & 8.30am **Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will**

10.30am **Here am I, O God, I come to do your will, here am I, I come to do your will**

**Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 1-3**

**Gospel: John 1: 29-34**

10.30 MASS HOLY COMMUNION - The choir sing*The Coventry Carol (Anon 16th C)*

**Father John writes:**

John’s Gospel today is all about who Jesus truly is. It was a problem for the people of that generation to understand Jesus – is He a prophet like John the Baptist or is He greater than any other human person? It is also a problem for the majority of people of today. John the Baptist proclaims “I have seen and I am the witness that He is the Chosen One of God” …

“He ranks before me because He existed before me” … “The Spirit came down and rested on Him.”

Again and again in John’s Gospel there are reflections on the truth that Jesus is both God and man. This truth is not just for us, but for all people. We were given the gift of faith in order that we can be witnesses to the people of our day.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables and David Ainsworth.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** William Syer, Douglas Fowler, Adela Heveningham and Michael Vickers, Margaret Lewis, Arthur Wood, Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne, Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read and Canon Charles Walker.

**This week’s events**

**This week** is the week of prayer for **Christian Unity.**

The **funeral of Edward Albert Turner** originally scheduled for Friday 24th January **has been postponed** until Friday 7th February at 12 mid-day, followed by burial.

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who might benefit from a visit from a friendly face please let Fr John or Anne Taylor (01233 850235) know and the Parish Outreach Group will make contact!

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time counts the time between Christmas Season and Lent, and between Easter Season and Advent. Ordinary Time readings, liturgy and prayer can be a rich time to reflect upon our relationship with God, our relationships with each other and to grow in depth on many levels. Creighton University Online Ministries has a huge variety of helpful resources for prayer in Ordinary Time. Since Anglican and Catholic churches share many of the same liturgical readings, these are useful ecumenical resources. Access them at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 18th January | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 19th January | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *People of the parish*  12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |
| Monday | 20th January | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 21st January | St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr | 10:00am Mass *deceased clergy.* |
| Wednesday | 22nd January | St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 23rd January | Feria | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 24th January | St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 25th January | The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 26h January | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *Michael & Allison Vickers* |

**Next week’s responsibilities (25th/26th January)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Maggie U | Suzanne V | Lynton A |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Maria Milton | Chris Leahy  Lorraine Sharp |
| **Flowers** | Kathy Gibbs | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

The funeral and cremation of Sue Goodman will be held at St Mildred’s on Friday 31st January at 11.45am

Something for you to keep in mind: there is a proposed Sharing Shrove Tuesday Lunch on Sunday, 23rd February 2020 in the Parish Centre. More details nearer the time!