

## MASS INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 3

### Saturday 21st January

6.00 pm Noel O'Shea RIP

### Sunday 22nd January

8.00 am The Barclay Family  
9.15 am UCM  
11.00 am Ken Dodd RIP  
5.00 pm Sean Wallace RIP

### Monday 23rd January

7.30 am\* Private Intention  
10.00 am **Funeral: Mr John Murphy RIP**

### Tuesday 24th January St Francis de Sales

10.00 am Eileen Macey RIP (McConnell)

### Wednesday 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul

10.00 am Neil Clark RIP (McConnell)

### Thursday 26th January St Timothy & St Titus

7.30 am\* Int. of Sr. Jean Patrick (Larkin)  
10.00 am Int. of Sr. Jean Patrick (McConnell)

### Friday 27th January St Angela Merici

10.00 am Roger Hammond (O'Brien)  
(11.00 am Mass at St. Raphael's)

### Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas

10.00 am Tom O'Reilly RIP (Stefania Stegner)  
6.00 pm Peter Golden RIP  
*Rite of Welcome—Journey in Faith*

### Sunday 29th January

8.00 am Maisy O'Reilly RIP  
9.15 am Gordon Melish (Melish) RIP  
11.00 am Kathleen Dodd & Family  
5.00 pm Int. of Michael & Linda Larkin (Colleary)

\*7.30 am Masses are at Holy Trinity Convent

## DIARY THIS WEEK

### Sunday 22nd January

9.15 am Childrens Liturgy  
10.15 am Coffee after Mass  
12 noon Social Club—Club Room  
3.45 pm Baptism Preparation Session 3 in Upper Room

### Monday 23rd January

5.30 pm Brownies—Hall  
7.45pm for 8.00pm Journey in Faith—Upper Room  
8.00 pm CAFOD Meeting—Skip Appleton

### Tuesday 24th January

10.30 am Coffee Morning—Club Room  
3.00 pm Legion of Mary—Skip Appleton  
6.30 pm FHC—Upper Room  
7.00 pm Circuit Training—Hall  
8.30 pm Zumba Fitness Class—Hall

### Wednesday 25th January

3.30 pm Irish Dancing—Hall  
7.30 pm Explorer Scouts—Hall  
8.00 pm Jubilee Prayer Group HTC

### Thursday 26th January

10.30 am Mums & Tots—Club Room  
4.30 pm Consolation Group—Presbytery  
5.15 pm Beavers—Hall  
6.30 pm Cubs—Hall  
8.00 pm Childrens Liturgy Meeting—UR

### Friday 27th January

8.00 pm FHC Parents Evening—Hall  
8.00 pm Brainstorming Meeting—UR  
9.00 pm Social Club—Club Room

### Saturday 28th January

7.00 pm JIF Social—Upper Room

### Sunday 29th January

9.15 am Children's Liturgy  
10.15 am Coffee after Mass  
10.30 am FHC—Upper Room  
12 noon Social Club—Club Room

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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### 3rd Sunday of the Year Year B 22nd January 2012

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#### Surgeries [at Presbytery without an appointment]

Monday Fr. Saju : 6-8 pm Wednesday Fr. Tom: 5-7 pm

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### A Culture of Vocation

The word 'vocation' tends to conjure up in the minds of many Catholics something reserved to priests and nuns. This is a big mistake.

The word vocation has its roots in the latin word for 'call'. The truth is that 'God calls each of us out of nothing into his own wonderful light'. Our very existence is dependent on this eternal echo of God's loving call to me to say 'yes' to life - not any old life but the particular life that is fully human.

In the words of today's Gospel I am invited to be with Jesus as an apprentice 'to follow' his way—God's way. The only authentic way of being human. More than that he wants us to draw others along this same path (as fishers of men).

Jesus invites us to serve our apprentice in his company. This is not a master/slave relationship but one rooted in imitating his ways with deep love and friendship. So every parent is gifted with the vocation to lead their children to Jesus in and through the ordinary and everyday events of their life. Using the words of St. Paul they could say to their children 'be imitators of me as I am of Christ'.

Parent or not, 'God has created me for some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another' so wrote Blessed John Newman. Let this awareness shape our imagination too. Yes, we too are called for some definite purpose—it is our vocation through Baptism.

Fr. Tom

*READINGS & PRAYERS for today are on page 129  
of the Parish Mass Book.*

**Rosary:** Daily, 10.30am.

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** Saturdays 10.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays: 11 am-12 noon & 5.00-5.45 pm, or on request.

**BAPTISMS:** One month preparation required. Please contact a Priest during Surgery.

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months notice required. Please contact your Parish priest

**FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO.** Celebrating Marriage and Family Life on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the papal letter on this subject (Familiaris Consortio). To be held on 11th February 2012 at Amigo Hall, **St. Georges's Cathedral, Southwark from 1.30-5.00 p.m.**

There will be workshops on:

1. Marital Spirituality
2. Home is a Holy Place
3. Deepening of communication skills.
4. Pass on our Faith tradition to our children.
5. Young people, lasting relationships and marriage.
6. Young people coping with loss.

If you would like to participate in this free course pick up a leaflet and book your place today. Fr. Tom

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**Week of Prayer: Christian Unity.** Beginning 18th January. Today we welcome Andrew McClellan who will preach at the 11.00 am Mass while Deacon Duncan will preach at the Communion Service at St. John the Evangelist Church in Park Road.

You are invited to a **United Act of Worship to pray for Christian Unity** this evening (Sunday) at 6.30pm in the Methodist Church. Please make every effort to participate.

**CAFOD Group Meeting** will be held on Monday 23rd January at 8.00 pm in the Skip Appleton Room.

**Baptism Preparation 2012:** The third of four sessions will be today at 3.45pm in the Upper Room.

**Journey in Faith 'Rite of Welcome' Celebration of the Word and Blessing of the Catechumens and Candidates.** Saturday 28th January 2012 during 6.00pm Mass followed by Journey in Faith Social in the Upper Room.

**Invitation to Journey in Faith Social** Saturday 28th January at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. If you have any connection with our Journey in Faith Group past or present this invitation is especially for you. We look forward to celebrating with old and new friends.

**The Rite of Welcome:** The First Step: is a grace filled celebration when Catechumens and Candidates clearly express their desire publicly to become full members of the Church; this marks their welcome and first blessing by the Church. Our entire community are asked to help the Candidates and Catechumens throughout this process by praying for them, supporting them and encouraging them on their journey in faith.

**First Holy Communion Preparation Session 1** on Tues. 24 & Sun. 29 January.

**First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** on Friday 27 January at 8.00pm in Church Hall will focus on Celebrating the Eucharist.

**Consolation Group.** The next meeting will be on Thursday 26th January from 4.30—5.30 pm in the Presbytery. The Parish Consolation Group is a hand of friendship supporting those who have lost family or friends. This invitation is not solely for the recently bereaved. We do not offer counselling, we offer time, support and a willingness to listen. If you feel you might benefit please join us—you will always receive a warm welcome.

**Childrens Liturgy Meeting** will be held on Thursday 26th January at 8.00 pm in the Upper Room.

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**Mr. John (Jack) Murphy's** funeral will be held on Monday 23rd January at 10.00am.

**Angela Dean** passed away on Thursday 5th January. Her cremation will be on Tuesday 24th January with a Church Service at a later date.

**Patricia Fox** passed away on 6th January 2012.

**Training Course. The Oldest Story in the World. The Epic of Gilgamesh. Christian Education Centre, Tooting Bec, London.** To be held on Wednesday 8th February from 10.30 am—3.30 pm. See poster in foyer or contact 020 8672 9391.

**Flame Youth Congress.** Wembley Arena 24th March 2012. One Day Event. This is a youth event building on the Papal visit of 2012 for details see [www.cymfed.org/flame](http://www.cymfed.org/flame). It is suitable for Year 9 and above. For more information contact Matt Gibbs (familygibbs.gibbs3@ntlworld.com). To travel with Southwark Diocese please email him by 21st January. Tickets £14.00 each. If you cover £7.00 i.e. 50% - the Parish will cover the rest. Book immediately.

**Beginning Experience** to be held at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham from 30th March—1st April. For further details contact Rita on 01923 467958 or see poster in foyer.

**The Catholic Bishops Conference** organise Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year they are looking to offer 8 internships running from September 2012—July 2013. For further information see notice in foyer or contact the Parish Office.

**Christmas Fayre Brainstorming Meeting** will be held on Friday 27th January at 8.00pm in the Upper Room. The idea of the meeting is to consider how to build on the success of the last Christmas Fayre. Please come along with any ideas or suggestions you may have. All welcome.

**Learning for Life (Uganda)** Bring and Buy Sale. Audrey Ward would like to thank all those who attended. Approx. £200 was raised.

**First Holy Communion** clothes and accessories will be on sale in Church Hall on Saturday 3rd March 2.30-4.30pm.

**The Festival Chorus** will be singing Stainer's 'Crucifixion' in St. James Petts Wood on Sunday March 25th at 7.30pm. People from all the churches in the Bromley Deanery are most welcome. Rehearsals are in St James on Sunday afternoons 3.00-4.30pm and start on Sunday 15th January. The charity this year will be the Marie Curie Cancer Fund.

**Orpington Food Bank.** A big thank you to all who have donated so generously. Please continue your efforts as donations are still urgently needed. We would like to start a rota to deliver the donations to St. Mary Cray. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office. All donations should be left in the Presbytery porch. Thank you.

**Headteacher** required for September 2012 at St. Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3DE. Please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Sandra Devine on 07711 657070. Closing Date 10 February 2012.

**Olympics 2012. More Than Gold:** St. Andrew's Church in Burnt Ash Lane are planning a 'Going for Gold' day in June 2012 and have invited all Churches to join them to celebrate their day. This may be our opportunity to plan ahead for a similar event or even an Olympic Summer Ball and we can invite all Churches to join us. Would anyone be interested in joining me to put together such an event? Deacon Duncan

You can help local charities if you simply drop your unwanted **mobile phone** through the Presbytery letter box and we will do the rest. Thank you.

**Offertory Collection** for last Sunday amounted to: £1600 and £140 was given as Crib Offerings for the Cabrini