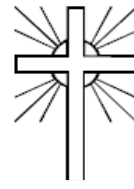


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SECOND SUNDAY OF 2022

Also Peace Sunday

Sunday 16th January 2022

TODAY is PEACE SUNDAY

This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in **Pax Christi**, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for children at: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

A date for your diary:

The Prayer Group have arranged for Philip McParland to come for a retreat in daily life on the theme of Experiencing the Friendship of Jesus.

It is on Saturday 26th February at St Marys Hall, 10.30 to 3pm. Entrance is free - any donations towards his expenses would be gratefully received. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

Information about Philip can be found at <https://www.philipmcpaland.com/>

Thoughts on today's Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in Cycle C, our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel, and today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

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In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity. Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come, Jesus is very much in command, aware of all that will happen to him. Mary is not mentioned by name, referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil God's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church)

Parish Mass Book: This weekend's Readings: p.127, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.12

Saturday 15th 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (Marianne O'Kane – Special Intention (OB))
Sunday 16th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Second Sunday of 2022 SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Clarke – Special Intention (CW)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Monday 17th 10.00am,	St Anthony, Abbot ASC Holy Mass (Brenda Dale RIP (P&M Mc))
Tuesday 18th 10.30am,	Feria SMC Funeral Mass of Lily O'Neill RIP
Wednesday 19th 10.00am,	St Wulstan, Bishop ASC Holy Mass (The McCormick Family – Special Intention (OB))
Thursday 20th 10.00am,	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr SMC Holy Mass (The McAuley Family – Special Intention (OB)) <i>Please pray for the meeting of the Maintenance Committee which takes place this evening</i>
Friday 21st 10.00am, 7.00-8.00pm,	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr SMC Holy Mass (Graham Robertshaw RIP) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 22nd 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Confessions , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (David Townend – 80 th Birthday Blessing (MT)) Second Collection for Sick and Retired Priests' Fund
Sunday 23rd 9.15am, 11.15am,	Third Sunday of 2022 SMC Holy Mass (Paul & Maria Burns – Christmas Blessing (BB)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) Second Collection for Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

Job Opportunity: Centre Manager at New Mills Volunteer Centre Applications are invited for the post of NMVC Centre Manager, Location: New Mills & District Volunteer Centre. Salary: £30,576 pro rata (actual £24,461), Appointment type: Permanent, Hours: 30, 5 days a week. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE:
To be responsible for the effective day to day running of the Centre, and its staff, in line with the needs of the client base. To promote the future development of the Centre. To represent the Centre and promote its best interests when dealing with funders, local businesses, and organisations. To generate income.
To provide advice and support to the Board of Trustees. Closing Date 9am 17th January 2022
Further information available at: <https://www.nmvc.org/job/centre-manager/>

ST MARY'S CRIB OFFERINGS: A Big "Thank you" to those people who donated an offering to the crib in St Mary's. The sum of **£17.39** will be forwarded to MISSIO.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

GLOSSOP ROSARY: We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 17th January with the Glorious Mysteries.

HELPING HANDS: During the pandemic, 'Helping Hands' has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection as well as other requests. Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house. **CONTACT:** Wynne or Rob.