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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2022

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Fr Martin writes, RIP

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Warren, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mrs Warren's funeral will be celebrated on Monday 24th January 2022 at St Mary Crowned Church."

Confessions:

Now that the New Year has begun, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated again as from next Saturday, 8th January.

The venue will alternate each week between the two churches and next Saturday will be at All Saints Church from 10.00am - 10.30am.

A Prayer for Peace in the New Year

At the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else.

Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives.

Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world.

Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new.

Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against.

We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives this day.

We love you Lord...we need you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joint Parish Pastoral Council:

Following the recent retirement of one of the members of the Pastoral Parish Council, Anne Fielding was the only applicant for the vacancy and she will therefore join the council for the remainder of the current term.

GLOSSOP ROSARY: We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 3rd January with the Mysteries of Light.

All Saints Draw: The winner of the £100 draw for November was G Beaumont.

A Reflection on today's Readings:

The readings this week speak of restoration and healing. God has a plan for our future that will result in lasting peace and harmony between individuals, families, communities and nations. This will pave the way for reconciliation between the kingdom of God and humankind.

God knows us only too well. He acknowledges our need of a saviour, someone who will show us 'God's way' towards a better, more sustainable future, for us, and the planet we call home.

'He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.' (John 1 vs 10,11).

The gospel writer, John, was writing with the benefit of hindsight and guided in his writing by the Holy Spirit. John was setting out the enormity of our (humankind's) mistake, of not recognising Jesus for who he really was.

In the original context, John was referring to the people of Israel, the Jews, God's chosen people, those who should have recognised their long expected Messiah. But the lack of recognition is still evident today. So it remains 'our' mistake, 'our' failure to respond to God's love.

'But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself' (John 1 vs 12,13).

For John and us, any claim to be the children of God is entirely down to the action of God. As believers, we have been adopted into God's family on the basis of our faith in Christ.

The writer of 'Ephesians' says *'Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence.'* (Ephesians 1 vs 3-5).

As Christians, we acknowledge that *'the Earth is the Lord's'* (Psalm 24 vs 1). We are all inhabitants of a world that God has made for us.

It is right that we should *'Praise the Lord our God. God is Love: let heaven adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice.'*

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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.111, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.12

Saturday 1st 6.00pm,	Mary, the Holy Mother of God ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (The Gadd and Shanahan Families RIP (GS))
Sunday 2nd 9.15am, 11.15am,	Second Sunday after Christmas SMC Holy Mass (Anne Walsh – Christmas Blessing (CW)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Monday 3rd 10.00am,	Tenth Day of Christmas ASC Holy Mass (The speedy recovery of Michael Lynch)
Tuesday 4th	Eleventh Day of Christmas <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the People of the Parishes</i>
Wed'sday 5th 7.00pm,	Twelfth Day of Christmas ASC Holy Mass - Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord (Denise Diogeon RIP (J&CB))
Thursday 6th 10.00am,	The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity SMC Holy Mass (For the Intentions of the family of Baby Bowie RIP (DB))
Friday 7th 10.00am, 7.00-8.00pm,	St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest SMC Holy Mass (Jean Powner – Christmas Blessing (BB)) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 8th 6.00pm, 12.00-12.30pm,	Saturday after the Epiphany ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (Ursula Stokes RIP) ASC Confessions, <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i>
Sunday 9th 9.15am, 11.15am,	The Baptism of the Lord - Feast SMC Holy Mass (Barbara Burns – Christmas Blessing (CW)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes)

News from the Diocese:

The diocese of Nottingham publishes a twice monthly e-magazine 'grapevine' with articles and news of meetings and courses. If you would like to browse this magazine then go to:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>

Articles in the most recent publication include:

- Finding Faith in Tax Justice: 17 January 2022
- Ecological works of mercy, with Fr Patrick Bassey
- Synod: online event for young people, their families and friends
- Experiences of Islamophobia in Nottingham
- Help shape Caritas through 2022

Covid-19: Government Plan B:

The Government recently announced the move to their 'Plan B' in order to control the spread of the new variant of Covid-19. Plan B covers a number of areas of guidance for public action.

As a result, the use of face coverings in public places, including places of worship, is once again mandatory. These should be worn throughout your time on church premises.

Face masks, as well as hand sanitiser, are available at the entrances of our churches.

Please be aware that following the guidance helps to restrict the spread of the virus, and protects not only oneself but others too, a goal that we as Christians embrace willingly.

Any further changes to the guidance which affect our churches will be provided as soon as is possible

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.