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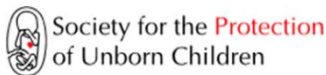
Sunday 28th January 2024

Jesus took time on the Sabbath to go to the synagogue to teach. He made an impression on those present. He was showing his power to heal and save through his actions as well as giving spiritual nourishment to his hearers through his words. In His teaching Jesus was speaking of God's will for the world in terms that were easily understood by his hearers. As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of His Kingdom.

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ. Speak to us, and to what is in us so that we might be whole. Speak to us with love, with hope and with strength so that we might hear You and know, deep inside, that we are your people and that you are our God. Amen.

Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice . . . The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday.

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters, so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. Amen.




Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

SPUC White Flower Appeal – This Sunday, 28th January. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies by highlighting this crisis. Many thanks.

St. Teresa's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at 2.20pm on Wednesday 7th February. All of the pupils in St. Teresa's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Ollie will be celebrating the mass. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

Double knitting wool needed in white and pastel colours for new baby matinee coats and hats. Do you have any spare double knitting wool that you can donate to help Paulene Major carry on her loving knitting project for babies in need? (Only white and pastel colours please.) Please leave in the church porch marked for the attention Paulene Major. Thank you.

4 th Sunday of the Year			
28	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
29	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
30	Tuesday		
31	Wednesday St John Bosco		
1	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2	Friday Presentation of the Lord		No Mass
3	Saturday	9.15am	Theresa Watson
5 th Sunday of the Year			
4	Sunday	9.00am	Wendy Clarke
Anniversaries:		Patricia Jackson, Jack Buglass, Catherine Burke, Brenda Nolan, Noreen Morley, Timothy Finn	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu Brian Wetherell, Sheila Kerr	
Reader for Sunday 4th February ~ Terry Egerton			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD . . . On Friday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Through the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, Jesus was revealed and acknowledged as the Messiah.

We pray for all parents. May they model themselves on Mary and Joseph, and like them, who brought their infant son to the temple, lead their children by their example of love and practice of the Christian faith. Amen

There is a Holy Hour at St. Joseph's RC Church on Sunday, 4th February, at 4pm. All are welcome

The Masses on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, will be at St. Mary's RC Church at 12 Noon and St. Patrick's RC Church at 7pm.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING UPDATE . . . The safeguarding office for our diocese has decided to spread the huge volume of work involved updating several thousand volunteers every 3 years. Accordingly, they have asked parish reps to go through their parish lists and ask everyone who's valid clearance is 18 months old, or more, and are registered with the On-Line Update Service (OUS) to **UPDATE NOW!** The unregistered can run to the end of their three years, then update as normal. This will mean that a smaller percentage of the diocese will be dealt with NOW and a smaller percentage in 18 months' time. All clearances will be for the usual 3 years. For those who are registered with OUS already, your work is very easy. You will be handed a SAE with one easy form to fill in. It is the form you have filled in numerous times and then you place it in the envelope and post it off. That's it for three more years. Those not registered will continue until their 3 years are up. As always, I will help all who need it. Just let me know. Thanks for all the work you do for the parishes and RASPS. (Maurice 07531 721 274.)