

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 February 2017: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Nora Reilly's intentions
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Bruno Menegotto RIP
5.30pm	Jose Manuel Martinho

Monday 6 February	<i>St Peter Baptist & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Friars & Benefactors
7.30am		

Tuesday 7 February	<i>St Colette, Poor Clare</i>	Anna-Laura Groeger RIP
7.30am		

Wednesday 8 February		Afonso De. E Santo Ramos & family RIP
7.30am		

Thursday 9 February		Vocations
7.30am		

Friday 10 February	<i>St Scholastica</i>	Bernino McLoughlin RIP
7.30am		

Saturday 11 February	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	James Pender RIP
8.00am		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Please pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including: Kristian O'Farrell, Patrick O'Mahoney, Hugh McKenna, Michael Gilboy, Daniel McCarthy, Domenico Rosato, Ruby Cross, Bruno Nowak, Liam Mulhern, Margaret Hillier, Monica Simmons, Richard Alarcon & Joseph Siurek.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS

Second Collection today: Pro-Life

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£440.93	<i>Gift Aid</i>	£56.00p
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Let Your Light Shine!

If you do good things for others, good things will be done for you. That simple promise comes from Isaiah's prophecy. Feed the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Then your wounds will be healed.

Isaiah addresses people being freed from their oppression. He tells them to be mindful of the needy. Several weeks ago, we heard him promise that those dwelling in darkness would see a great light. Now he says that light will come from a specific location—it will come from within. As God's chosen people, their light will shine. But they should not just sit and wait for it. Their light will shine when they act in kindness.

Food, shelter and clothing are basic human needs. Without them, people cannot live. Isaiah expects that those who have will share with those who have not. If we do not, the world cannot live at peace.

God may be calling you this coming Lent to perform a very specific action to help someone meet a very basic need. Let your light shine.



1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Response: **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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This Week:

Church Cleaners:

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

Monday 6 February: St Peter Baptist, St Paul Miki & Companions

Caught up in the midst of political machinations and fear of national conquest, Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and 25 companions, of whom some were altar servers, were tortured and finally crucified at Nagasaki in 1597. Celebrating this memorial of the martyrs from Japan reminds Catholics in other places of the global witness to the faith.

Tuesday 7 February: St Colette, Poor Clare

Colette was born in France in 1381. After the death of her parents she distributed her wealth to the poor and, taking the habit of the Third Order, lived for some time as a recluse before entering the Poor Clares. She was responsible for renewing many of the Communities through her insistence on prayer and poverty. She died in 1447.

Also on Tuesday: Requiem Mass for Florie Fernandes RIP

The Requiem Mass for Florie Stephanie Fernandes RIP will be celebrated **at 11am**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Friday 10 February: St Scholastica, Virgin

Born at Nursia in Umbria in the late fifth century, the sister of St Benedict, she consecrated herself to God in early childhood and dedicated her life to prayer and work. She is the patron of Benedictine nuns.

Also on Friday: Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm as usual. All are welcome.

Saturday 11 February: Our Lady of Lourdes

This day marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernarde Soubirous (St Bernadette). There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on 16 July 1958. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity.

Saturday 11 February is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

St Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. He had himself been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, and perhaps his own illness provided impetus for the designation of this day. We hold a special service next Sunday afternoon...

Sunday 12 February: Celebrating World Day of Prayer for the Sick

I invite you all to celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick by attending Devotions and Benediction at 3pm. During these devotions we shall celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

Remember Our Lady's message: conversion, prayer and charity. Let us pray for our sick brothers and sisters.



Gift Aid

Gift Aid donors are asked to collect from the servers' sacristy a set of envelopes for use during the next financial year: they are clearly labelled. Any donor whose name is omitted should contact James Martin at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk.

We have been asked to remind all Gift Aid donors to inform the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, James Martin, of any change of address or tax situation in order that accurate records may be kept. Such an update may be emailed or posted to the address in the letter accompanying the annual envelope supply.

The Parish is very grateful to every parishioner who has been able to join the Gift Aid scheme, which enhances each gift by 25% without further expenditure as this is recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.

Any taxpayer who is interested in joining the scheme should contact James Martin as above. The procedure involves only filling in a simple form of declaration.

Weddings 2017

If you are planning to get married this year (2017), please contact Br Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

The Diocese requires at least six months notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also a requirement, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Intinction (dipping the consecrated host into the chalice)

What are the rules for dipping the consecrated host into the precious blood? Administering Holy Communion by intinction is not recommended in the Dioceses of England and Wales. However, should communion be distributed in this way the eucharistic minister should be accompanied by a server holding a communion plate.

What is not permitted is for the lay faithful to self-communicate by dipping the host that they will consume into the precious blood. This can be done only by a minister of the Eucharist.

'He who sings prays twice' (St Augustine)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater than that of any other art... It forms a necessary and integral part of the Solemn Liturgy."

So we offer musical praises at Mass, not because it's a nice addition to the Liturgy, but because it *is* Liturgy. Music is most significant when it is beautiful and expressive of prayer, has the participation of the congregation and matches the sacred character of the celebration.