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Sunday 17th January 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 16 th January	6pm	St Joseph	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Laureano Lopez Rivera (RIP)</i>
Sunday 17 th January	9am	St Joseph		
	11am	St Francis		<i>Frank Mattos (RIP) (Ann)</i>
	6pm	St Francis		
Monday 18 th January	9am	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 19 th January	10am	St Joseph	Memorial of St Wulstan	
Wednesday 20 th January	7pm	St Francis	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday 21 st January	9.15am	St Francis	Memorial of St Agnes	
Friday 22 nd January	10am	St Joseph	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 23 rd January	10am	St Joseph	Our Lady on Saturday	
	6pm	St Joseph	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Eddie Parsons (RIP)</i>

Confessions

Wednesday	6.30-6.50pm	St Francis
Saturday	5.30-5.50pm	St Joseph
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm	St Francis

Adoration

Tuesday	No Adoration
Wednesday	12-10pm St Joseph
Thursday	8-9pm St Francis

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm Response

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY

These eight days of prayer for Christian Unity are traditionally kept in the days leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Resources are available at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) with readings, meditations and prayers for each day of the octave. The resources this year have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

LOCKDOWN RESOURCES

As many parishioners are getting dates for receiving their vaccinations, we remain in a period of continued lockdown. During the time of this current lockdown, it is worth remembering some of the online resources that are available. There are some excellent resources available on the website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Advice and suggestions for how Catholics can protect their mental health during the challenging time we face due to Coronavirus. [Mental Health \(COVID-19\) \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

This prayerful, meditative reflection comes from Fr James Hanvey SJ, former Master of Campion Hall, Oxford and currently serving in Rome at the Jesuit Curia. [In Times of Darkness](#)

There are also many video resources on [FORMED](#), for which we have a parish subscription. This provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organisations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of films, children's programmes, e-books, audio, parish programmes and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GATHERING CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ONLINE: the next meeting will be on Friday 22nd January at 6.15pm. If you are interested or know of young persons in Year 6 to Year 10 who would join the young people who like to explore their faith and get involved in charity-work, please let them know. Email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) for Zoom details. Please remember our young people in your prayers.

27th JANUARY

UK HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27th January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides that have happened since then in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

It is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own - it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We are fortunate here in the UK as we are not at immediate risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future.

Accordingly **HMD North Somerset** invites you to participate in the **Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony which will be streamed on-line at 7pm on Wednesday 27th January 2021** and to register for this event please click on the link:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/uk-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-ceremony/>

At 8pm we would ask you to get ready to **Light the Darkness** with us. Households from across the UK will be lighting candles and putting them in their windows to:

- remember those that were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

Light a candle and put it in your window at 8pm (if you are able to do so safely)

DO YOU WALK 10,000 STEPS A DAY?

I am looking for a volunteer (s) who already walk 10,000 steps using a Garmin etc, which some of you will already do! Also, if you need some motivation to achieve your steps this could be for you. CAFOD will be launching an appeal this Lent called the 40 day 'Walk for Water' challenge.

The thinking behind this is to highlight the inordinate demands on some people in developing countries, who have to walk long distances just to get clean water.

If you think this might be of interest to you, could you make contact with me please?

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