## Sunday 6th February 2022

Saturday 5th February	10am	Aparacida de Lourdes RIP
St Agatha	6pm	Christiana Boothways
Sunday 6th February	10am	Pastora Capera RIP
5th Sunday in Ordinary	4pm	Rosary and Benediction
Time	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 7th February		No Mass
<b>Tuesday 8th</b> <b>February</b> St Josephine Bakhita	10am	Elizabeth Mc Donagh
Wednesday 9th February	10am	Arthur Alexander Noel Wills
Thursday 10th Febru- ary St Scholastica	10am	Paul Mc Donnell RIP
Friday 11th	10:am	Petita Quiliquigo Verdago
February Our Lady of Lourdes	10:30 to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sac- rament
	6.45pm (Latin Mass)	Donor's Ints
Saturday 12th Febru-	10am	Daniel Eusabio Quispe
ary	6pm	Daniel and Helena O' Shea
Sunday 13th February	10am	Sharon Edozien
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30pm	People of the Parish

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

This is a School Voucher Sunday

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week Sunday's offering was £678.59 Standing Orders £400 Contactless Donations £138.00 Total £1216.59

Thank you for your generosity

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## PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF **Our Lady and Saint Peter** 

WIMBLEDON COMMON

Website: www.ourladyandstpeterwimbledoncommon.org Facebook: Our Lady and St Peter Church

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

### **Gospel Reflection.**

A close look at all our readings today reveals one common phenomenon. This is the feeling and expression of unworthiness by all the personalities (Isaiah, Paul, and Peter). Given that they were human beings, they were not worthy of God's mission. This is why the scripture tells us that: There is none as holy as the Lord (I Sam. 2, 2), and that "All our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Is. 64:6). Of course, any person who grasps this truth is already on the path of salvation. These feelings and expressions of unworthiness were marks of humility on Isaiah who said: "I am a man of unclean lips," on Paul who admitted: "I am the least of the apostles," and on Peter who Pleaded: Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."

They acknowledged their unworthiness before God. They acknowledged the fact that they were not worthy to bear the sacred message of God. Somehow, their feelings and humility were indirect means of drawing God's attention that they needed his grace and blessing to succeed. Of course, However, it did not matter to God whether they were weak or strong. He is simply the one who sanctifies and makes us worthy of his work. In today's gospel, one question that needs serious attention is: How could Peter, a professional and experienced fisherman who could not catch any fish throughout the night, be able to catch men for God? "Men" who are the most difficult of all the species created by God? Of course, Christ knew he was not worthy, yet He went for him. Christ chose him despite his unworthiness and made him worthy for the mission. From the lives and excuses of these figures today, we must learn that it is the grace of God that makes us worthy for His mission and not only our "special gualities or experiences." They matter but are limited.

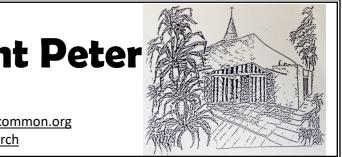
There is another crucial truth and lesson that emerges from our readings today. This is the fact that there will always be millions of reasons to try to avoid the call of God. Last week, while Jeremiah claimed that he was still too young (Jer 1, 6), and today Isaiah declares he is "A man of unclean leaps." So, there will always be millions of reasons not to help the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, and even bury the dead.

There will be a million reasons not to attend masses, not to pray the rosary, not to go for confession when we need it, not to visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There will always be reasons not to take care of my wife, husband, children, and neighbors. Too many excuses, my dear friend! However, God will not relent until we do his will. Finally, at times we feel like Isaiah, Paul, or Peter in today's readings. We feel so unworthy of our call that we can hardly do anything for the sake of the Gospel. Rightly, we should feel so, perhaps because of our inadequacies and fear. However, we should realize that God is the one who cleanses us of our sins and makes us worthy to be his messengers.

Therefore, we are not to be afraid. Instead, we should be docile to the spirit of Jesus Christ. He makes only those who are available worthy and capable for his mission. So, like Isaiah, let us confidently say: Here I am, Lord send me, "and Christ will make us "fishers of men."

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# **PARISH NEWS**

## **FISH AND CHIP LUNCH - FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

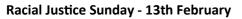
There will be a fish and chip lunch in the Parish Hall at 1:30pm on Friday 18th February. A sign up sheet has been placed at the back of the church if you would like to partake. The cost will be £9.

## Father Philip's 24th Anniversary of Ordination

Thanks to all those who sent cards and gifts to Father Philip for his Anniversary.



Tony Browne and Celine Pinto's Birthday celebrations.



Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. There will be a second Collection next weekend.

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 6th FEB 200 CLUB			
1	141	Matthew Asante	
2	78	Kathleen Lyons	

## Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com



Children's Rosary

There is children's rosary every weekday afternoon, except Thursday, in the church. At 3:40.

Tea After 10am Mass This Sunday

All are welcome to join other parishioners for a cup of tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday



If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

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# **NOTICE BOARD**

## **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## CAREERS EDUCATION

St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's Group is organising two sessions: Help and advice on apprenticeships on Saturday 5th March at 3-4pm and on Higher Education on Saturday 12 March at 3-4.30pm at St Boniface Parish Hall in Tooting.

All Year 11 & 12 or any year group and parents are most welcome. This is an opportunity to speak to professionals to get some help and advice for their career and future.

## Cleaner/Housekeeper Vacancy **Grief to Grace**

Grief to Grace, a charitable organization dedicated to the healing of survivors of abuse, is looking to appoint a cleaner/housekeeper for its Wimbledon retreat centre.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the centre, which houses a small community and hosts residential retreats several times each year. More details are available upon enquiry.

Hours to be agreed, but between 15 and 25 hours per week at £12 per hour.

For more information and an application form please email: info@grieftograceuk.org or telephone: 0208 154 2719. Closing date for applications 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Our policy of safer recruitment requires the successful candidate to complete a satisfactory DBS check and provide two referees. Grief to Grace is an equal opportunities employer.

## SINGING DAY

St Mary Magdalene Church (C of E), Wandsworth Common is holding a Singing day with John Rutter on Saturday 5 March 2022. The day will feature "Feel the Spirit" John Rutter's uplifting arrangements of well-loved spirituals plus other choral favourites.

The cost for the day is £30, accompanied children (11-18yrs) are free and students (18-22) £15. This includes use of the music scores and refreshments. Registration starts at 10am with refreshment provided. Tea and cakes will be provided in the mid-afternoon break.

For registration details please email joinin@smmwandsworth.org.uk or ticket link via https://

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