

<b>Saturday 14th January</b> St Raymond of Penyafort	10am Thomas Senghore RIP 6pm Mark Chamberlain RIP
<b>Sunday 15th January</b> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am People of the Parish 5.30pm Dingi and Beverley Ints
<b>Monday 16th January</b>	10am No Mass
<b>Tuesday 17th January</b> St Anthony	10am Gloria and Cesar Alvarez Del Rio RIP
<b>Wednesday 18th January</b>	10am Francisco Xavier Rodrigues RIP
<b>Thursday 19th January</b>	10am Donor's Ints
<b>Friday 20th January</b> St Sebastian	10am Patrick Cusack RIP 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 (Latin Mass) Tim Cronin RIP
<b>Saturday 21st January</b> St Agnes	10am Fr Philip Ints and Celine Pinto Ints 6pm Ann Marchetti RIP and Noreen Flaherty RIP
<b>Sunday 22nd January</b> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Tom, Laura and Martin Mulroe RIP 5:30pm People of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**  
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.  
Please pray for all those who have died recently.

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

**This is a School Voucher Sunday**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week  
Sunday's offering was £836.74  
Standing Orders £400  
Contactless Donations £222.00  
**Total £1458.74**

**Christmas Crib Collection £228**  
**For Catholic Children's Society and Friends of the Holy Land**

**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.

**Contacts**

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# Our Lady and Saint Peter

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**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Gospel Reflection**

Today is the beginning of the public life of Jesus. As you remember, Christmas is over, the child is grown up, the child becomes a man and the man is baptised in the waters by John the Baptist, a sign of his oneness with all of humanity, that he is indeed the Messiah but he is true God and true man.

Today, we see John the Baptist testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is walking by him, and John, seeing him pass by, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He doesn't say, "Behold, the Messiah." He doesn't say, "Behold, the Son of God." He says, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

Lambs are very important to a shepherded people and, of course, we think of the lamb most of all when Jesus says that he is the shepherd and the lambs hear his voice and follow him.

But this is not what John has in mind. What John has in mind is something much deeper, something much more important.

He is telling his disciples that this is the sacrificial lamb, offered at the time when the people were under the slavery of Egypt. And the lamb was offered that terrible night and his blood was placed upon the doorposts of all the children of Israel and the lamb became the sacrifice by which all of them were freed.

This is the lamb who is the sacrificial lamb. This is the Messiah who does not come with great armies. This is the Messiah who comes to us as a sacrificial lamb and, as John says, who offers his whole life that sins might be forgiven.

The word "sin" is very much used. Do you know "sin," that word doesn't exist in any language except in Hebrew. It's a gift of the Jewish people who recognise something very important when it is used.

We think of sin as somebody who offends the Ten Commandments. It's not that. We think of sin as something terrible that other people fall into and very seldom do we ourselves sin because we think sin is a series of activities against laws. And it is true. If you break a law, you break a commandment. And if you break a commandment, the commandment is the law of God and therefore you have sinned.

But that's not what sin means. Sin is a very interesting word and what it does mean is you have failed to love. God has given you His love and you turn your back on Him. God has given you Jesus and he becomes a lamb led to the slaughter to show you the depth of God's love and to make you understand when we say, "I have sinned," we have not broken a commandment, we have broken a promise, we have broken a person, we have nailed him to the cross.

For sin is a failure to care and a failure to love. It is not something that you just say, "Well, I broke the sixth commandment or the fifth commandment or the tenth commandment," because when you sin you break a heart, not only the heart of Jesus, but the heart of the person that you have sinned against.

And this is why it's such an important word. For when Jesus enters the waters, becomes one with us, walks with us through life, feeling the things we feel, hoping the things we hope, every bit a human being, when he does this, he is coming so that he might take away all sin. For if sin is a sin against the love of God, Jesus redeems us by his great love, not only for God his Father, but for all of us.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Fr Philip 25th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday 4th February at 12 Midday

Fr Philip celebrates 25th Anniversary of Priesthood on Saturday 4th February at 12 midday with Mass and a celebration in the hall afterwards. Please come along. A sign up sheet has been placed at the back of the church so we have a guide as to numbers.

There are envelopes at the back of the church if you would like to donate to Fr Philip.

### UNWANTED FABRIC

If you have any unwanted cleaned fabric, would you be able to donate it to the church so we can make some Nativity costumes. If you have soft toy donkey or angel wings you don't need please bring them. You can leave them in parish room. Thank you,

Mee-Ling

Confirmation classes have started on Sundays at 4.15pm.

First Holy Communion Classes have started on Saturdays at 11am.

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 200 CLUB

1	183	Mrs M Ashley
2	13	Mr Tony Browne

### The 200 Club Christmas Draw Winners

No. 103 - Paul McAdam  
No. 119 - Elsie Cornally

### CHURCH CLEANING

There will be Church cleaning every **1ST** and **3RD TUESDAY** of the month at 11 am.  
Please do come and help.  
Many thanks

### Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Please see Fr Philip if you would like to join his course to become a Catholic .

### GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.  
Please speak to:  
John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

### Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing [bookingsolsp@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsolsp@gmail.com) or phoning **07708632289**

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### Children's Rosary

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



### Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meets on Tuesdays at 3.45pm  
Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am

### Peace Sunday - 15th January

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. Please see the Pax Christi website for more information.

#### Prayer

O God of peace, who are peace itself  
and whom a spirit of discord  
cannot grasp,  
nor a violent mind receive,  
grant that those who are one in heart  
may persevere in what is good  
and that those in conflict  
may forget evil and so be healed.

Amen.

Pax Christie donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please send any donations direct to them.



## NOTICE BOARD

### Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

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