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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2018

Behold the Lamb of God!

Mass Times

13th Sat Feria

9.30

17.30

14th Sun Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 *Carmel Cremin +*

15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

15th Mon Feria

9.30

16th Tue Feria

9.30

17th Wed Saint Anthony

9.30

18th Thu Feria

9.30

19th Fri Feria

9.30

20th Sat Feria

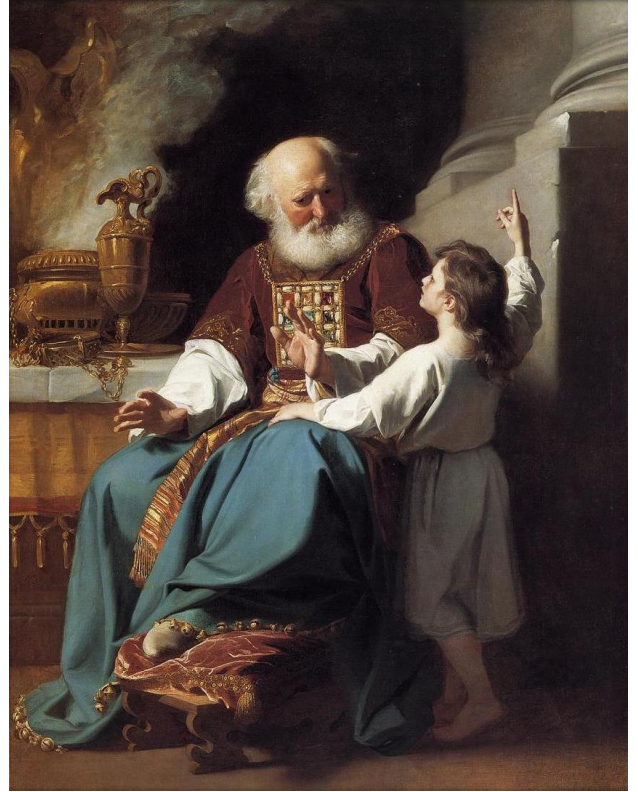
9.30 *Amalia Lobo Wellbeing*

17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Bernardine Lewis+*

21st Sun Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 *Bella Desa +*

15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



Eli and Samuel, John Singleton Copley, 1780

Samuel

The story of the boy Samuel hearing God calling him that we are presented with as our First Reading today is one of the more wonderful stories we find in the Bible.

It did not take the old High Priest Eli very long to realise that the boy was being called directly by God. In adulthood following the disastrous defeat of the Israelites by the Philistines, Samuel rallied his humiliated people and won for himself recognition as a great judge and prophet.

Samuel is seen as the first of the major prophets and was to anoint as King both Saul and David.

As a prophet he travelled each year through the whole country rebuking the people and calling them to repentance. He is regarded as one of the wisest of the leaders of Israel.

He is also viewed as one of those who foreshadowed Christ, giving the people an insight into what the coming Messiah would be like.

Father Alex

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Racial Justice, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes normally falls on 11th February but this year, since that day is a Sunday, we will celebrate the feast on Monday 12th. This is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9.30 mass on that day.

First Communion

First Communion classes take place today in the Corry Hall after the Sunday 10.00 mass. Coffee and Tea in the atrium and Priests House.

**Sow a thought, reap an action;
sow an action, reap a habit;
sow a habit, reap a character;
sow a character, reap a destiny**

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. To convert the sinner
2. To instruct the ignorant
3. To counsel the doubtful
4. To comfort the sorrowful
5. To bear wrongs patiently
6. To forgive injuries
7. To pray for the living and the dead

Parent and Toddler Group

Our Parent and Toddler Group takes place in the Corry Hall on Mondays 10.00-12.00. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February 11.00-12.15. Refreshments served. See poster in the Church porch for further information.

**But from this earth,
this grave, this dust,
my God shall raise me up, I trust**

*Sir Walter Raleigh
(on the night before his execution)*

Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club.....	17th January
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity .	18-25th January
Sacrament of the Sick.....	12th February
Wandsworth Deanery Meeting.....	13th February
Ash Wednesday	14th February
Marriage Preparation Course.....	24th February
Parish Council	6th March
Parish Council	5th June

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th to the 25th January 2018. The Week of Prayer always concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The Central Wandsworth Unity Service will take place at St John's Methodist Church, East Hill, on Tuesday 23rd January at 19.30, the Caribbean Church will lead the service and the guest speaker will be Mr Guy Myers the High Commissioner for St Lucia.

Prayer for Christian Unity Week 2018

Barrier-breaking God,
You embrace all cultures and lands,
But keep a special place in your heart
For the stranger, the widow and the orphan.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit
That we may become as You are,
Welcoming all as brothers and sisters,
Your cherished children,
Citizens together in Christ's kingdom
of justice and peace. Amen

School Mass

Mass on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Thursday 25th January will be in St Joseph's School at 9.30.

Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support their important work as generously as you can.

Volunteers Required

Volunteers are needed at the Royal Hospital one Sunday a month to help set up for mass and to ensure the patients are brought from the wards. Please see Father Alex if you feel you can help.

**Charity is that with which no man is lost,
and without which no man is saved**

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £421.09, Bankers Orders £384.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 14th January: Church Maintenance Fund,
28th January Racial Justice Sunday, 25th February
CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E Chavez, R Martella
n/w M Harrison, L Northeast

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A. Burnett,
T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone,
C Kawesi Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: M & S Lee, Sun:
G D'Monte, V Chima, S Palmer, A Kilcawley,
R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi
Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

Little Church: A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey
n/w J & N Neligan, A Mann

Tiny Church: E Lueth n/w T Brine

Flowers: A Robbins n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w Sr Pauline