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We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

For more information and ways to support them see
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Peace Sunday 2023

Today is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, (see right) but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>.

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. There will be a second collection for them this weekend. Or you can make a donation online; here is the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>.



**15th January 2023: 2nd Sunday of Year A
Weekdays: Week 2 in Ordinary Time, Year I**




Pope Francis Writes

At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the Covid-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war, to some extent like that of Covid-19, but driven by culpable human decisions. The war in Ukraine is reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity, not only among those directly affected, but in a widespread and indiscriminate way for everyone, also for those who, even thousands of kilometres away, suffer its collateral effects – we need but think of grain shortages and fuel prices.

Clearly, this is not the post-Covid era we had hoped for or expected. This war, together with all the other conflicts around the globe, represents a setback for the whole of humanity and not merely for the parties directly involved. While a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war. Certainly, the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin (cf. Gospel of Mark 7:17-23).

What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognising that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.

In order to do this, and to live better lives after the Covid-19 emergency, we cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another. Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion. We must revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death. We urgently need to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change. We need to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labour for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty. The scandal of entire peoples starving remains an open wound. We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard. Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace.

<p style="text-align: center;">Please Pray For:</p> <p>All who are sick in the parish, particularly those on our regular prayer list, including Hanorah Smith, Mat Smith, Winifred Wilde and Sandra Yelbeck.</p> <p>Please also pray for those who have died recently, including Kathleen Bull, Pope Benedict, Gulio Porfirio, Kevin Lloyd, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.</p> <p>A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.</p>	Weekly Timetable		
<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>21st January, 11am-4pm</i> St Bernadette's Church Crawley</p>  <p>The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina, and Mass. To register your free place contact our Liturgy & Music Adviser: catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk</p> <p><i>We will also be running a readers formation morning in the parish on Saturday 18th March.</i></p>	<p>Saturday 14th Jan</p> <p>10am, First Communion Preparation, St Theresa's</p> <p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ian Warren RIP</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 'Hungry for Change'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28th January, 9.30am-1.30pm The St Philip Howard Centre, RH10 6RP</p> <p>Our annual Justice & Peace Assembly will explore how war contributes to world hunger with speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi, and the Ecological Conversion Group. For information about booking email: tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p>Sunday 15th Jan <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i></p> <p>11am Mass, St George's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marian Shannon ints</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>All Parishioners</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18th February, 11am-4pm Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge</p> <p>The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. For further info or to book contact: formation@abdiocese.org.uk</p> 	<p>Tuesday 17th Jan <i>St Antony, Abbot</i></p> <p>10am Mass, St George's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chery Evans ints</i></p>		
	<p>Wed 18th Jan</p> <p>7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 9pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Andrew Duncan RIP</i></p>		
	<p>Thursday 19th Jan</p> <p>10am Mass, St George's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Michelle Evans RIP</i></p>		
	<p>Friday 20th Jan <i>St Sebastian</i></p> <p>10am Mass, St Theresa's</p>		
	<p>Saturday 21st Jan <i>St Agnes, Virgin</i></p> <p>11am First Reconciliation, St Theresa's</p> <p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p>		
	<p>Sunday 22nd Jan <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i></p> <p>11am Mass, St George's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Emily Theobalds RIP</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>All Parishioners</i></p>		
	Upcoming Parish Events		
	<p>Saturday 21st Jan: Sacristan Training 6:30pm, St Theresa's. Come if you are willing to help out, or even to find out what goes on 'behind the scenes' of Mass. For both St Theresa's and St George's.</p>		
	<p>Sunday 12th Feb: Mass for the sick, with anointing 2pm, St Georges. This will be followed by a light tea. We will endeavour to find transport for those who need it.</p>		
	<p>Saturday 18th Feb: Mass to celebrate Wedding Anniversaries 5:30pm, St Theresa's. Followed by bubbly and nibbles.</p>		
	<p>Friday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer A women led, global, ecumenical movement. This year, we are hosting this at St Theresa's. More details to follow. Please consider getting involved, there are sign-up sheets in both churches.</p>		
	<p>Saturday 18th March: Reader Formation 10am-12:30pm, St Theresa's. Led by Fr Tony. All current and prospective readers welcome.</p>		
	<p><i>Ash Wednesday 2023 is on 22nd Feb, and Easter Sunday is 9th April.</i></p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharing the Church's Story, 11 Feb, 10am-5pm, QEII Centre, SW1P 3EE</p>		
		<p>Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one day conference with dynamic speakers, including the internationally renowned Bishop Robert Barron. Whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, or just want a boost for your faith life, this conference is for you! To register go to: www.sharingthechurchsstory.com</p>	