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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 January 2021

“We have found the Messiah – which means the Christ – grace and truth have come through him.”

John 1, 14. 17

REQUIEM MASS FOR IAN

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we regret that we are not able to invite everyone that we would like to, but we do hope you will join us to watch the Mass online by going to:
<https://vimeo.com/event/595432>

Please read the viewing instructions when you follow the link. The webcast will begin about 20 minutes before the service. A recording will be made available online a few days later.

For the cremation live stream please go to: <https://webcast.obitus.com>
Enter the username: Joxo5220
and the password: 602714

To view a copy of the order of service, or to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support who showed Ian great care and kindness during his illness, please go to:
https://www.abwalker.co.uk/fund-page/?fp_id=66927

Given the current circumstances, we would prefer that you make a donation rather than sending flowers.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dante and Luciana Salussolia who both died recently. The funeral will be held here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 29th January.

STAYING SAFE AT MASS

The church is open for Sunday Masses (17.30 on Sat eve and 10.00 Sunday morning) at the moment but keeping people safe is a high priority. If you consider yourself to be at all vulnerable with this new more highly transmissible Coronavirus please consider staying at home where you feel safe and secure.

For those who are at Mass, it is even more important than ever to maintain as much social distance as possible and to keep masks on over noses.

One of the hardest rules to stick to is not talking to anybody who is not in our household or support bubble but this is more important than ever now. We all like a chat but please do not wander around to talk before Mass or linger outside on your way out.

SVP KEEPING IN TOUCH

The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to hear from elderly parishioners, their relatives, neighbours and friends who are on their own and/or shielding. We are a befriending society who reach out to the vulnerable.

If you know of anybody who would benefit from regular phone calls. Please contact Bev Ryan on 07969884212 or email bjryan@virginedia.com

DONATE TO THE PARISH WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

Just sign up to The Giving Machine and nominate Our Lady & St Anne RC Church as your charity. We have a designated number of 267066. Find out how it all works at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-tgm-works/>

All the major supermarkets make a donation so if you click and collect or have a delivery every little helps 😊

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): We are reading from the Gospel of Mark throughout the greater part of this coming year. Mark's is the shortest gospel and its focus is on telling the events of Jesus' life and the effect his actions had on those whom he encountered and on those few who followed him. Mark is thus interested in the reaction of his disciples and of those in one way or other touched by Jesus. Today we meet Jesus right at the beginning of his public ministry and we learn of how spontaneously certain young men threw in their lot with him. For most people in the Galilee of his day there was only one casual encounter with Jesus. There must have been many who never met him at all and only knew of him by hearsay. And in the lives of most people Jesus just "passed by". Although Christianity has been around for almost two thousand years and has shaped the society in which we live, it remains true that in today's world there are few who know Jesus or pay any attention to him. There are nonetheless many who identify themselves as his disciples, those who come to church on Sundays and send their children to Catholic schools being cases in point. And yet they too need to know about him so as to know him better. Knowing him better the hope would be that we can live by his teaching and follow more closely in his footsteps. Today's scripture readings suggest to us that God continues to call. It is up to us to respond. The conditions in which most of us are living during lockdown means that the traditional practices and habits which do so much to maintain our religious observance are temporarily not possible. We are nonetheless offered an opportunity to think of how, through prayer and reflection in the tranquillity of our own homes, we can deepen our understanding of what it is to be a disciple and to follow Jesus.

First Reading (OT): 1 Samuel 3, 3 – 10. 19: This OT passage tells us of the calling to prophecy of the young Samuel. There is no great vision, just the discreet voice of God. Samuel's response is calm, docile and obedient. He invites God to speak, his is a listening ear.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 6, 13 – 15. 17 – 20: For the first five weeks of this new liturgical year the Church invites us to listen to excerpts from the letter the apostle Paul wrote to the early Christian community in the Greek port city of Corinth. In this passage Paul reminds them of the sanctity of the human body: it is a 'member of Christ' and the 'temple of the Holy Spirit'. The Christians must pay attention against defiling their bodies nor let their lifestyle descend into decadence.

Gospel: John 1, 35 – 42: The apostle/evangelist John recounts here an incident in the early public life of Jesus of which he appears to have been a witness. Together with Andrew, he decides to follow Jesus whom John the Baptist identified as the "Lamb of God". Jesus invited the young men he met on the banks of the Jordan to come and see where he lived. This was an invitation into his home and his intimate life.

**Mass Intentions for the
Second Week of Ordinary Time**
[All weekday Masses are now closed.]

Saturday 16th January 10.00 Sheila McCarthy

Feria in Ordinary Time

Second Sunday of the Year

Year B

Saturday 16th January 17.30 People of the parish

Sunday 17th January 10.00 McLoughlin family

Monday 18th January 09.30

Feria in Ordinary Time

Requiem Mass:
Ian Macdonald

Tuesday 19th January 09.15

Memorial St. Wulstan, Bishop

Father Benito De Marchi

Wednesday 20th January 09.15

Memorial of SS. Fabian & Sebastian

Victoria Dijermanos

Thursday 21st January 08.00

Memorial St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Brendan Collins

Friday 22nd January

*Memorial of St. Vincent,
Deacon & Martyr*

12.30

Celebrant's Intentions

Saturday 23rd January 10.00

Feria in Ordinary Time

People of the parish

Third Sunday of the Year

Year B

Saturday 23rd January 17.30

Sunday 24th January 10.00

Rene De Sola

Gordon & Fiona McGowan