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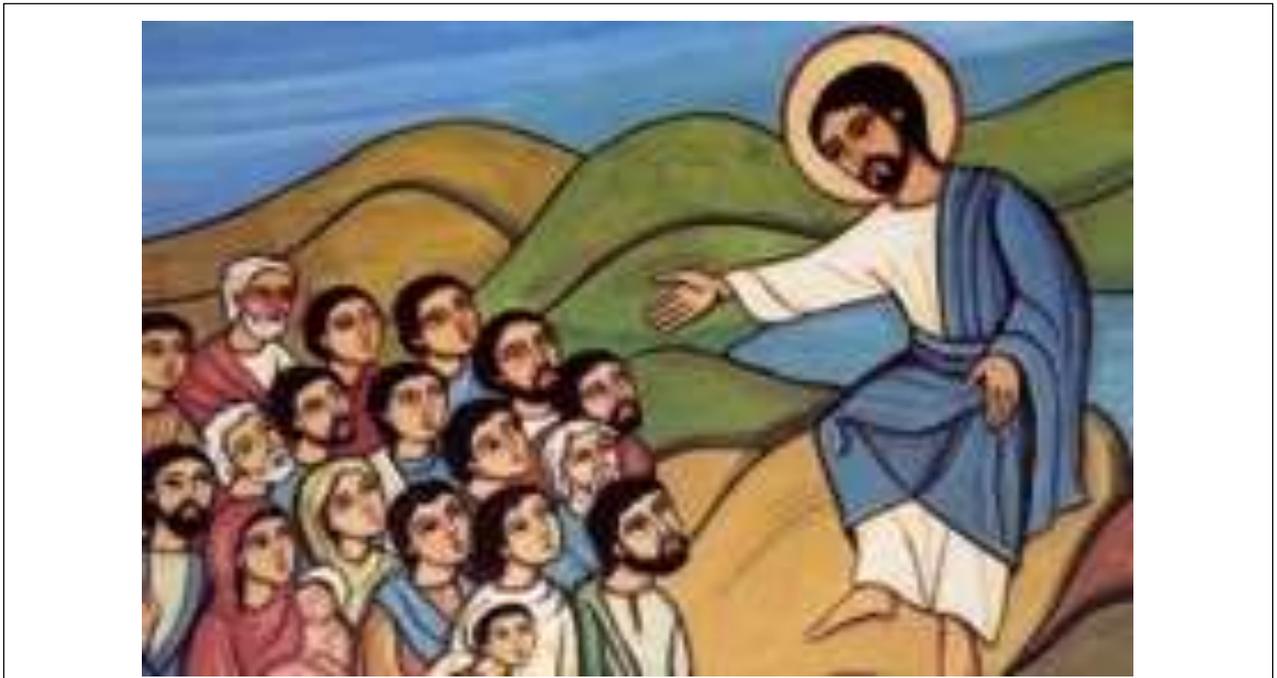
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22/23 January 2022

“The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to
proclaim liberty to captives.”

Luke 4, 18

SYNODAL PATHWAY

It has been decided to hold two sessions of conversations in the context of the synodal pathway here in the parish. We would hope to have three rotating tables in the Cenacle. A facilitator who will take notes will be at each table. We would hope that parishioners can feel free to come in, have their say in an unhurried way and then, after a cup of tea or coffee, leave. The aim would be to enable as many parishioners as possible to participate in the conversation.

- **Sunday 23 January afternoon:**
15.00 - 17.00 hrs.
- **Wednesday 26 January evening:**
19.30 - 21.00 hrs.

The facilitators will collate their notes of the conversations and draft a document which will be submitted to the Archdiocese by mid-February. Questions for you to consider are available on the parish website under a post titled The Synodal Way at Our Lady & St Anne.

PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

A summary of this is available in hard copy and on the parish website.

PARISH INCOME 12/21/21-9/01/22

GA envelopes: £ 18.00
Loose plate: £210.24
Dec Contactless: £631
Monthly Standing Orders:£2900



OUR LADY'S LAMP
This week's lamp is lit for:
Tommy & Teresa Collins

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

- **Wed 26th January** Initial meeting for parents as well as children in the church at 4pm
- **Enrolment Mass Sunday 30th January @ 10am**

Preparation sessions will be on alternate Wednesdays in the Cenacle at 4pm for an hour.

Anybody who would like their child to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation this year should attend the initial meeting.

MARGARET'S EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TREK

Margaret, who some of you may know as a parish steward, will be walking 100KM of The Camino way from the 4th - 10th May, raising funds for Thames Hospice. If you can support her please follow the link to her Just Giving page where there is more information about the hospice and an opportunity to sponsor her and support the wonderful work they do.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-thomas9>

CLEANING TEAM VOLUNTEERS

For various reasons, we need to build up the church cleaning team. Would you be able to contribute some time to do a specific job? If you could volunteer for a specific job then we could arrange a time that suits you for you to come and do it.

If you used to help with the cleaning before the pandemic and would like to get going again, please contact the office.

The more hands, the lighter the work.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): This weekend our synodal conversations may well raise the role of the laity and the recognition of the variety of gifts they bring to the local church. What Paul wrote to the early Christians of Corinth has helped greatly in our understanding of the Christian calling and the fact that it is the same Spirit that has been given to all. The OT too has an understanding of this idea. The first reading gives prominence to Nehemiah, who was neither a prophet nor a priest but yet played a huge role in forming the identity of the Jewish people in the period after the exile. A disgruntled observer once remarked that the role of the laity was to pray up, pay up and shut up. It would be a terrible sin against the Body of Christ if we were to give in to such thinking. The synodal pathway gives a voice to all Christians, the majority of whom are laity. It would be good if today's scripture readings were to feed into our conversations.

First Reading (OT): Nehemiah 8, 2 – 6. 8 – 10: This book dates from the period after the exile in Babylon when the temple had been rebuilt and the people were attempting to rediscover their identity through a renewed familiarity with the covenant. The priests were focusing on temple worship and familiarity with the Torah. Nehemiah was the governor of the province of Judah and he devoted himself to rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and restoring proper government. Today's reading describes the great event of the public reading of the Torah. The emphasis is on helping the people understand what is being read to them. Once they do understand they are overcome with emotion, for they appreciate all that God has done for them. Nehemiah tells the people to rejoice on this sacred day when they have heard and understood God's word, and to go home aware of how wonderful it is to be numbered among the people of God.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 12 – 30: This reading continues the discussion begun last week when Paul was speaking to the Corinthians about the variety of gifts which they possessed. He wants to emphasise unity while acknowledging diversity. So he uses the analogy of the human body. The body is made up of parts which are interdependent and it would cease to function properly if any of those parts sought either to go it alone or to reject others. There is no room here for arrogance; rather they must all work together since they are the Body of Christ. Each talent or gift is there for the sake of the church and all members, even the weakest, have a part to play.

Gospel: Luke 1, 1 – 4. 4, 14 – 21: To start with, Luke wanted Theophilus and other Gentile (non-Jewish) converts to understand that the message they have come to believe is well founded and truly reflects the message of Jesus. The second passage then brings us to the start of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when Jesus continues the age old practice of reading from the scriptures. The text is from Isaiah and speaks of the liberating work of God's anointed one. What is striking is Jesus' claim that at last this exciting promise of salvation and freedom from oppression is being fulfilled right now in his own life and work.

Mass Intentions for Third week in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	22 nd January	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	23 rd January	10.00	Brid & Roland Williams
Monday	24 th January	09.15	Friends intention
	<i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		
Tuesday	25 th January	09.15	Margaret Hart
	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i>		
Wednesday	26 th January	18.30	Holy souls
	<i>Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>		
Thursday	27 th January	08.00	Holy souls
	<i>Memorial of St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>		
Friday	28 th January	12.30	Canon Giles Goward
	<i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>		
Saturday	29 th January	10.00	People of the parish
	<i>Saturday of week 3 in Ordinary Time</i>		

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	29 th January	17.30	James O'Sullivan [anniversary Mass]
Sunday	30 th January	10.00	Holy souls