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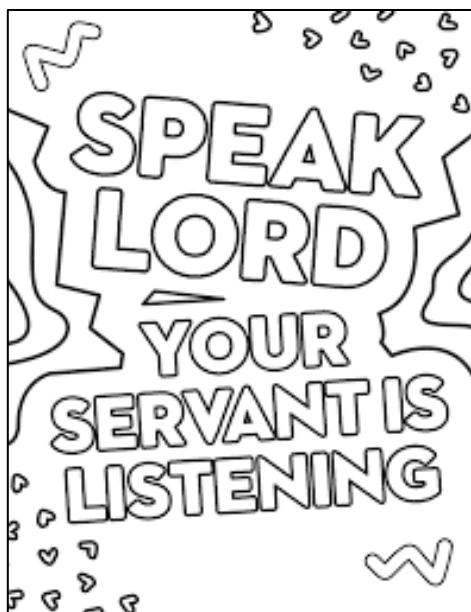
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13-14 January 2024

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
1S3:9, Jn6:68

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Details of the dates for the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be announced in the near future.

The Confirmation Mass itself will be on Sunday 30th June.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

Every Catholic is encouraged to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray and why they pray. This is for two reasons:

- 1 To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
- 2 For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

WEEKLY INCOME 6-7/01/24

C'less:	£	162.00
Loose plate	£	351.23
Grand draw	£	375.00
Candles	£	85.93
200 club	£	20.00
Our Lady's Lamp	£	10.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	829.00

WELCOMING OR TAKING UP THE GIFTS AT 5.30PM MASS



The Saturday evening Mass group is looking to build a team of warm welcomers and people who bring up the bread and wine in the offertory procession.

Support and guidance will be provided.

If you think you could do this occasionally, speak to Julia. She has a list of dates that you could opt for.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th February Ash Wednesday
24th February CAFOD Big Lent Walk

27th March Big Easter Clean
31st March Easter Sunday



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication this week.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Mass intentions for Second Week in Ordinary Time

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	13 th January	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	14 th January	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	15 th January	9.15am	Bill Summers RIP
<i>Monday of the second week in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	16 th January	No Mass	
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Wednesday	17 th January	6.30pm	Most Holy St Rita of Cassia
<i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbott</i>			
Thursday	18 th January	9.15am	Sheila McCarthy RIP
<i>Thursday of the second week in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	19 th January	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>		<i>[KS1 at Mass]</i>	

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	20 th January	5.30pm	Int Stephen & Teresita
Sunday	21 st January	10.00am	People of the parish



The rosary is prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody is welcome, come down to the space in front
of the Shrine.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.