

Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13)

Sunday 14th January 2024

1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Samuel is called by the Lord and learns to listen to him.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Our bodies are members making up the body of Christ, and we are one spirit with him.

St. John 1:35-42

The disciples are called by Jesus to come and see where he lives and to follow him.

"They saw
where he
lived,
and stayed
with him."



**Today's Psalm
Psalm 39**

*Here I am, Lord,
I come to do your will.*
Our psalm follows the resolution of Samuel to listen to the word of the lord. Obedience begins in the hearing. It is a virtue that does not rest easily with the mind of today which sets so much value on personal liberty as a priority. We belong to the me-generation.

An open ear is more pleasing to God than multiple sacrifices and offerings.
*Here I am, Lord,
I come to do your will.*

The Letter to the Hebrews puts these words on the lips of Jesus coming into our world to do the will of the Father.

John tells us that the first disciples obeyed the Lord's invitation to come and see.
*My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.*

Can I, in all truth, say that the deepest delights of my life are in seeking what God wants?

Or is my delight sought in pursuing my own agenda?
*Here I am, Lord,
I come to do your will.*

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Mass Intentions for W/C Sunday January 12, 2025

Sun: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. William (Whillie) McMahon

Mon: Weekday

9.30.am. Ellen & Edmund Whittle
World Peace

Tues: Weekday

9.30.am. Weekday

Wed: St. Anthony, Abbot

9.30.am. School Children

Thurs: Weekday

9.30.am. Private Intention

St. Fabian

Fri: World Peace

Sun: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Marjorie, Joseph, and Ray Milner

0771 942 7926 (only for emergency use)

Confessions

At your request

On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including- Catherine Thompson; Ryan Troop; Thomas Halligan; Mureen Beardsworth Fr. Jonathan OSB On TWednesday January 17, Year 4 will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in Church and we ask for your prayers for our children and their families this Holy ans Special day

“Artificial intelligence will become increasingly important. The challenges it poses are technical, but also anthropological, educational, social and political. It promises, for instance, liberation from drudgery, more efficient manufacturing, easier transport and more ready markets, as well as a revolution in processes of accumulating, organizing and confirming data. We need to be aware of the rapid transformations now taking place and to manage them in ways that safeguard fundamental human rights and respect the institutions and laws that promote integral human development. Artificial intelligence ought to serve our best human potential and our highest aspirations, not compete with them.” Pope Francis

Changing the Political Winds in 2024 This year is a chance to reassert what we want for the country. The huge majority of us want to end poverty. What might happen if every candidate received 100, 200, even 500 postcards from potential voters, saying: “I want to end poverty and I want you to make it a priority.” • We would change what the political parties saw as priorities.

- We would start to shift how much prominence the next Government gave to tackling poverty.
- And we would change the country for the better.

Niall Cooper, Chief Executive, of Church Action on Poverty.