

LOCKDOWN III

Under the guidelines for the third national lockdown we are presently able to remain open for private prayer and public celebrations of Mass, on the basis of our observing the necessary restrictions.

- We ask you to wear a face covering inside the church and to use the Track and Trace facilities provided.
- Please maintain the social distance from those not in your household, and avoid 'mingling' with those not in your household or bubble.
- Hand sanitisers are available at the entrance and in key locations.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

This week work on the final stages of the lighting scheme continues, and our new PA system will be installed, so please be aware that the church will only be open during Mass times.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week Christians throughout the world are praying that the desire of Jesus for his disciples "to be one" might be realised more fully. Our locally organised service to mark this week will be hosted by St John the Baptist, Holland Park and takes place on Thursday 21st at 7pm via the Zoom platform. If you would like to attend the Zoom link is available from Fr Philip.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS...

We pray this week for:

The unity of Christians; for the people of the United States of America, and a smooth transition of political power; for our nation in this third lockdown, especially for the isolated, the elderly, for young people 'home schooling', and for those who are working for our welfare and safety; for the sick and especially for those suffering with covid-19; for those who have left petitions of prayer here.

Among the sick and those in need we pray

for: Ellis Wilford, Joel Wilford, Fr Paul Chervasse, Giovanna Muszynska, Trevor Williamson, Chris Hill

We pray for the recently departed: Sr Mary Teresa SSM, Geoffrey Robinson

We pray for those whose year's mind falls at this time: Ivy Smithson, Irvin Dyer II, William Shephard (17th), Amy Lyle, Anthony James (18th), Judith Campbell, Geoffrey Murphy (19th), Mary Cornwall-Brooks (20th), Edith Marshall (21st), Derek Allen pr (22nd), Frederick Tomlin, Margaret Witt (23rd)



ST STEPHEN'S
GLOUCESTER ROAD

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO ST STEPHEN'S

It's very good to welcome you to Mass today, as well as those who will be joining in via our live stream on YouTube.

Please follow the guidelines in place to ensure we can worship together safely.

TODAY

9am Mass

11am Solemn Mass

K, A Plainchant

G, S/B Missa Sancta Caecilia Kaim

Jesu, the very thought of thee Bairstow

Preacher Fr Philip Barnes

THIS WEEK

Monday 18 FERIA

Tuesday 19 St Wulfstan, Bishop
12.30pm Mass

Wednesday 20 FERIA
7pm Mass

Thursday 21 St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
12.30pm Mass

Friday 22 FERIA
5pm Holy Hour
6pm Mass

Saturday 23 FERIA
10am Mass

Sunday 24 THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
9am Low Mass
11am Solemn Mass

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PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 3:3-10,19*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 39(40):2,4,7-10*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.
In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.
Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20*

A reading from the First letter of Saint John

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can

take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1:35-42*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.