


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C

### Com-pas-sion [kuhm-pash-uhn]

*noun* : a feeling of deep sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.



24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Mass Book: Page 141 Psalter Week 3

### Readings:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 *resp v8*  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:17, 27-38

### Children's Bibles

Dear Father Paul,  
Please find enclosed a donation towards the cost of the bibles we give the First Holy Communion Children. (£10 each)  
Names

## Mass Times

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	6:00pm	Mass	Deceased Brown family
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Mass	Peter Baxter
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30am	Mass	
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30am	Mass	
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>6:45pm</b>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
		<b>7:00pm</b>	Mass	
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass: Mary Burge</b>	
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Mass	Gerard Brady
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	8:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Mass	Anna Stephenson

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

**Offertory Collection:** *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 47.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 244.85 **Contactless £30.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 48.50 (NGA) £ 10.00 Loose £ 65.38

Children's Bibles £ 30.00 Many thanks.

**Contactless Payments:** You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

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**Please pray for:** *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

*If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

*Those who have died: **Mary Burge***

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

Les Boggis, Myles Humphrey, Agnes Rotheray, James Walker, Paul Baran, Margaret de Meyer, Joao Luis Pereira Figueira, Joan McGrath, Margaret Keane, Dee Preston  
*May they rest in peace*

✠The funeral of **Mary Burge** will be on Friday at 11.00 am  
followed by burial at SS Peter & Paul churchyard in Shiplake. ✠  
*Lord, grant to our Sister peace and joy in your kingdom.*

**World Day of Prayer**, formerly The Women's World Day of Prayer, will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 1:30 pm at Christ Church. All welcome.

**Eucharistic Ministers - Recollection and Training Day – Saturday 2 March**

On Saturday 2 March from 11:30 am–1:00 pm there is a day for all our current and new Eucharistic Ministers, led by Deacon Mike. We begin at 11:30am

**There is Mass in the Chapel at Culham** at 6:30 pm this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Baptism – Jedrick Reinan MONTEROLA**

Next Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will welcome Jedrick into the Parish family. Congratulations to his parents, Jenny and Rhoderick.

**Anna Stephenson - Committal of Ashes**

Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at the 10:30 Mass we pray with the family of Anna Stephenson, as we place her Ashes into the Columbarium after Mass. Her ashes will be placed before the altar in the Church during Mass, and after a service in the Church at 11.30am we will proceed to the Columbarium.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Preparation sessions for those not attending Sacred Heart Primary School will start shortly. Therefore, I would like to invite any candidates for Confirmation to apply.

The forms are at the back of the Church.

**Contactless Payments**

We now accept all major credit/debit cards as well as Apple Pay. Just select from one of three pre-set amounts = £5, £10, £20. Put your card by the card-reader, and wait for the beep = it's done.

**First Holy Communion Preparation: Thursday 7 March.**

The Meeting for Parents will take place on **Thursday 7 March at 7:45pm** in the Church Meeting Room. We will discuss **First Confession.**

## Towards a Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

*Reaction to the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Archdiocese*

It is now three months since Archbishop Bernard offered his vision for the future of the Archdiocese, which is called **Unfolding God's Plan**. Archbishop Bernard identified five themes or priorities for the Archdiocese and each parish community (*Parish Renewal, Young People and Families, Evangelization, Formation, and Charity & Social Outreach*) which will be our priorities over the next five years to ten years.

He concluded that during 2019 it is important that we refine our priestly insights so that we can share them with the lay faithful and also engage them fully in this consultation. Moving forward he wanted to prepare for a Diocesan Synod, perhaps in 2021.

Over the ten days, I have attended three meetings concerning the Diocesan Vision: at local level, at area level and at Diocesan level. Having had time to reflect upon the unfolding of this vision, the Priests came to the following conclusions at each of these meetings.

Firstly, the vision and experience of the lay faithful, the people of the parishes are crucial from the outset. This cannot be a case of we priests have decided, what do you think? Rather, all God's people have to travel together on this journey of discernment, so that we can all share and learn from each other's wisdom and experience. I shall be asking you for your input and point of view.

Secondly, that while it is very important to have a vision and priorities; it is time to act. We cannot wait until 2021. Partly, this is driven by a need to implement this formal discussion as soon as possible, and the desire to implement the five-fold priorities, now, for the sake of the gospel.

Thirdly, we need to explore other priorities, such as a renewal and reform of the preparation and practice of Sacramental preparation and celebration; Catechesis and Formation in Faith; Parish collaboration and Parish structures.

For the moment, I shall be concentrating on implementing the five-fold priorities and initiatives. I am going to begin with *Charity & Social Outreach*. In partnership with Sacred Heart School, on *Ash Wednesday*, we launch a new initiative, which I hope will highlight the corporal works of mercy which Pope Francis has asked us to practice.

That is for next week's newsletter.

Fr Paul