

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd January 2022

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A few years ago, in response to requests from the faithful around the world, Pope Francis declared that the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time would be devoted to the celebration and study of the Word of God (Aperuitillis, 30th September 2019). He invited local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a special solemnity" and suggested that the Bible be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word."

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Feast days of the week

Monday 24th St. Francis de Sales, 1567-1622, Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

Tuesday 25th St. Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance.

Wednesday 26th Ss. Timothy and Titus were close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a patron in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organize the Church in Crete.

Thursday 27th St. Angela Merici, 1474-1540, founder of the Ursuline's, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness and firmness, and concern for the individual.

Friday 28th St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1224. He died in 1274. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Deaths

We remember in our prayers Mary O'Sullivan, Carrigmore Park, may she rest in peace. Our sympathies to her family, relatives, friends and neighbours.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, ends on January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterized by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Pray For Vocations.

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, is asking individuals and parishes to Pray for Vocations each day at 4p.m. during the coming year.

Bishop Cullinan said, "We have recently completed the Season of Christmas and returned to what we refer to in the liturgical year as Ordinary Time. We have also just begun a brand new year which stretches out before us as a year full of potential and hope. As we return to Ordinary Time we are asking individuals and parishes to make an extraordinary effort to pray for vocations to the priesthood at 4p.m. each day to say a short prayer for vocations, an Our Father, a Hail Mary or a Glory Be.



Pope Francis reminds us that 'no vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people'. Prayer is the very breath of our faith and so I ask you to please make a conscious effort for 2022 in parishes and homes.

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteer drivers to drive patients to and from cancer treatments in our locality to the hospital. If you are available 2 weekdays per month and interested in this role, you can find further information including an online application form on our website. If you would like further information please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more details.



Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.

Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

**Preserve us in peace; heal the sick, protect the vulnerable; keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Mass Attendance Guidance.

Thank you for observing the very important guidance and safety measures which were introduced in our church for the safety of all.

In the current climate, it is more important than ever to maintain the Health and Safety Guidelines in keeping with Government and Public Health recommendations.

