

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

3RD JANUARY — 9TH JANUARY, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B • Christmas Season • Psalter
Week 2

GOD THE CREATOR, A MODEL OF CARE

READINGS

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS.

Sacred Scripture presents God not only as Creator, but also as one who cares for his creatures, especially Adam, Eve and their offspring. Albeit cursed for the crime he committed, Cain was given a mark of protection by the Creator, so that his life could be spared (cf. Gen 4:15). While confirming the inviolable dignity of the person created in God's image and likeness, this was also a sign of God's plan to preserve the harmony of his creation, since "peace and violence cannot dwell together".[5]

Care for creation was at the heart of the institution of the Sabbath, which, in addition to ordering divine worship, aimed at the restoration of the social order and concern for the poor (cf. Gen 1:1-3; Lev 25:4). The celebration of the Jubilee every seventh sabbatical year provided a respite for the land, for slaves and for those in debt. In that year of grace, those in greatest need were cared for and given a new chance in life, so that there would be no poor among the people (cf. Deut 15:4).

In the prophetic tradition, the biblical understanding of justice found its highest expression in the way a community treats its weakest members. Amos (cf. 2:6-8; 8) and Isaiah (cf. 58), in particular, insistently demand justice for the poor, who, in their vulnerability and powerlessness, cry out and are heard by God, who watches over them (cf. Ps 34:7; 113:7-8).

4. CARE IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Jesus' life and ministry represent the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity (cf. Jn 3:16). In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus showed himself to be the one consecrated by the Lord and "sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Lk 4:18). These messianic actions, associated with the Jubilee year, bear eloquent witness to the mission he received from the Father. In his compassion, Christ drew near to the sick in body and spirit, and brought them healing; he pardoned sinners and gave them new life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep (cf. Jn 10:11-18; Ezek 34:1-31). He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him (cf. Lk 10:30-37).

At the culmination of his mission, Jesus gave the ultimate proof of his care for us by offering himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By the sacrificial gift of his life, he opened for us the path of love. To each of us he says, "Follow me; go and do likewise" (cf. Lk 10:37).

5. A CULTURE OF CARE IN THE LIFE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy were at the heart of charity as practised by the early Church. The first generation of Christians shared what they had, so that no one among them would be in need (cf. Acts 4:34-35). They strove to make their community a welcoming home, concerned for every human need and ready to care for those most in need. It became customary to make voluntary offerings in order to feed the poor, bury the dead and care for orphans, the elderly and victims of disasters like shipwrecks. In later times, when the generosity of Christians had lost its initial fervour, some Fathers of the Church insisted that property was meant by God for the common good. For Saint Ambrose, "nature poured out all things for the common use of all... and thus produced a common right for all, but greed has made it a right for only a few".[6] After the persecutions of the first centuries, the Church used her newfound freedom to inspire society and its culture. "The needs of the times called forth new efforts in the service of Christian charity. History records innumerable examples of practical works of mercy... The Church's work among the poor was to a great extent highly organized. There arose many institutions for the relief of every human need: hospitals, poor houses, orphanages, foundling homes, shelters for travellers ..." [7]

To be continued...

FIRST READING

SAIAH 60:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

FAITH
HOPE
&
TRUST



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3RD JAN.

6.00 PM

10.00 AM

12.00 NOON

6.00 PM

MONDAY 4TH JAN.

10.00AM

7.00PM

TUESDAY 5TH JAN.

10.00AM

7.00PM

WED 6TH JAN.

10.00AM

7.00PM

THURS 7TH JAN.

10.00AM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 8TH JAN.

10.00AM

7.00PM

SATURDAY 9TH JAN.

10.00 AM

6.00 PM

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Phil Jarikre family in thanksgiving to God

Madeleine Merrifield special intentions

Fofona's family in thanksgiving to God. Anthony clement Nketiah, birthday thanksgiving. Mama D Okwulu, for blessings on the family in 2021. Thanking God for the Graces bestowed in 2020 and a favoured 2021 upon the families of Ugbanda and Olanrewaju.

A donor in thanksgiving.

FERIA OF CHRISTMAS

A donor in thanksgiving to God. Remembrance of the heavenly of

Mrs. Ann Ama, mother of Grace Ama

FERIA OF CHRISTMAS

A donor in thanksgiving.

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Holy souls in Purgatory/ Josue Mejia (3 kings). A donor in thanksgiving

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A donor in thanksgiving. Franklin and patricia Obano thanksgiving for 28th wedding anniversary
Grace Ogbonmwan, RIP

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

- 1 'O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.
- 2 In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds
- 3 The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him '
- 4 For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God
with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a
revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit
to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men
in past generations; it means that pagans now share the
same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body,
and that the same promise has been made to them, in
Jesus Christ, through the Gospel.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, Alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the
Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this
he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.
He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of
the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was
to be born.

'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what
the prophet wrote:
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no
means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you
will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the
star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go
and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you
have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and
do him homage.'

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out.
And there in front of them was the star they had seen
rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where
the child was. The sight of the star filled them with
delight, and going into the house they saw the child with
his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him
homage.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of
gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned
in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to
their own country by a different way

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes and offering bags at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

From the Archbishop's Office
This year, due to the global pandemic all of the collections (including electronic giving) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and up to and including 6th of January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offerings of the faithful for their priests. The offerings should be recorded through the parish bank account in the normal way. Thank you for your generosity

CONGRATULATIONS

The parish Congratulates Martha and Foday Fofana who blessed their marriage in Church yesterday.
We wish them every blessings.

SYMPATHIES

We sympathise with Helen Ogbonwan Oni at the passing of her mother Grace Ogbonwan recently May her gentle soul rest in peace Amen.

We also sympathise with the Lee family at the passing of their mother Rona Elizabeth Lee recently. Her funeral mass will take place here on Thursday 14th January at 12 noon followed my cremation at south London crematorium at 2pm. May her gentle soul rest in peace Amen

MASS BOOKINGS

We have Mass spaces for this week.

Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our Parish Confirmation classes will resume online as follows:

GROUP 1—Wednesday 13th January

GROUP 2—Thursday 14th January

GROUP 2—Friday 15th January

The log in details remain the same as previous.

Please visit our website for details.

INTRODUCING THE CENSUS

The census is coming. By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as housing, schooling, healthcare services and transport.

The census is used to allocate resources and funding on a local and national level for the next 10 years. So, taking part is very important to make sure your needs are reflected in future policy and allocation of funding to local authorities, services, charities and community groups. The information you share will affect the life of every single person in your local community and across England and Wales.

Your information is protected by law. That means government officials or anyone else dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it. Any data collected is anonymised and kept safe for the next 100 years.

Census Day is Sunday 21 March. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post—we also have paper forms and a wide range of support and translation services and materials available if you need help completing the form.

For more informing, please visit www.census.gov.uk. If you have any questions, worries or concerns about the census, please contact your local Community Adviser (Black African Community Southwark), Yinka Adekugbe directly:

**adeyinka.adekugbe98@field.census.gov.uk
or 07452918927**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are reminder that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, followed by Mass.

NOTICES :

TIER 4 GUIDELINE FOR PLACES OF

WORSHIP

From the 20th of December the south east including London have now moved to tier 4, the equivalent to a full lockdown. Thanks be to God this time, churches and places of worship are allowed to continue their services. This opportunity must not be abused, as we now know that there is a new strain of COVID 19 Virus and it's infection rate is higher than the initial virus.

Everyone is encouraged to keep strictly to the restrictions in church/ sanitise your hands, keep your space, wear face masks, and go home immediately after mass. Our Stewards will be required to enforce the Social distancing protocols if not observed in the parish. May God continue to keep us safe at this difficult time,

Amen.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEDERATION.

Reception places available for September 2021.
please call : 02077039264 for more information.

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermentine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Clo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Colleen McDonagh