

THE NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE - 1ST JANUARY 2021 A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

1. At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship. I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process. In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.[1]

Sad to say, alongside all these testimonies of love and solidarity, we have also seen a surge in various forms of nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake.

These and other events that marked humanity's path this past year have taught us how important it is to care for one another and for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society. That is why I have chosen as the title of this year's Message, A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace. A culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.

2. God the Creator, the source of our human vocation to care

Many religious traditions have accounts of the origin of human beings and their relationship with the Creator, with nature and with their fellow men and women. In the Bible, the Book of Genesis shows from its very first pages the importance of care or protection in God's plan for humanity. It highlights the relationship between man ('adam) and the earth ('adamah), and among ourselves as brothers and sisters. In the biblical account of creation, God entrusts the garden "planted in Eden" (cf. Gen 2:8) to Adam's care, to "till it and keep it" (Gen 2:15). This entails making the earth productive, while at the same time protecting it and preserving its capacity to support life.[2] The verbs "till" and "keep" describe Adam's relationship to his garden home, but also the trust God placed in him by making him master and guardian of all creation.

The birth of Cain and Abel begins a history of brothers and sisters, whose relationship is understood – even by Cain, however mistakenly – in terms of protection or "keeping". After killing his brother Abel, Cain answers God's question by saying: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).[3] Cain, like all of us, was called to be "his brother's keeper". "These ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others".[4]

To be continued...

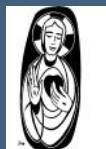
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I come to you with a very special wish and prayer for health and happiness in the New Year. The New Year begins with several and severe challenges - primarily caused by the Covid-19 situation.

*Keep focus throughout the New Year on the power of God in your life. Make Church and the Love of Christ found within the Holy Church a **PRIORITY** in your own life and in the life of your family. With the power of God, you'll be able to take on the **GREATEST** of challenges.*

*I also take this opportunity to thank you, our faithful congregation, for making our church exemplary by way of its commitment to the poor, the hungry and those in need. God bless you greatly.
Happy New Year!!!*

*Fr. Victor Darlington &
Fr. Alfred Ebalu*



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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Season of Christmas - Year B

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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

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 27TH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

6.00 PM

Thomas Hannon, RIP

10. 00AM

Mulku Sulayman Tarawaley, eternal repose. De Oliveira family, for forgiveness, healing and salvation

12. 00 NOON

Union of Catholic Mothers, for God's blessings on all families. Ogene Abu, special Intentions. Magdalene Onochie and family, in thanksgiving to God for his mercy and grace in their lives, and for the whole world.

6.00PM

A Donor in Thanksgiving. Germaine N'Goran thanking God for all His blessings in her life & family.

MONDAY 28TH

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10. 00 AM

Holy souls in Purgatory/Jonacio Anthony and children aborted. Elizabeth Asare & family, praising & thanking God for His guidance in 2020. A donor in thanksgiving. Ogene Abu special Intention.

TUESDAY 29TH

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

10. 00AM

Elizabeth Asare & family thanking God for forgiveness of sins. A donor in Thanksgiving. Ogene Abu, special Intentions.

WED. 30TH

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

10. 00AM

Elizabeth Asare & family asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A donor in Thanksgiving to God.

THURSDAY 31ST

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

10. 00 AM

Arinzechukwu Ani, Birthday Thanksgiving, protection and guidance. Elizabeth Asare & family, for God's favour A donor in thanksgiving to God.

MIDNIGHT:

Sweet Bazuaye in thanksgiving to God for life, family throughout 2020.

Benejo, Birthday Thanksgiving /God's goodness. Germaine and her children putting their life in the hands of God. Asking for protection, assistance and grace in 2021.

FRIDAY 1ST

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10. 00AM

Holy souls in purgatory/Salman Khan, Elizabeth Asare & family, Thanking God for leading them into 2021. Lloyd Alfred Jones, RIP. 12th Anniversary. A donor in thanksgiving. Juliette Coffi in thanksgiving to God for herself and family. Mama D. OKULU for God to grant her heart desires and speedy recovery and blessings for 2021 on the family

SATURDAY 2ND

ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

10. 00 AM

A donor in Thanksgiving

6. 00 PM

Phil Jarikre and family, thanking God for his mercies and blessings

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

GENESIS 15:1-6,21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.'

And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104(105):1-6,8-9

R. He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!
- 2 Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
- 3 Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.'
- 4 He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:8,11-12,17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.

Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told:

It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HEBREWS 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.

Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER— 10. 00 AM

TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER—10. 00 AM

WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER—10. 00 AM

**THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER— 10.00 AM, ADORATION
11PM FOLLOWED BY MASS**

FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY—10.00AM

SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY 10. 00AM, 6PM

St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEDERATION.

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

MASS BOOKING

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. See the parish newsletter on the website or on the parish WhatsApp group to know the days that are free.

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.

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.

Our prayer for you this Christmas, and through the coming year even as we acknowledge the difficulties and challenges that it has been, is for the Lord to bless you and those that you hold dear. We ask the Lord to give you the gift of His own Peace, to fill your heart with wonder and joys that never end. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Fr. Victor & Fr. Alfred.

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

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

Debitru 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, Collen McDonagh