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TODAY'S GOSPEL
**JESUS CALLS SIMON, ANDREW,
JAMES AND JOHN**

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: Began on Thursday. We pray for all the families of Christianity in the expectation of eventual unity.

TONY THORPE: We are sorry to tell you that Tony died in the early hours of Wednesday in his sleep. Tony was a dedicated and well-loved parishioner at OLOL. We offer our prayers for him and his family, especially Pauline, at this time. We are asked to respect their privacy for the time being. Tony's Funeral Mass will be offered on Friday 9th February with a Vigil the afternoon before, times to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

FR BILL: Please note, Fr Bill is not available this week. There will be no weekday Masses. Please welcome Fr Bernie Luna, a Mill Hill Missionary, who will be offering Masses next weekend. Fr Luna will be raising our awareness of the Red Box Appeal, but will not be asking for donations.

CRIB COLLECTION: The crib will remain in the church until 2nd February. Any offerings will be in aid of the Christian Communities of the Holy Land via the organization, Friends of the Holy Land.

FIRE DRILL: Please be aware that there will be practice drills in the near future. When you hear the words "**FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!**" you must evacuate the building(s) in an orderly fashion using both exits. The following protocols apply, namely:

- Infirm persons should remain in their seats until a steward arrives to safely escort them out
- Do not stop at any exit for any reason
- Head straight to the correct muster station
- Do not leave the grounds unless it is dangerous to stay; we need to account for everybody
- Do not re-enter building(s) for any reason, until instructed to do so

SEVERE WEATHER PLAN; We need gritters to lay down salt in the church grounds when it is icy. Can you help? You would need to check the forecast on Saturdays and do the gritting on Saturday afternoon if ice/snow is probable. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to do this for us. Thanks.

TORCHES: We need to keep everyone safe before and after Saturday evening Masses. Alex and Roy have been doing a great job holding our super-powerful torches front and rear of the church. Can you lighten the load by giving them a night off? If so, please come early (5.20pm) and see Fr. Bill or Roy. Thanks.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR FY24-25: We will shortly be ordering Gift Aid Envelopes for FY 24-25. We will assume that all those who collected and used envelopes in the current financial year will also require them for FY24-25. If you need to cancel future envelopes please notify us. Anyone else who requires Gift Aid envelopes must let Lizzie (our Parish Administrator) or Andy (our Treasurer) know that they require envelopes, and must sign

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 21 JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Pat Clarke People of the Parish
Mon 22	St Vincent	No Mass		
Tues 23	Feria, week 3	No Mass		
Wed 24	St Francis de Sales	No Mass		
Thurs 25	The Conversion of St Paul	No Mass		
Fri 26	Ss Timothy and Titus	No Mass		
Sat 27	St Angela Merici	No AM Mass		
SUN 28 JANUARY	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Julia Shanaghy (27th Anny) +Muriel Thomas (9th Anny)

20/21 Jan	Reader	EMHC	27/28 Jan	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	BD	KD	Vigil (Sat)	GG	MH
10.00am	CBry	SS	10.00am	VJ	JN

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

(or have already signed) a Diocesan Gift Aid Declaration held in the Parish Office by not later than end Jan 24. Note that those who regularly donate through bank transfers will only be provided envelopes for Special collections as they will not need them for weekly collections.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Today, the Cathedral, next week, Racial Justice.

DIOCESAN CAFOD MEETINGS: You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. Saturday 27th January at Corpus Christi Church Hall, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE 10:30am—1:30pm or Saturday 3rd February at St Philip Howard Church Hall, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

DONA CARD READER GIVING 2023: Below is a snapshot of our digital fundraising performance on

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Alice Loftus, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Tony Hill, Marie Doolan.

Dona last year.

Number of Donations	147
Total Fundraised	£1,449.00
Average Donation	£9.86
Percentage Gift Aided	39%
Fundraising Increase from 2022:	£1,449.00

CHURCH FAÇADE REPAIR COSTS; Here is a breakdown of what we needed to spend to make repairs to the church façade:

Scaffolding	£9038
Structural engineer	£1200
Concrete Remedial	£894
Construction work	£9510
Total	£20642

FAÇADE CROSS: When the cross came down, the bottom part crumbled away. All of the pieces are now in safe storage. What to do next? Should we have a replica made and erected on top of the pinnacle? Leave the pinnacle vacant? Repair the original and place in the church grounds with a storyboard? Any thoughts?

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