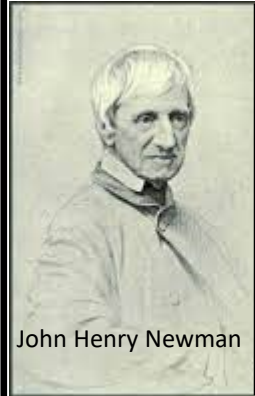


THE WORD OF GOD & THE VOCATION OF A CATECHIST



John Henry Newman

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Today as we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, I have 2 points to share with us:

(1). The treasure we have in the Word of God, in the Gospels, even in the entirety of the Bible and the mission to proclaim God's word always. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis,"* published on Sept. 30, 2019, established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." How often do we study and ponder

on God's words in the Bible. **Litmus test:** Do you know where your bible is right now—in which cupboard or desk and in which room of your house? Is it still looking nearly as new as when it was bought? Please cherish your bibles. It is a book of heavenly treasure. Always guided by the Catholic Church in its interpretation, by cherishing, treasuring and pondering on it frequently, we will be led to the mind of God Himself. Here in St Chad's we have a weekly bible studies—which resumes on the 9th of February at 7:30pm. Please make out time to join us. The sessions have been wonderful and we have 'broken the word' right through to the end of the Book of Kings. But everything is so inter-related that we also dive into Church doctrine, the Sacraments etc. Come, join us in this exciting journey every Thursday, 7:30pm.

(2). The Ministry of Lectors and Lay Readers: In the proclamation of the word of God during our Masses, we need more people to sign up. Nobody should be too shy to come forward. The readings of the word of God, duly prepared and proclaimed from the pulpit, is powerful. Please consider signing up and, those already signed up could look up the readings at home. Remember you are not just reading. You are proclaiming! God's mouthpiece.

(3) THE VOCATION OF CATECHIST: A diocesan Day for catechists was held at St George's Cathedral and the Amigo hall on the 22nd of November, 2022 to encourage the Catechists of the archdiocese in this ministry. Some of our Catechists represented us there. We are grateful to them and to all our dedicated Catechists who volunteer in different Catechetical stages. However I would like to encourage all those who feel called to help in nurturing the faith in others. Being a Catechist is very important in the life of any parish. If you feel you are able to dedicate some of your weekly hours to this role, we will remain ever grateful. Please see Fr Ambrose or Fr Terkura personally or mail/ring the parish office.

Crib Offering 2022 — Please note that the Crib will be taken away after the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord which falls on Thursday, 2nd February 2023. Do well to visit before then. Thank you.

The Priests continue to thank you all immensely for your generosity, love and support you show them in various ways. May the good Lord grant you all with His blessings.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (23/01/23)

SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6PM

DAILY MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE SICK: 7:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TUESDAY: 10AM—12NOON,

WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, **SUNDAY:** 4:30PM— 6:00PM

CONFESSIONS: DAILY—BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES;
6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)

BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY, 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)

DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);

*** TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (6:30PM); SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).**

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD



Sick and Housebound: Cherlez Philip; Lucy Martin; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Paddy O'Shea; William Curran, Roy Alleyne.

Recently Deceased: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Fr Paul Teece, Monsignor Joe Branson, Fr Geoffrey Baka, Deacon Fred Carter, Deacon James Burleigh.

This is a gentle reminder that cheques to the parish are no longer made out to St Chad's Church but to RCAS Norwood South. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless You.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A (22/01/23)

<i>Vigil Mass on Saturday</i>	6:30PM 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM 6:00PM	Holy Souls People of the Parish RIP: Hermine & Colvin Grocia 90 Minutes with Jesus God's abundant blessings on all Parishioners
MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY	9:30AM	Thanksgiving (40th wedding anniversary): Pio & Edith Sequeira RIP: John Simons
TUESDAY, 24TH JANUARY ST FRANCIS DE SALES ADORATION & BENEDICTION	9:30AM 10-12PM	Birthday: Peter Achampong Thanksgiving: St Francis de Sales from Paul Phi Luu
WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	9:30AM	Thanksgiving: St Paul the Apostle from Paul Phi Luu
<i>EVENING MASS & ADORATION</i>	7:30PM	Thanksgiving: God's healing & protection for Marjorie Osammor
THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY STS TIMOTHY & TITUS	9:30AM	Special Intention: Clare Kedves
FRIDAY, 27TH JANUARY ST ANGELA MERICI	9:30AM	Thanksgiving: for continual good health & Protection to the Simon Family
SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY ST THOMAS AQUINAS	10:00AM 6:30PM	Thanksgiving: St Thomas Aquinas from the Luu Family Birthday: Isaac Acheampong

1ST COLLECTION: £493.69 Gift Aid Donations: £733.22

DONA /ONLINE DONATIONS : £ 514.57 **TOTAL: £ 1741.48**

2nd Collection last Sunday for Lodwar Diocese: £815.31.
Bishop Mbinda expresses his immense gratitude to all the parishioners.

2nd Collection this weekend - World Youth Day (After Appeal by Sina and Perpetua—chosen to represent us in Lisbon)

2nd Collection next Sunday - Catholic Association of Racial Justice

Welcome and Commitment Ceremony for First Communion Families: In St Chad's we are blessed with 40 young members of our parish family who, with their families, are beginning their journey towards meeting Jesus for the first time in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist this year. This weekend we shall invite them to stand with their families and commit themselves to taking this new step in their faith journey as a sign of their commitment to the First Holy Communion programme. We are very happy to welcome them all.

Peace Sunday Collection: We have a wonderful & effective Catholic peace organisation in **PAX CHRISTI** fully supported by our bishops. Many have taken gift envelopes this and last Sunday. Please remember to bring your donation in the envelope and place in the normal Sunday collection. There are more envelopes on the table at the back of the church and leaflets for those who would like to know more about Pax Christi. Why not join?

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers and 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included too. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

The nearest branch of the Parish bank in Ad-discombe has finally closed down it's doors. Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



LITURGY OF THE WORD WORKSHOP

The Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis is organising a LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Workshop to help parish teams to refresh practices and train new volunteers of the team.

VENUE: St Aidan's Church Hall, Chipstead Valley Rd, Coulsdon CR5 3BQ.

DATE/TIME: Saturday 4th February, 10am - 3.30pm

Please take a packed lunch along.

Chad's Diary 2023: Our pocket Diaries are now available at the Repository. Please feel free to purchase some. It costs £1. Thank you.

Day of Healing: The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group would like to invite you for a day of healing and prayer at Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church, Addiscombe, Croydon on Saturday, 28 January, 2023 from 10am until 4pm. The programme will begin with Eucharistic celebration followed by rosary, Holy wounds novena, adoration, confession, healing prayer and praise and worship. Come and encounter the Lord who forgives all our iniquities.

Parish Valentine Dance

Saturday, 11th February 2023 From: 7.30pm- 11.30pm

Live Band—The New Sensation, and Licensed Bar

Including Chicken and Chips supper.

Ticket price £12.50

Tickets now on sale

Bishop Pat Lynch has graciously agreed to come to celebrate the 10:30am Mass for us on the 23rd of April 2023.

PARISH BIBLE STUDIES: Resume on the 9th of February at 7:30pm. It will begin with a video presentation on that day about the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

The Guild Room: Please note that from the 5th February 2023, there will be a clear out from the Guild Room. The room is currently cluttered and this is in breach of Fire Safety Regulations. Any item not claimed and relocated, except the items in the cupboards & flower items, may be binned. We also have a sizeable table and some wooden chairs. Anyone who is interested in these may speak to any of the priests for collection ASAP.