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OFFERINGS

First	Gift Aid £526.00	Loose £392.29
Second (Pax Christi)	Gift Aid £29.50	Loose £229.84

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	St Francis de Sales
Wednesday	The Conversion of St Paul
Thursday	Saints Timothy and Titus
Saturday	St Thomas Aquinas

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday	7.30pm	Confirmation enrolment meeting
Tuesday	8.00pm	Parish Prayer Group
Friday	7.30pm	Adult Confirmation Preparation

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christine Sargent, Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Liam Morrison, Michael Boyle, Breege Collinson, Carmel Morrison, Margaret Curtis, Maureen Allen, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan & Terry Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephanie Patten, John Sewter, Patric Emerson, Ryan Morison, Malini Sithambaram, Harriet Roberts & Anita Bhimani.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Francis Colclough, Agneta Hill, Mary Shanks, Mary Frances McDonnell, Winifred Gertrude Maton, William Little, Mary Abraham, Micheal Gray, Thyrza Colclough, Micheal Cullen, Alfred Hall, Agnes Rimmer, Mary Johnson, James Norman, Margaret Heighton, John McParlane, John Henry Cowen, Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leece, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evely Bidwell.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Southwark Catholic Directory This is still on sale at the back of the church, as is the diocesan newspaper (the Pilgrim). Both contain much useful information. Prices are £3.00 and 50p respectively.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd January 2012

Third Sunday of the Year (B)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Cashman
Sunday	9.00am	Cyril Jarvis
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano
Monday	9.30am	James Jones
Tuesday	9.30am	Norman Jones
Wednesday	9.30am	Gerald & Doug Appleby
Thursday	9.30am	Bill Redmond
Friday	9.30am	Willie Regan
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Drumm

Exposition: Thursday morning from 8.30am-9.30am

Confessions: Saturday 10.00-11.00am
18.00-18.15pm and at call

Baptisms: By previous arrangement

Marriage: Six months notice required—Diocesan rule

Repentance is something essentially positive. True, to repent is to admit that all is not well with oneself. But it is also to discover something wonderful about oneself, namely, that one has potentialities which one didn't know one had. It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction, setting oneself more worthwhile goals, living by better values. In a word, it means a new life.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2012 The next meeting will be on Monday January 30th at 3.30pm in the church.

Confirmation 2012 There will be an enrolment meeting for candidates and their parents at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th January.

Confirmation preparation for adults will begin on Friday January 27th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

10.30am family mass There is a meeting at 9.45am on Sunday January 29th at which there will be a short inset to share resources and skills in delivering childrens' liturgy. Please come and find out how you can help. This is a most important celebration in the life of our parish. Don't leave it to someone else. 'Our children are the future of the Church.'

Week of prayer for Christian Unity ends on Wednesday 25th January.

The Parish Prayer Group meets in the church at 8.00pm on Tuesdays.

Bible Alive The January issue is on sale, price £1.95.

Parish diaries The diaries have still not yet arrived but will be available soon (we hope). They have been ordered and paid for.

Night shelter still needs volunteers for the overnight and early morning shifts on Friday night / Saturday at St Peter's Norbiton. Please contact Nicki Murphy for more details.

CAFOD Lent Give it up Appeal – Fast Day Friday 2 March 2012

As the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, CAFOD is celebrating 50 years of helping our brothers and sisters around the world transform their lives.

Central to CAFOD's appeal this Lent will be the plight of those around the world without immediate access to clean drinking water or safe sanitation. 1.4 million children are dying every year from the effects of poor water and sanitation. CAFOD reminds us that diarrhoea is the single biggest killer of children in Africa. CAFOD thanks you for your continued support and generosity, and trusts that this will continue for this Lenten period.

More information will follow, but the work of CAFOD and its sister agencies can be viewed online at www.Cafod.org.uk.

REFLECTION

Good news for sinners

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news.

Jesus began his ministry by announcing good news.

What was this good news?

That the kingdom of heaven had come.

The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises, the fullness of God's blessings, in short, the new order of things.

Forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible.

God's love is unconditional and is available to us in Christ.

All we have to do is recognise our need,

And seek his help with humility and sincerity.

Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.

Rev F McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Jonah had earlier tried to escape from doing what the Lord wanted. In this excerpt he obeys the instruction to preach as he had been told. Nineveh is a huge city. It takes three days to cross it. A day's journey in, Jonah begins to preach the destruction of the city. In response the people believe in God. They repent. They fast dressed in sackcloth. God relents and withholds punishment.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Paul introduces urgency to the lives of the faithful. This is one of the readings that can be misinterpreted to make Paul seem anti-women. In that case one would also have to say that he is anti-grief, opposed to enjoying life and buying things! This segment is his call to the community to focus on what we are about. 'The world as we know it is passing away.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14–20

The Gospel this week again centres on the attractive presence of Jesus. It opens with the information that John the Baptist has been arrested. Having seen what happened to his cousin he must realise that he faces the same authorities. This makes Jesus' work urgent. His call is 'The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.' He proceeds to call Simon and his brother Andrew, and James and John, the sons of Zebedee. These men followed him. Something about Jesus drew them away from the comfortable and the familiar to answer his challenge. He invites them to change from fishermen to fishers of men.