

Parish of St Pius X. Norbiton

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Office Hours: Mon-Wed, and Fri. **Confessions:** Sat 10.30 –11am, 5–5.45pm

Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

Parish Centre Booking: Contact Margaret on **0208 541 0796** or the Parish Office

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: Tuesdays after Mass for an hour

Our Lady's Prayer Group: Tuesdays 7pm-8.45pm; all are welcome

Apostolate of Fatima in Soutwark & 1st Saturday Divine Mercy Devotion: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Safeguarding: Norbitonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Sat 16 Jan	6 pm	Mass	Francesca Bern-18 th Birthday	Vigil Mass Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) PEACE SUNDAY
Sun 17 Jan	10 am	Mass	People of the Parish	
	5 pm	Mass	Nick Mitchem-RIP	
Mon 18 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Viola O'Connor	Feria
Tues 19 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Dec'd members of Bartosik Family-RIP	Saint Wulstan
Wed 20 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Angela Curtis-WB	Saint Fabian
Thurs. 21 Jan	9.15am	Mass	England	Saint Agnes
Fri 22 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Marie, John & Angela Sweeney-RIP	Saint Vincent
Sat 23 Jan	10 am	Mass	Paul Phillips-RIP	The Blessed Virgin Mary Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass(B)
	6 pm	Mass	Peggy Sweeney and Family-WB	
Sun 24 Jan	10 am	Mass	Nick Mitchem-RIP	
	5 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	

The Sick of the Parish: Pray for; Peter Maxwell, Jacob Tullett, John Marsella, David Carrier, Ron Murphy, Joe Murphy, Jean Reynard, Philomena Leech, Genie Stack, Ron Johnson, Kate Fitzsimmons, Anna Webb, Teresa Allon, Crissie Hutchins, Barbara Farmer, Pat Luis, and Bill Graffham.

The Funeral of Michael Dooley will take place on 28th January at St Pius X Norbiton at 12 noon thereafter to Kingston Cemetery for burial at 1.30pm. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

COVID -19 Vaccine: There has been some uncertainty within the Catholic community with respect to vaccinations for COVID-19. It is very important that the pastoral counsel we offer our people accurately reflects the Church's moral teaching and tradition which affirms that such vaccinations are morally licit. On the website below statements by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Vatican

[https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/;](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/)
http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_noti-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

Pray for late Sylvia Angela Fletcher who was an active member of the parish for 40 years until she moved to Kent a few years ago. Her funeral takes place on 19th January 1.40pm at Kingston Crematorium. May she rest in eternal peace.

Holy Father's Intention for January: Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full with our brothers and sisters of other fellowship religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Date	Offertory	2 nd collection	Many thanks for your generosity
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Mass Offerings: Please drop your Mass intention envelope with the usual details at the Presbytery and you will be informed when this Mass will be celebrated.

Communal worship and life events: You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. Follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship, not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while at a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances. Do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a service.

Mark the Evangelist. Mark is mentioned some eight times in the New Testament. He is the cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10). When Paul writes his letter to the Colossians from his prison in Rome, he mentions that Mark is there with him (Col. 4:10). He also mentions in his letter to Philemon that Mark is one of his fellow workers (Philemon 24). Peter addressed him as "my son Mark" (1 Peter 5:13). It is very likely that Peter was the one who brought Mark to conversion and raised him up in the faith. Mark was an associate of Peter and likely wrote his gospel in Rome where Peter was based. Mark wrote it in Greek. It was likely written for Gentile readers in general, and for the Christians at Rome in particular. The gospel is usually dated between 65 and 75 A D, sometime shortly after Peter's martyrdom in Rome in 64 A D.

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The Gospel according to Mark

Among the four gospels, Mark's account is unique in many ways. It is the shortest account and seems to be the earliest. Both Luke and Matthew use much of Mark's text. Luke's account contains over half of the verses in Mark's account (some 350 verses out of a total 660 verses in Mark). Unlike Luke and Matthew who begin their accounts with the events surrounding the birth of the Messiah, Mark begins his account with Jesus' public ministry and the mission of John the Baptist. Mark leaves no doubt as to who Jesus was. In the very first sentence of his account he proclaims that Jesus is the "Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus was not simply a man among men, but one who caused great wonder, amazement, and awe upon those who encountered him. "They were astonished at his teaching" (Mk 1:22); "they were all amazed" (Mk 1:27); "they were utterly astounded" (Mk 6:51); "the disciples were amazed at his words" (Mk 10:24), etc.

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark Mark stresses Jesus as "Teacher" and as the "Servant of God". Jesus is regularly addressed as "Teacher" by his disciples (Mk 4:38) and by those who seek his help (Mk 5:35). He also uses the Hebrew form of teacher, "Rabbi" (Mk 9:5). Ironically Mark gives little of Jesus' teaching compared with Luke and Matthew. Mark mainly stresses what Jesus did. He depicts Jesus' ceaseless activity and his power over sickness, disease, death, and the work of evil spirits.

Mark also displays both Jesus' divinity and his humanity. For example, Mark tells us that Jesus is "the carpenter" (Mk 6:3). Matthew softens it a bit by saying that Jesus is the "carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55). Mark even tells us about Jesus' emotions. Jesus was moved with "compassion" (Mk 6:34); he "sighed" (Mk 7:34; 8:12); he "marveled" at the unbelief of his own townsfolk (Mk 6:6); he "looked" upon the rich young man and "loved him" (Mk 10:21). Mark also adds vivid details that the other gospel writers leave out. For example, he describes Jesus' tenderness as he took the little children "in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them" (Mk 10:16). On another occasion Mark describes Jesus "asleep on a cushion" in the stern of the boat as the apostles feared for their lives when caught in the storm at sea (Mk 4:38).