

Parish of St Pius X. Norbiton

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Third 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 Southwark & 1st Saturday Divine Mercy Devotion: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Safeguarding: Norbitonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Sat	23 Jan	6 pm	Mass	Peggy Sweeney and Family-WB	Vigil Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sun	24 Jan	10 am	Mass	Nick Mitchem-RIP	
		5 pm	Mass	Francis Uche Nnadi- WB	
Mon	25 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Maggie Bartoisk-WB	Feast-The Conversion of St Paul Saints Timothy and Titus Saint Angela Merici Saint Thomas Aquinas Feria
Tues	26 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Twohig Family & Friends-Intentions	
Wed	27 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Michael Dooley-RIP	
Thurs.	28 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Eden -In Thanksgiving	
Fri	29 Jan	9.15am	Mass	Sylvia Fletcher-RIP	
Sat	30 Jan	10 am	Mass	Mary Razvi-RIP	The Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
		6 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sun	31 Jan	10 am	Mass	Mary & Michael O'Neill-WB	
		5 pm	Mass	Paula Bartoisk-WB	

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 Jill Graffham.

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Please take care to read the information contained in the **Update** about **vaccination**. Certain Catholic groups are not representing Catholic teaching faithfully on this matter. The Bishops state:

The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but [one] continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

Date	Offertory	2 nd collection	Many thanks for your generosity

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.

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.

The Funeral of Michael Dooley will take place on Thursday 28th Jan 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. The family would welcome any parishioner who would wish to attend. Only 30 are allowed to attend and so it will be first come and first admission.

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.

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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).