

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 240121

Third Sunday of the Year B – Word of God Sunday.

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Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jonah 3;1-5,10 The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Psalm Response: Psalm 24 Lord make me know your ways.

Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7;29-31.

The world as we know is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand, believe the good news. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20.

Repent. and believe the Good News.

Masses at the weekend: Intentions for next week. Saturday

: Mass at Sacred Heart 5pm (In Thanksgiving (S)) Available in recorded form on YouTube.

Sunday : Mass at Sacred Heart 9.30pm (Peoples of the Parishes), Mass at English Martyrs 11am (John Morrissey RIP).

Live streamed on YouTube.

The Sunday Mass obligation has been dispensed because of the Pandemic

Masses during the week.

Mass at Sacred Heart in the main Chapel on Wednesday at 7pm (In Thanksgiving) Mass at English Martyrs on Thursday at 11am (In Thanksgiving) .Live streamed.

Pope Francis has instituted one Sunday , the Third Sunday of the Year as a Day of the Word of God. He says :

"A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers."

Cultivating an intimate relationship with Sacred Scripture will open our eyes, our hearts, our minds, to the work of God around us. Scripture won't take us away from the present moment. This is a fear that some have! Rather, spending time with the living Word of God will enrich our lives, revealing to us the deeper workings of God in our midst.