

Focus on the Word

7th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C
Samuel 26.2-25; Corinthians 15.45-49; Luke 6.27-38

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The 375 victims of the Typhoon Rai in the Philippines

The Mass

That the Mass is the central feature of the Catholic religion hardly needs to be said. During the Reformation (and always) the Mass has been the test. The word of the Reformers - "It is the Mass that matters" - was true. The long persecution of Catholics in England took the practical form of laws chiefly against saying Mass; for centuries the occupant of the English throne was obliged to manifest his Protestantism, not by a general denial of the whole system of Catholic dogma, but by a formal repudiation of the doctrine of Transubstantiation and of the Mass.

- Fr. Adrian Henry Timothy Knottesford Fortescue (1874-1923)



Parish Week / Sunday, 20 Feb. 2022

Saturday, 19 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mark Dominguez (Aunt)
12.15 pm RCIC Baptism
5.00 pm Mass: † Benita Chew Ang (family)
- RCIA & RCIC Initiation: *Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation*

SUNDAY, 20 FEB. / 7-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Adelle Diaz (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 21 Feb. / St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sivakumar (Caroline)
7.00 pm Mass: † Luisa Saguing (Lydia Dominguez)

Tuesday, 22 Feb. / Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sivakumar (Caroline)

Wednesday, 23 Feb. / St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jerome Rocha (William)

Thursday, 24 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Labib Zeidan (Amalia)

Friday, 25 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)

Saturday, 26 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mervyn Rocha (William)
5.00 pm Mass: † Michael Hickey (Helen Hillier)

SUNDAY, 27 FEB. / 8-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (Friends & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Jawhara Abila Chachati, 1st Death Anniversary (DiMichele family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Rosalina de Jesus (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

COMING UP

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- 2 Mar. **Ash Wednesday;**
- Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- ► St. Albert Sch. Liturgy, recorded & broadcast at School;
- ► St. Maria Goretti Sch. Liturgy, recorded & broadcast at School;
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)
- 6 Mar. **1st Sunday in Lent;**
- Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens (12 noon Mass)
- 7 Mar. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 20 Mar. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 27 Mar. **ShareLife Collection**
- 4 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Apr. **Palm Sunday: Holy Week** begins
- 14 Apr. **Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;**
- Adoration until midnight
- 15 Apr. **Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord**
- 17 Apr. **Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord;**
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory*; (b) *Easter*
- 22 Apr. Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm)
- 23 Apr. Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
- 24 Apr. **2nd Sunday of Easter / DIVINE MERCY;**
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

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Sign in & face masks are required; hand sanitization is advised. For more information on Parish activities, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

Sacramental Preparation

We are happy to report that the celebration of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** for the Grade 3 students of St. Maria Goretti School was completed on 9 and 10 February 2022.

We can now turn our attention to the Grade 3 students of St. Albert School, and provide them with this important Sacrament.

We will also complete the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for the newly-Confirmed Grade 8 youth (November–December 2021), and the students who made their 1st Communion in Grade 4 (April 2021) and Grade 3 (November 2021). This will be done in conjunction with the formal preparation for **1st Holy Communion & Confirmation** for the students currently in Grades 2 & 7. This preparation is starting with on line Presentations in February. See the link on our Parish website. This is a key step in attending to the spiritual needs of our Youth.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks the family of **Anna Doyle, (née Tomasevic)** who died on 6 December at the age of 95, for their donation of the FLOWERS from her service on 10 December for use at our Altar. Your gift is appreciated.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 19 February: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The next Initiation will be at the Easter Vigil.

The next meetings: RCIA Adults, 7.30 pm, 4 March;
RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 5 March.



Stewardship

2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021 are in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office at 416-261-0076, if you:

- Have a change in your family
- Have a change of address
- Have a new phone number, e-mail, cell phone
- Will be moving out of the Parish

A simple phone call would keep our parish records updated and eliminate unnecessary postage and returned mail.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

9 October 2021

Alexis Sophie Agape
Roel Cabuang
Athalia Miel Nadia
Ava Amara Susada

10 October

Katelyn Clair D'Souza

14 October

Raiden Yosel Sanchez

16 October

Rachel Ellie Ramdeen
Ameson Dylan Ren

23 October

Fynn James Aube
Kamiyah Raine Asibey
Apollo Kwabena Bosompem
Richard Rafael Caron Escobar
Ronel Carriedo Jr.
Alaia Lilyanna Jaillal
Aoife Avira Karalasingham Jehan
Jaylee Jenny Clementina Amelia Malo-Chase
Kelsey Maxine Selidio

30 October

Jayden Samuel Garcia

7 November

Noah Gary Allen
Crystalina Angela Sarah Jesupillai
Janaya Nakate Nsimbi
Dayanara Isla Ramos
Maxime Isaiah Skye Zulueta

13 November

Emily Paola Mary Diaz Flores
Paolo Schizua Kwamedji Matthew Diaz Flores
Kiamani Mary St. Clair
Kynda Rose St. Clair
Elson Dream Antonio Vista



The 13 November Baptism group.

Rome meeting with Canadian Indigenous leaders rescheduled from Dec. 2021 to 29 March 2022

Michael Swan, *The Catholic Register*, February 1, 2022

More than two dozen Indigenous delegates, along with a handful of Canadian bishops, are once again on their way to meeting Pope Francis in the last week of March.

The trip to Rome, originally scheduled for Dec. 17 to 20, was derailed by rocketing COVID numbers, which were a particular threat to elderly residential school survivors who will play a central role in three separate meetings with the Pope.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Metis Nation citizens to ensure our stories, especially those of Metis survivors, are shared with @Pontifex,” *Metis National Council* president Cassidy Caron tweeted out after the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* and its Indigenous partners broke the news on Feb. 1.

“The same delegates who were planning to travel to Rome in December will be travelling at the end of March,” MNC spokesperson Janna van de Sande said in an email.

Assembly of First Nations spokesperson Jamie Monastyrski confirmed to *The Catholic Register* the AFN will be sending the same slate of 13 delegates who were prepped to go in December. A total of 27 Indigenous delegates were scheduled to meet with Pope Francis on three separate days. Each delegation was scheduled for one hour each. The rescheduled trip will finish with a final audience with Pope Francis and all the Indigenous delegates on April 1.

Though the new dates are firm enough to be announced, “the health and safety of all delegates remain our first priority,” said a joint release from the CCCB, AFN, MNC and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. The organizers will monitor COVID conditions in Canada and Rome, consult with public health officials and travel “only when we feel it is safe to do so.”

“We remain committed to walking toward healing and reconciliation and very much look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and youth to meet with Pope Francis,” said the joint release.

Before the pandemic delay the official delegates were to be accompanied by additional Indigenous people, mental health and spiritual support teams and a number of bishops and CCCB support staff.

CCCB president Bishop Raymond Poisson, vice president Bishop Bill McGrattan, Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith, Winnipeg Archbishop Richard Gagnon and Regina Archbishop Don Bolen were confirmed members of the CCCB party in December. But the bishops will be there to listen to the Indigenous delegates, not to direct the encounters with the Pope, said Smith before the trip was delayed.

“The essence of this encounter (is) heart speaking to heart,” he said. “The heart of the delegates, speaking to the Pope. We know well the compassionate heart of our Holy Father. It’s with that heart that he will listen, and it’s from that heart that he will respond.”

The Canadian bishops on the trip will be listening along with Pope Francis, said McGrattan. “Pope Francis and the bishops who will be present will be there to listen and to respond and to make sure that we are committed to this path of reconciliation,” he said.

Delegate meetings with Pope Francis are intended as a first step, leading to a papal visit to Canada. It is widely expected that in Canada Pope Francis will issue an apology in the name of the Church for the residential schools, fulfilling the TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA’s Call to Action #58.

“Our hope is that this visit and a potential visit from the Pope on our home territories will provide some measure of dignity and respect to the survivors and the intergenerational survivors of the residential schools,” Dene Regional Chief Norman Yakeleya told reporters at a press conference in December to announce the AFN delegation going to Rome. “We seek to hear the words on our lands by the Pope. We seek justice. It is only then that we can begin walking truly on the healing path of reconciliation.”

For Metis delegate Gary Gagnon, the meeting with Pope Francis couldn’t be more important.

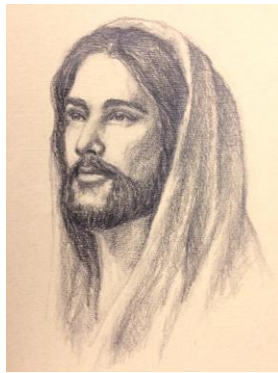
“I’m sorry. I get so emotional because my Pope is so important... I really believe. I believe he is a kind, gentle person who would never, never, ever let those children be destroyed, be lost, given away, lost forever,” the Grande Prairie, Alta., elder and residential school survivor said at a Dec. 2 press conference in Edmonton. “And it’s time for the answer now.”



Prayer to the Prince of Peace

for the family

O JESUS, KING OF THE WORLD,
*You entered our lives hidden and
humble in a Bethlehem cave. Now,
hidden in the Host, You come.*



*O Jesus in the Eucharist,
let the rays of Your love
flood my soul, and the soul
of every person in my family.
With Your saving power, Jesus,
cast out of all anxiety, unforgive-
ness, addiction, pride, impurity,
confusion, hatred, and despair.
Pierce the darkness with Your light
and fill us with Your presence.*

*O Jesus in the Eucharist,
King filled with compassion*
Come, reign in my family.

*O Jesus in the Eucharist,
King of infinite mercy,*
Come, reign in my family.

*O Jesus in the Eucharist,
King who is all truth and beauty,*
Come, reign in my family.

*Mary, Mother of God; St. Joseph,
protector of the Holy Family,*
**Help us to love Jesus and to entrust
ourselves completely to Him.**

**O Jesus in the Eucharist,
Prince of Peace,
Come, reign in us!**

Amen.

(Written by the **Sisters of Life**)



Pope Francis Prays for Ukraine

(From the Holy Father's Angelus address, 13 February)

“Dear brothers and sisters,
The news from Ukraine is very worrying.
I entrust every effort for peace to the intercession
of the Virgin Mary and to the conscience of the
political leaders. Let us pray in silence.”

Below: Kyiv (Kiev), Ukraine





Retired Anglican bishop to join Catholic Church

21 May 2021

John William Goddard (born 8 September 1947) is a retired former bishop of the Church of England. From 2000 to 2014, he was Bishop of Burnley

It was announced on 21 May 2021 that Goddard would be received into the Roman Catholic Church on the Feast of Pentecost, 23 May, by the auxiliary bishop of Liverpool.

The Anglican Ordinariates

The *Anglican Ordinariate* is a canonical structure within the Catholic Church which was established in order to enable groups of Anglicans to join the Catholic Church while preserving elements of their liturgical and spiritual tradition.

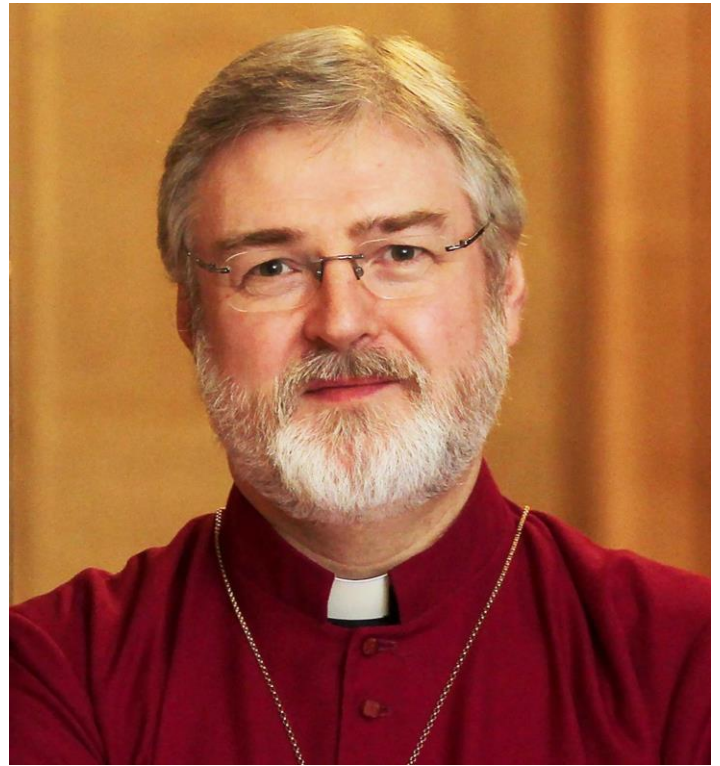
Created in line with the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus* by Pope Benedict, 4 November 2009, and its complementary norms, the ordinariates are juridically equivalent to a diocese, “a particular Church in which and from which exists the one and unique Catholic Church.”

Three Anglophone Ordinariates were established between 2011 and 2012:

Personal Ordinariate of **Our Lady of Walsingham**
(England and Wales, Scotland)

Personal Ordinariate of the **Chair of Saint Peter**
(United States, Canada)

Personal Ordinariate of **Our Lady of the Southern Cross**
(Australia, Japan)



Anglican bishop to step down, join Catholic Church

Sep 4, 2021 / By Simon Caldwell

Jonathan Michael Goodall, the Anglican bishop of Ebbsfleet stepped down from office after announcing that he will become a Roman Catholic.

No details of who will receive Goodall into the Catholic faith or where his reception will happen have been revealed. His Anglican ministry will end Sept. 8, according to the statement from Lambeth Palace. Goodall, who is based in Reading, England, declined to be interviewed but said in a Sept. 3 statement that he would step down after eight years in office “in order to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.” He said that the decision was reached “only after a long period of prayer, which has been among the most testing periods of my life.”

“Life in the Church of England has shaped and nourished my discipleship as a Catholic Christian for many decades,” he said in a statement posted on the website of the Diocese of Ebbsfleet. “This is where I first received, and for half my life have ministered, as priest and bishop, the sacramental grace of Christian life and faith,” he added.

“I shall always treasure this and be thankful for it. I trust you all to believe that I have made my decision as a way of saying yes to God’s present call and invitation, and not of saying no to what I have known and experienced in the Church of England, to which I owe such a deep debt.”

The bishop’s decision to join the Catholic Church represents the highest-level transfer since Gavin Ashenden, who had been a Royal Chaplain to **Queen Elizabeth II**, became a Catholic at Christmas in 2019.



Prominent Anglican bishop received into Catholic Church

Oct 15, 2021 / By Simon Caldwell

A prominent Anglican bishop has joined the Catholic Church and will be ordained as a priest in October. **Michael Nazir-Ali**, the former Anglican bishop of Rochester, England, was received into the Church Sept. 29 by Msgr. Keith Newton, of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, which was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI for the corporate reception of Anglican communities.

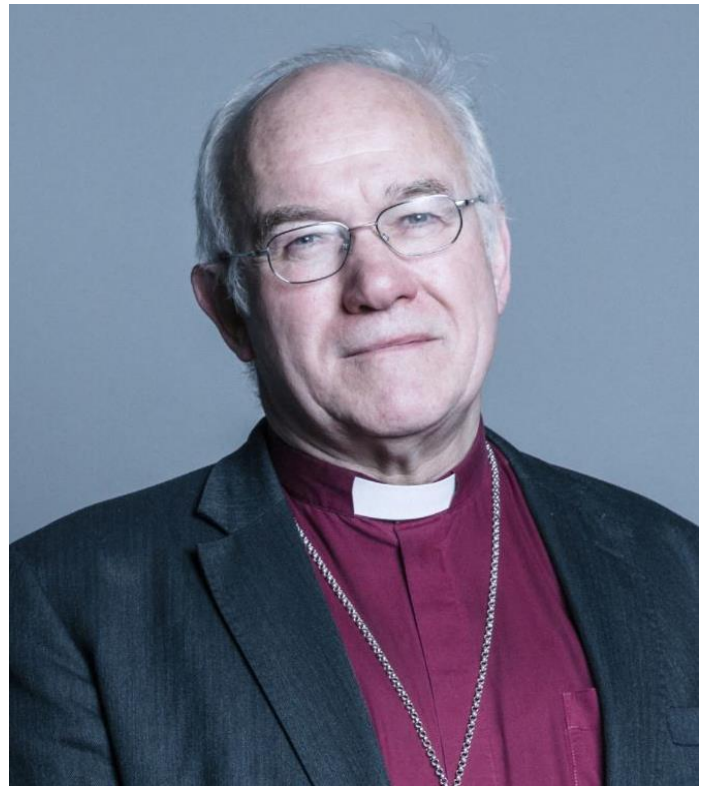
Nazir-Ali will be ordained deacon by Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Oct. 28 and ordained a priest for the ordinariate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster Oct. 30. The married father of two retired from Rochester, England, in 2009 and, since 2010, has served as the visiting bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Nazir-Ali is the first former Anglican diocesan bishop — rather than suffragan or “flying” bishops — to join the Catholic Church since Bishop Graham Leonard of London and Bishop Richard Rutt of Leicester were received into the Catholic faith in 1994.

Pakistan-born Nazir-Ali, 72, was once regarded as a potential leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion. In 2002, the U.K. media reported his was one of two names submitted to then-Prime Minister Tony Blair as a possible successor to Archbishop George Carey of Canterbury. He served for many years as a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and also of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission. He is the third Anglican bishop to become a Catholic this year and the fourth in just two years.

Jonathan Goodall, the former “flying” bishop of Ebbsfleet, stepped down from office in September to become a Catholic following a period of reflection which, he said, was “among the most testing periods of my life.”

In May, John Goddard, a former bishop of Burnley, was received into the Catholic Church in Liverpool, while Gavin Ashenden, a former royal chaplain to the queen, was received into the Catholic faith at Christmas 2019.



Fourth Anglican bishop in a year joins Catholic Church in UK

Feb 7, 2022 / By Charles Collins

LEICESTER, United Kingdom — A fourth Anglican bishop in a year has been received into the Catholic Church. It was confirmed by the Church Times — an independent newspaper covering the Church of England — that the former bishop of Chester, Peter Forster, became Catholic last year. The three other Church of England bishops to become Catholic last year are the former Bishop of Rochester, Michael Nazir-Ali; the former Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Jonathon Goodall; and the former Bishop of Burnley, John Goddard.

Foster was received into the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburg in Scotland, where he and his wife now reside. Forster retired from the Diocese of Chester in 2019, having been the longest serving Church of England bishop.

While a Church of England Bishop, Forster served as a member of the English Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee. He opposed to efforts to legalize same-sex marriage in the UK and the ordination of practicing homosexual clergy.

The bishop was one of 26 *Lords Spiritual* (Church of England bishops serving in Parliament) serving in the UK’s House of Lords from 2001 until his retirement in 2019.

In addition to the four Church of England bishops, former Church of England priest Gavin Ashenden was also received into the Catholic Church in December 2019. Ashenden had been ordained a bishop in the Christian Episcopal Church, a breakaway Anglican denomination, in 2017.

Let the Earth Breathe



