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2nd Sunday after Christmas – 3rd January 2021

1st Reading – Ecclesiastes 24:1-2. 8-12

Psalm – The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Gospel – John 1:1-18

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

With the continued spread of infections, much of our attention is understandably focused on what is happening all round us, on our relations and neighbours, and on what the future may bring. The Word of God is also trying to grab our attention and our focus: the Word is reminding us again and again during these days of the revelation of God's love for us, and the Lord's desire to reveal Himself to us and be known by us. There is a sense of urgency on the part of God who speaks to us of the last days, and who is ushering a new law of grace for our salvation and eternal happiness.

When we look at that sense of urgency and how much energy we can spend listening to the news and think about all those things that affect our daily lives, we need to ask ourselves the following question: do I expend as much energy in getting to know God in my daily life and respond to His revelation? Do I give to God what I have left over of my time, or do I see God as just one of the people and things I have to deal with from day to day? If I do, then it is little wonder that we can end up thinking and feeling as if we have no time left for God at the end of the day.

God is revealing Himself as totally different. We have time itself because God gives us life. God is the source of all we have. We move and have our being in Him. We are totally dependent on God. To know and live this truth doesn't mean we forget all the other things we have to do and leave them undone. It means we come to recognize God who is truly present to us and in our midst all the time, often unknown as the Scriptures remind us, but nonetheless truly there. When we start discovering such a loving God, our day to day life will be lived differently. Our transformation will continue to the day of our death when we will truly meet God face to face. Let us continue to long to see His face in our daily lives.

Br. Lucjan's Feast Day: This week on Thursday we celebrate the feast day of our Br. Lucjan. Please pray for him especially on that day. We wish Br. Lucjan many blessings on this day and for the Lord to continue to be with him and guide him.

Br. Charles' Golden Jubilee of Profession: On the 10th January Br. Charles will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Profession. Due to the restrictions we cannot have a proper party to mark this special occasion, but we ask you to join us in prayer for Br. Charles on that day. May the Lord who has called him to our Capuchin way of life, continue to bless him at this time with the graces he most needs.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 3rd January

Second Sunday after Christmas

9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	O.F.S.
5.30pm	Dachunha family

Monday 4th January

Monday before the Epiphany

7.30am	Br. Ambrose Intentions
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Tuesday 5th January

Tuesday before the Epiphany

7.30am	F.M.M.'s & Benefactors
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Wednesday 6th January

The Epiphany

7.30am	Zeon Dacunha 3 rd Birthday
7.30pm	Holy Souls

Thursday 7th January

Thursday after the Epiphany

7.30am	Br. Lucjan Intentions
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Friday 8th January

Friday after the Epiphany

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 9th January

Saturday after the Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.