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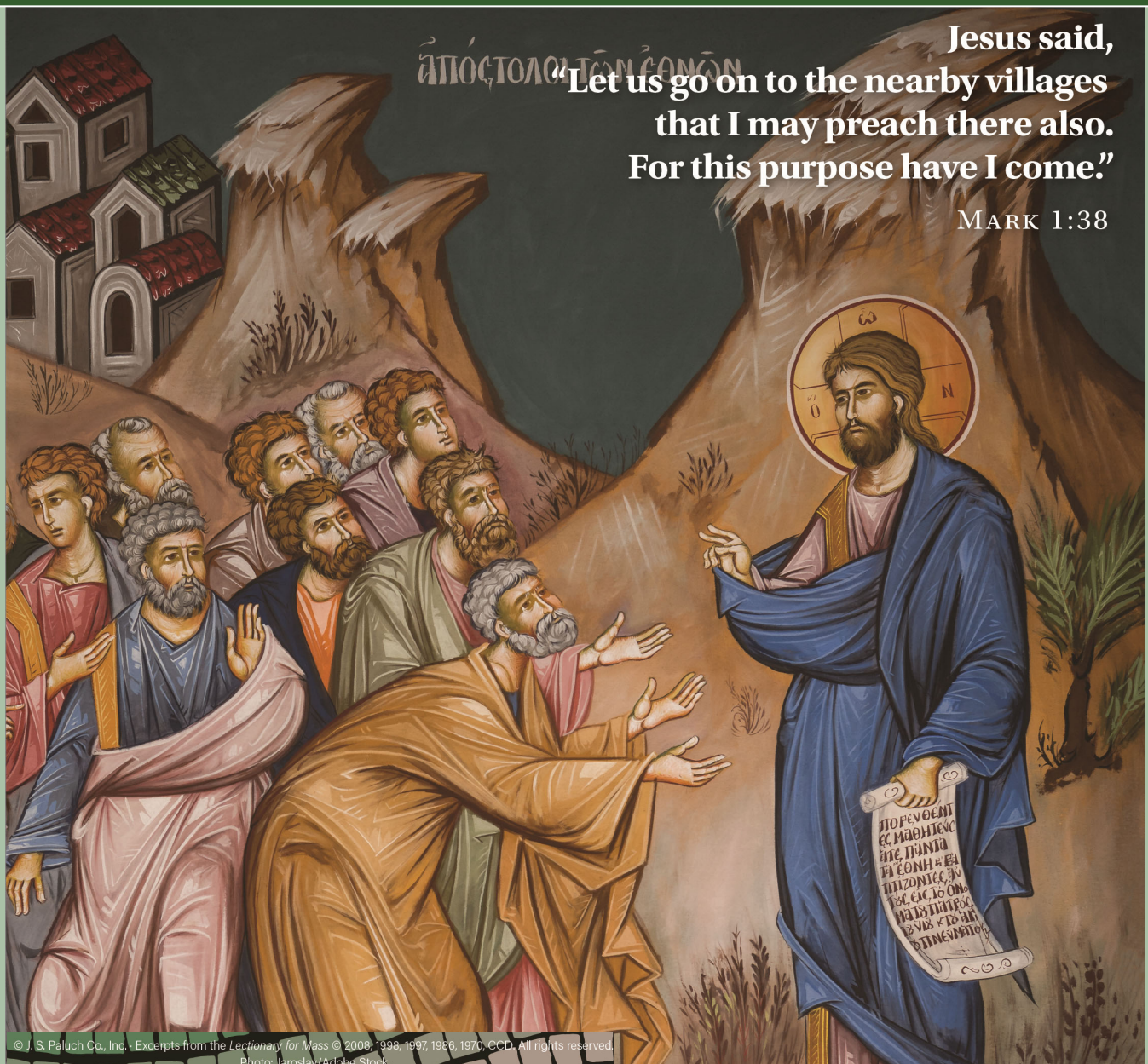
# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,  
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT  
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME



ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΝ ΚΑΝΟΝ

Jesus said,  
“Let us go on to the nearby villages  
that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come.”

MARK 1:38

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**MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 7 - 14**

Sun. 10:00 am † Marion Boyle Janks

Monday † Henry Gilbert

Tuesday

Wednesday Parish Community of St. Theresa

Thursday

Friday

Sun. 10:00 am † Michelle Corbett

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**DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**

(January 25 - 31) 24 DONORS **\$ 4,004.00**

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 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

*Use the link on the parish website to donate.*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at  
[melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org)  
 or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

**ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED**

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Sunday Mass and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page Prayer/Mass & Confession Time, their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and our Sunday live-stream Mass.

*This form is not for Mass Intentions.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:**

Matt Mercier, Irene Clark, Daniel Sullivan, Dave DeMonte, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Denise Bridges, Kristine Berman, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Barbara Krummer, John Bouey, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Melinda Parker, Margie Sullivan Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Greg Govan, Angie & Reece Nuti, Grace Castelazo Diaz de Leon, Richard Rauscher, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

February 7 bulletin, was due by January 29 (Friday)  
 February 14 bulletin, was due by February 5 (Friday)  
 February 21 bulletin, is due by February 12 (Friday)  
 February 28 bulleting, is due by February 19 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Last year even within our parish there were great divisions that were evidenced with the upcoming election. I tried to point to the websites of the California Catholic bishops and the USCCB. Now that the election is past, even though some rhetoric continues, I present an article from *America Magazine* that I wanted to publish earlier but held back lest it be misinterpreted. It is an interview with Bishop Robert McElroy who encapsulates main line solid Catholic teaching. Many claim to have all the truth in this age of media but are wrong and misleading. This is the teaching affirmed by our Holy Father and the authentic Magisterium of the Church.

We are a way off from the next elections and so I present it to help all as we prepare for the future and know we are making decisions based on authentic Church teaching that didn't get created twenty years ago, but a much longer time ago with principles based on the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas and others through the ages and reaffirmed by the current magisterium. This is a longer article than the room I have and part two will be in next week's bulletin.

"Bishop Robert W. McElroy is the bishop of the Diocese of San Diego and a longtime contributor to **America**. Recently, Bishop McElroy spoke with Sebastian Gomes of "[Voting Catholic](#)," a podcast from America Media that helps U.S. Catholics discern their vote in the upcoming presidential election. The bishop tackles the issue of abortion, the political polarization of Catholics and how to vote with a well-formed conscience. This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

**Sebastian Gomes: I want to start with a meeting that took place among the bishops last November. In that meeting, a new introductory letter to "[Faithful Citizenship](#)" was presented to the bishops for their approval. The letter included the following statement: "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself." Can you take us back to that moment and tell us what your concern was about that statement?**

Bishop McElroy: In my own view, abortion is a pre-eminent issue for Catholics—one of several. My concern was that when you say abortion is *the* pre-eminent issue we face as a nation; you are setting up an election choice. The church's teaching is that evaluating candidates and deciding who you should choose has to do with certain qualities about the candidates, but it also has to do with their positions on a series of key issues in Catholic moral teaching. The concept that brings them all together is called the common good. The common good is, in Catholic theology, the advancement of the whole series of issues in society, which allow the fullest expression and enhancement and achievement of human life and dignity for all people in our society and in the world.

To say that abortion is *the* pre-eminent issue in a particular political season is to reduce the common good, in effect, to

one issue. And that's a distortion of Catholic teaching. In fact, the assertion that abortion is "the" pre-eminent issue in this political campaign for Catholics is itself a political statement, not a doctrinal one.



***It's hard to conclude that the bishops would expect you to not be a single-issue voter, just based on what it says in the letter. How can Catholics understand holistically what the bishops are saying.*** Read the whole document. Because when you read the document, it speaks of this broader notion of the common good. It points to all these different issues that our society is divided on.

[It tells you to] look at climate change, which threatens to end the whole of humanity. Look at the divisions we have in our nation now, in terms of race and class, the undocumented. You see all of the consequences of the pandemic are magnified by issues of race and class. If someone reads through that with an open heart and wrestles with God, then that's a great thing. But don't pick one sentence out.

***I'm wondering how a Catholic should engage with the statements from Pope Francis, as well as the statements that they hear from their bishops and read about here in the United States.***

I think Pope Francis is pointing to us that broader notion of the common good, that all of those elements need to be taken into account and that it is a mistake to reduce Catholic moral teaching to one issue. That is not faithful to our tradition.

There was an interesting analogy that came out 30 years ago in these discussions, arguing that abortion is the primary moral issue. The analogy is because the issue of life is the foundation of the house of the common good. The common good is built on top of it, but the foundation is life, and thus, among the issues of life, the defense of the unborn [is] so important.

But I would say this: The house itself and the foundation rest on the earth, and the earth is at stake in climate change and in the care for creation. And so you don't have a house and you don't have a foundation if you don't have the earth [or] a habitable place for our humanity.

***Could you comment on the politicization of issues and how Catholics can wade through that?***

The tragedy for Catholic voters who are believers and take their faith seriously is that, at the present time, the partisan

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structure of American politics absolutely bifurcates Catholic teaching. There are certain issues where, in general, Republicans far better represent the teaching of the church: abortion being one, euthanasia, many issues of religious liberty. And then there are certain issues where the Democratic Party [represents church teaching]: climate change, issues of poverty and racism.

The problem that voters face is the believer is literally homeless in the party structure of the United States. There is no partisan platform that even begins to approximate what Catholic teaching is.

***Some people say that if you vote for one candidate or another, that you're not a "real" Catholic. What do you make of those statements?***

It is a terrible assault on our faith. Catholic faith and identity are not reducible to one's political stances. Catholic faith is believing in God, having a relationship with God, understanding the life of the church, loving the church, walking in the pilgrimage of [a] life of faith on this earth. That's what Catholic faith is.

But for people to say that because on a particular political issue you diverge from what the church teaches you are not a Catholic anymore reduces our faith to simply a political creed. Our faith is much more than that.

## ST. THERESA SCHOOL

### St Theresa Sunday Dinners Cookbook

What are your family's Sunday dinner traditions? What is a favorite recipe or menu? Have you been honing your culinary skills? Is your go to a tried and true family recipe or your own creation?

The St Theresa Parents' Club invites you to share your family's favorite Sunday dinner recipes and menus. We will be compiling all the submissions into a community cookbook. Please share your Sunday dinner traditions, why this is your go to menu or recipe, a photo of your family, etc. Cookbooks will be printed and available to purchase, with a target delivery date in early May. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to benefit the school.

Please make your submissions by March 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time for collating and printing. Use the link below to make your submissions.

People who want to submit recipes can do so via the following link: <https://bonapp.typeform.com/to/Gihi5dNt> or via email by sending their submissions to the Parents Club email:

[sttheresaparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaparentsclub@gmail.com)

## WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We meet on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am for the rest of this year.



Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! If you were a member last year you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address to Nancy Midlin [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com). She will send you the link to Zoom.

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The St. Theresa School will be hosting a student read-a-thon from February 8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to top readers, and all proceeds raised will benefit the school.

The St. Theresa Parents' Club welcomes all Parish families with Kinder through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who would like to participate in our read-a-thon to contact Sophia Kassab at [so.campodonico@gmail.com](mailto:so.campodonico@gmail.com) to register or to sponsor a child.

We hope you will join us!

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's GIRL SCOUT COOKIE time!



**It's Cookie Time!**

St. Theresa Girl Scout Troop #30723 will be selling cookies via their virtual troop site this year. Due to Covid-19, unfortunately they can't sell directly to you at their cookie booths. Delicious flavors such as Thin Mints, Samoas and Tagalongs are just clicks away! If you don't want these amazing treats in your home, consider donating, and your cookies will be sent along to our Armed Forces or local food banks. Thank you for supporting this fantastic organization. <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/troop30723-636>

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER**

Please join us for our part two of the first meeting on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 7pm.

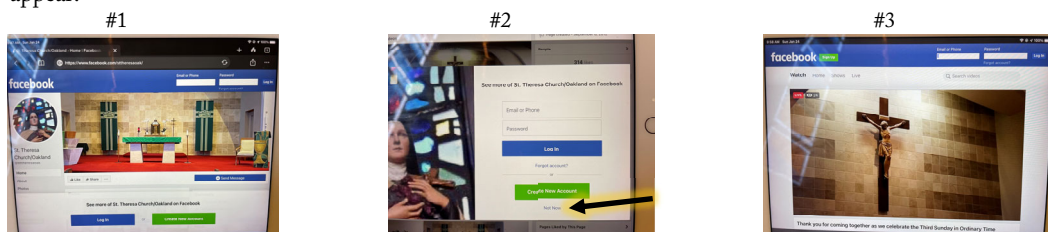
Let's get together and pray and plan for how we can work together to serve those in need. Please RSVP so I can send you the zoom link or if you have Questions my email is Lydia Deck: ltdeck@me.com

*Clearing by Martha Postlewaite*

Do not try to save the whole world or do anything grandiose.  
 Instead, create a clearing in the dense forest of your life and wait there patiently,  
 Until the song that is your life falls into your own cupped hands  
 And you recognize it and greet it.  
 Only then will you know how to give yourself to this world  
 So worth of rescue.

**LIVE-STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK**

The 10:00 am Sunday Mass is Live-Streamed on Facebook every Sunday. You do not need a Facebook account to watch the Mass. The Facebook Link is <https://www.facebook.com/sttheresaok/>. Once you are on the St. Theresa Facebook page if you do not have a Facebook account or are not signed on to Facebook you will see this screen asking you to Log in. Move around on the page and a different Log in request will appear.



Click on **Not Now**, the screen will change back to the first screen, ignore the log in request. You can now move around and click on the live-stream Mass. These pictures were taken on my iPad January 24<sup>th</sup>, for the live-stream Mass using a browser that was not signed on to my Facebook Account, Cathy.

**WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION**



**FOLLOWING SUNDAY 10:00 AM LIVE-STREAM MASS**

Communion will be distributed in the church vestibule following the live-stream Mass. We ask that you line up using the social distancing markers on the steps and blacktop. **You will be ushered one person at a time into the vestibule for communion.** Volunteers will be there to assist you.

Masks **MUST** be worn at all times. Please use a hand sanitizer before receiving communion. If you are wearing gloves, you must remove them before receiving Eucharist. It is preferred that you receive the Host in your hands for the time being.

After receiving Holy Communion, there will be a table where you may pick up a bulletin and a basket for your Sunday offering, and then please return to your car and depart. The church will not be open for individual prayer during this time.

**PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
 Come spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.  
 Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*February 8 - 14*

**Monday:**

Gn 1:1-19  
 Ps 104  
 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**

Gn 1:20-2:4a  
 Ps 8  
 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17  
 Ps 104  
 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:**

Gn 2:18-25  
 Ps 128  
 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**

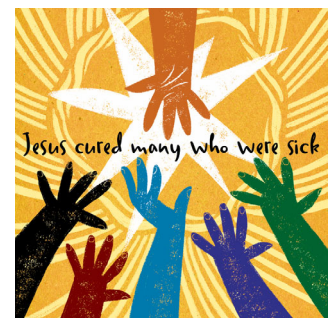
Gn 3:1-8  
 Ps 32  
 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**

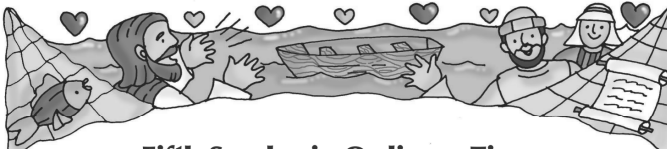
Gn 3:9-24  
 Ps 90  
 Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
 Ps 32  
 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
 Mk 1:40-45

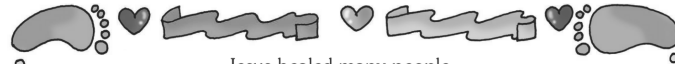


# God's Word for Children



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Count by fives to lead Jesus to the house.  
Once there, he can find and heal Simon's mother-in-law from a fever!



Jesus healed many people.  
Find and circle four things that are in the top picture but not the bottom one.



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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus traveled "throughout the whole of Galilee" and "cured many who were sick with various diseases" (Mark 1:29-35). The Church continues this work of Jesus in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. People may want to receive this sacrament for many different reasons. They might have a serious illness, or they might be preparing for surgery. Those who are very old or weakened by some physical condition, even if they are not seriously ill, may seek the blessings of the sacrament to renew their strength.

In administering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the priest lays hands on the person and prays silently. Then he anoints the person with the oil of the sick, one of the holy oils blessed by the bishop during Holy Week. The one being anointed is reminded that his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Jesus. The prayer asks God to grant the sick person peace and courage in the face of illness. Sometimes those who are ill recover. Some do not. But the sacrament promises that no matter what, God is with them to bring them comfort.

You can also bring comfort to those who are ill. First, you can pray for them, that they may be well and know God's loving presence. You can also assure them that you care for them by sending a note or a card with your prayers and good wishes. If you know someone who is sick or elderly and weak, think about sending them a card. You are part of the Church that continues Jesus' work of caring for those who are sick.



Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. Jesus grasped her hand, and helped her up. Mark 1 : 30 , 31



# PARISH INFORMATION



## Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am (*suspended*)

Sunday: 10:00 am (*public Mass suspended*)

Live-Stream on Facebook

Walk-Up Holy Communion  
following Sunday Mass

Reconciliation: (*call for an appointment*)

## Parish Center Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday:  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL  
DURING OFFICE HOURS.*

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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## Baptisms and Marriages

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## To arrange a Funeral

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## R.C.I.A.

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### Finance Council:

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