



1. This weekend we **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 125 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. Please note, **the 11.30 Mass this Sunday is the first 'Presentation Mass'** for our First Holy Communion candidates, which marks the official beginning of their preparation for Holy Communion. The children should attend with their parents, and they will sit together at the front of church (parents and families sit behind). Please ensure the children are seated in church at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. While all are welcome to attend this Mass, we do have a large number of candidates for First Holy Communion this year, and the church will be crowded – so people not involved in the First Communion programme may wish to attend a different Mass this Sunday.
3. The French have a tradition to celebrate the Epiphany: **They bake a special round, flat cake called "Galette des Rois"**. It contains a fève (broad bean) hidden in the dough. The galette is cut and randomly distributed to guests. The one who finds the fève is crowned king of the day. **The French community at Holy Ghost is celebrating the tradition by offering a small piece of Galette des Rois to parishioners to taste after the 11am mass on the 15th January.** Later in the afternoon from 2pm, the French community would be delighted to invite all those who speak French (be they French nationals or not) to a Verre de l'Amitié at the Parish Centre (27 Nightingale Square).
4. **The deadline for returning school application forms for Holy Ghost School (and other Catholic Primary Schools) is January 15th.** If you need Fr Richard to sign a form for you, these forms should be given to him right away (see Fr Richard after Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office, 27 Nightingale Square, and you will be contacted to collect them)

5. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school** – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a ‘Mass attendance form’ every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.

6. A family in the parish have a small size (toddler’s) bed which they no longer need: it is available free of charge but would need to be dismantled and transported. If you are interested, contact the Parish Office and we can put you in contact.