



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 127 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**, which campaigns to defend the sanctity of human life, from conception until natural death. Please give generously to this very good cause.
3. **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.
4. Quite a lot of ‘bric-a-brac’ was unsold at our Christmas Fair and was left in the Parish Centre. **There will be one last chance for people to take anything they might like – without charge – after the 9.30 Mass this Sunday.** After that, whatever is left will have to be disposed of.
5. **“Parish Film Night** - There will be a showing of Hitchcock’s “I Confess” in the Parish Centre on [Monday, 30th January/6th February/13th February/20th February at 7:30pm]. It has been described as "the most Catholic film of Hitchcock's films". The film (about 90 minutes long) is about a murder which the murderer confesses to his local priest. The priest himself is then questioned by the police, and is subsequently charged with the murder. The film provides us with an important practical lesson on the Seal of the Confessional. If you would like to come to the showing of the film, please give your name to Richard Symington on 0771 360 7017 (incl. WhatsApp) or at richard.symington@methuenconsulting.com. Numbers are limited, so please get your booking in early.”

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.
7. Quite a number of **photographs of children visiting Father Christmas at our Christmas Fair** are available in the Parish Office, and can be collected by their parents during office hours (9.30 – 12.30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
8. **The Social Committee** is a group of parishioners who come together to build our parish community through social activities. We run a variety of events throughout the year including the traditional Summer Roast and providing refreshments at parish talks. Currently our focus is on providing refreshments at the Lenten talks which begin in late February. **The Social Committee is currently looking for new members** – so, if you have appreciated our activities, would like to see more of them and/or have organisational skills, please do join us or volunteer to support us on the event days. If you're interested, please contact Father Richard (richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk) and he can put you in touch with the team

