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Grace in time and place
We are all looking for silver linings at the moment, but it is not only in joyful or happy circumstances that God and God’s gifts can be found. David Lonsdale is inspired by T.S. Eliot to think that the circumstances in which we are currently living are offering us ‘the grace of a particular time and place’, and suggests that an Ignatian way of praying will help us to receive that grace. Read >>

From the archive for the birthday of Mary Ward (23 Jan 1585):

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Mary Ward: discernment, verity and freedom
Mary Ward faced frequent and powerful disapproval as she pursued the path along which God was leading her. Theodora Hawksley CJ celebrates Mary Ward’s remarkable capacity to resist opposition and to hold on to the truth that she had discerned.  Read >>

Sunday of the Word of God
The third Sunday in Ordinary Time is Sunday of the Word of God, and if you are looking for resources to help you to celebrate, study and disseminate the Word of God, as Pope Francis has asked us to do, look no further!

- At thinkingfaith.org/articles/scripture, find articles by scripture scholars and reflections on biblical texts, particularly on Mark’s Gospel which is our liturgical guide this year. Read >>
- Pray as you go combines scripture, music and questions for reflection in a daily prayer session. Listen >>
- The God Who Speaks campaign will inspire you to celebrate, live and share God’s Word, with resources including biblical top tens and tips for social distancing from St Jerome! Visit godwhospeaks.uk >>

From the archive for the birthday of Edmund Campion (24 Jan 1540):

Evelyn Waugh’s Edmund Campion
How did the patron saint of the Jesuits in Britain transform the life of one England’s most celebrated authors nearly 400 years later? Read >>

'Edmundus Campianus Oxoniensis'
Campion scholar, Gerard Kilroy recounts the final days and hours of Campion’s life, and looks at how their events reveal
different aspects of his character: the friend; the scholar; the saint and martyr. Which of these descriptions best represents the patron of the British Province? Read >>

Remembering Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia
On 24 January 2011, Nobel Peace Prize nominee Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia died at the age of 86. His work with and for the indigenous people of his diocese in the south of Mexico ensured that he became a well-known and much-respected figure in Latin America. Gerald MacCarthy described the life of a man whose episcopacy spanned four decades of enormous change in Mexico, both within and outside of the Church. Read >>

With best wishes,

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