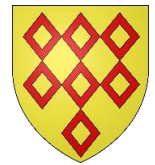


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27-28 January 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“His reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding countryside.” Mk 1.28

****Today is also Racial Justice Sunday.** It's 2024 theme ('Seeing one another in the life of the Church') celebrates the variety of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. This year's resources can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass;
or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45);
or by appointment at any point in the week.

Sat 27 5.30pm R: Joyful	Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday' Vigil Mass – for Patrick Hession and all deceased members of the Hession family
SUN 28 R: Glorious 8am 10am	4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Sunday (see ** above) Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Roque Dias RIP (Birthday remembrance) and for Aida Millar RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Mon 29 9.30am R: Joyful	Feria, 4th week of Ordinary Time Mass – Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
Tues 30 9.30am R: Sorrowful	Feria, 4th week of Ordinary Time Mass – In thanksgiving – Giovanni and Nanette Gaudino
Wed 31 9.30am R: Glorious	St John Bosco, Memorial Mass – Private intention for well-being and spiritual growth of family and friends
Thurs 1 R: Luminous	Feria, 4th week of Ordinary Time No mass [Reading: Mark 6.7-13]
Fri 2 7pm R: Sorrowful	Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Procession & Mass – for Janie McGilicuddy Friday abstinence
Sat 3 5.30pm R: Joyful	Ss Laurence, Dunstan, Theodore, Memorial Vigil Mass – Thanksgiving for Rishi Kapadiya, born prematurely & now home
SUN 4 8am 10am R: Glorious	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Mass – for Jose Gonsalo Dias RIP (Birthday remembrance) Parish Mass – Claudette Wadood

- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director
- ◆ **Northwick Park Hospital:** chaplain 020 8967 5130
- ◆ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri
- ◆ **Prayer requests** Please fill in request paper in narthex, or give direct to Fr Jonathan (to list here), the names of the sick, housebound, or prisoners, who need our prayer.

FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish.
Please take this newsletter home.

All say: **ALMIGHTY God**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Please, now stay silent.*

- ◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.
- ◆ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to move around *at the back* of the church. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you
- ◆ **Today's readings** are to be found on **pp.132-134** of the *Mass Book*.
- ◆ **During the PSALM all say:** 'O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.'

◆ **All sing the ALLELUIA:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd are You, Father, Lord of heaven | and earth; for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom | to mere – children.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **At the end of the PRAYERS all say together:**

O God, the saviour and judge of all mankind, forgive our sins against others who are also made in Your image. Since You are the source of our dignity, help us to be the servants of Your justice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ **After 'GO IN PEACE' all say (sing) the Hymn to the Virgin**



MO- THER of Christ, hear thou Thy peo-ple's cry



Star of the deep and por- tal of the sky!

2 Mother of Him

whom thou from nothing made.

Sinking we strive

and call to Thee for aid.

3 O by that joy

which Gabriel brought to thee,

O Virgin pure

let us your mercy see.

Priest After childbirth you remained a virgin.

All Intercede for us, O Mother of God.

All O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary have bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech You, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son.

After Mass all are invited to the Parish Hall for chat and refreshments, often with freshly baked cakes. Please do come!

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures When we gather on the Lord's Day an important part of our purpose is to praise God. Today's opening prayer acknowledges that this desire follows from our conviction that all of us have been fashioned in God's image and likeness – so we ask to be able to love everyone truthfully, loving others as *God loves them*. Our opening prayer is a crisp summary of the Christian living.

In England & Wales, today is being observed as 'Racial Justice Sunday', reminding us that the command to love our neighbour is *universal* in its outreach (especially in a city like London) and must embrace people whose appearance and ethnicity are very different from one another. Relations with those whose family ties to countries, climates and cultures that are foreign to ours will become more of a challenge (not less) as climate change, and the social instability it provokes, will cause constant migration.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15- 20 Moses—himself a great prophet—here forecasts the appearance of another. Moses had given the people God's Law. Yet others—or, as history proved, a series of them—would be needed (and would be pro-

vided) for God to be able to continue to speak to His people. They *must* be listened to; but any attempt to express what the Lord had not said will be silenced. Frequently this prophet forecast by Moses was identified with John the Baptist. We know however that the greatest 'New Moses' was Jesus Himself. He is both a prophet, and the subject of all other prophecies.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7.32–35 The core of St Paul's message to the Christians of early Corinth is that *they are free*: free to pursue their individual call to holiness in whatever profession or way of life they choose. Once the option has been taken, fidelity means that some other options have become impossible. That is what freedom and fidelity entail.

Gospel: Mark 1.21–28 We are told today that Jesus attracted people in such large crowds because he taught with authority. Our Lord was not simply a wise moral philosopher; rather, He spoke with divine authority. What He says, therefore, must be believed. His Words are truth itself, and if we do not heed what He says, then we will find ourselves outside of His kingdom on the last day.

♦ **LENT – the springtime fast – BEGINS in only 17 days time!** It is a *far* better chance to make changes in your life than New Year: because it leads to Easter, to Eternity! For centuries before Jesus, prayer, fasting and almsgiving 'were the way to go' to learn to live 'coram Deo' ... in the sight of God. Nothing does or ever can or will seem as good as right relationship with God feels. I shall be offering a course (details next week) which I hope you'll want to join in; but if you don't, please, please don't just treat Lent as more routine life. It is a *precious* opportunity, honed by centuries of other peoples' lives, to prepare for the great feast of Easter. If we *won't* do Lent, we *can't* do heaven.

♦ **The beauty of Art and the message of the Gospel** Try EITHER Sister Wendy Beckett's *The Art of Lent: A Painting a Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter* A small paperback, just the price of two cups of coffee, on Amazon.

OR a FREE daily Gospel Reading and art reflection direct into your email or mobile phone from <https://christian.art/> Written by a priest of our diocese and former director of Sotheby's, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the wonderful pairing of art and Scripture

♦ **Second call for Charles!** A recently arrived overseas student in our 10am Sunday congregation needs c20hrs work a week to support his course in Business Studies. Highly commended. *Please speak to Fr Jonathan in the first instance*

FEBRUARY DATES ...

♦ **2 Feb (next Friday), St Anthony's Edgware** will start a monthly **Night Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration** (connected to First Friday devotions, if you wish).. It will begin at 7.30 pm. "Adoration is not a luxury but a priority" (Benedict XVI), "and of inestimable value for the Church's life (St John Paul II), "learning simply to be with God, to stop, and talk to him" (Our Holy Father Francis). A wonderful opportunity!

♦ **Sat 3 Feb (next Saturday) St Dominic's Priory NW5 4LB** First Saturday devotions: 5pm: Adoration and Scripture meditation; 6pm: Vigil Mass 7pm: Rosary Procession

♦ **Sat 10 Feb 2.30pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the **Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes** at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. If you intend to go you need to tell Fr Jonathan or Frances, as we have to book tickets for you. Tickets are in three categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
 2. Walking sick who require anointing
 3. Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.
- Please give your names on the lists on the Narthex tables **after this Mass, NOT next week!**

Votive Candles burn this week

Our Lady's altar: Juliet Martins

St William and St Catherine: Roque Dias (Dad) RIP

♦ **20 Feb Evangelizing post-Christian Britain:**, 7pm at St James', Spanish Place, Marylebone. Tickets £5. In a lively lecture and Q&A, Mgr James Shea will try to connect the different visions that the Church and the world have for our society, and suggest effective strategies to proclaim Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available. Book tickets at www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events

LATER DATES ...

♦ **Sat 16 March 'What does it mean to be Human?** 10am to 4.15pm at The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8SB, focusing on modern medical ethics and social care. See the Noticeboard for more information

♦ **19–26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** You could ... 1) Join as a pilgrim; 2) Serve it by coming as a praying assisted pilgrim (ask Emma Nwawulor); 3) Sponsoring the sick to join the pilgrimage and praying for them. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office on rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ or 020 7798 9173

♦ **Sat 25 May The annual Mass for Matrimony** will be celebrated by the Cardinal in the Cathedral for couples with significant wedding anniversaries this year. Full information will be issued shortly BUT, in the meantime, if you have a major anniversary (25, 30, 40, 50, more ...) you may want to flag-up early with Fr Jonathan or Frances that you would like an invitation.

Readers Rota	27 Jan 5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
28 Jan	8am	Georgina Martins
	10am	Carol-Anne Chandler (readings)
		Maureen Ruane (Bidding prayers)27
3 Feb	5.30pm	Noreta Reece
4 Feb	8am	Amalie Direkze
	10am	Patrick Arthur

Church Cleaning Rota 3 Feb

Team C Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
10 Feb Team A Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle,
 Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

Missed Mass? Sunday running out? If you've not managed to get to Mass on a Sunday, and it's already Sunday afternoon – there is a 5.30 pm Mass on Sundays at St George's Sudbury, which the Deanery clergy are taking in turns to celebrate. I shall celebrate 4 February. We recognize that the deanery needs an evening Mass. It's there, use it.

Weekly Almsgiving on 21/1/2024

Loose Plate	£ 355.21
Envelopes	£ 162.50
Standing Orders & Online	£ 98.20
Total	£ 615.91

