



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B / Week 4

Sun 31 January 2021

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6.00pm* Martin Murphy +

9.00am: *(live-streamed too)*

Mary Jane Meade +

11.30am: *(live-streamed too)*

Wendy Hilda Fiveash +

6.00pm: Patrick Lynch +

Christiane Saide +

Monday 1 February

(live-streamed too)

6.30pm: Ann McGinn (int)

Tuesday 2

The Presentation of The Lord

10.00am: Maria Sartori +

Wednesday 3

No Mass

Thursday 4

10.00am: Jane Demsky (int)

Friday 5

10.00am: Eilish Lonergan +
Shabi Kumar (int)

6.00pm-7.00pm Adoration

Saturday 6

6.00pm* McGuane Family
(int)

Sunday 7 - Fifth in Ordinary Time

9.00am: *(live-streamed too)*

Carmeno & Carmena
Vassallo +

11.30am: *(live-streamed too)*

Nina Marcangelo (int)

6.00pm: Sister Elizabeth

Wren (int)

**vigil mass (sat)*

“And they went into Capernaum and immediately on the Sabbath day Jesus entered the synagogue and taught them. And they were astonished at his teaching, for Jesus taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.”

When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no other authority to back his statements. He was and continues to be authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke.

During these days of difficulty and pressure it is even more important to stay close to Jesus and Mary Our Mother. God is calling our parish to hold on to Him with faith.

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each one of us.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Knowing without loving, by St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. "Those words show clearly that the demons had much knowledge, but entirely lacked love. They dreaded receiving their punishment from him. They did not love the righteousness that was in him. He made himself known to them to the extent he willed; and he willed to be made known to the extent that was fitting. But he was not made known to them as he is known to the holy angels, who enjoy participation in his eternity, in that he is the Word of God." (excerpt from City of God 9.21)

Fr John

Sunday Masses 9am and 11.30am and Monday 6.30pm Mass will be live-streamed, the link for Mass is available on our parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet

Some of you may have to isolate for one reason or another, living on your own with no local family able to help you or feeling a bit lonely. We have in place a lovely group of volunteers who are available to assist you. If you need help or just a friendly voice on the telephone for a chat, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery: 020 8449 3338 *(please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply)* or by email barnet@rcdow.org.uk we will get back to you. Fr John

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including: Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Mary Stella Soosay, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris.

Recently died: Paul Sutherland & Ivor Francis

It is with sadness we inform you that Ivor Francis, a dear parishioner for many years, died at home this week. May he rest in peace.

Funeral Mass (private) is on Friday 19th February at 10.00am. This Mass will be streamed.

Please keep Sue, his wife, and family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

ALPHA COURSE ONLINE **Exploring the big questions of life**

Do you have questions about the Christian faith no one has ever really answered? Have you wondered whether Christianity is relevant to your life? **Join us online on Monday evenings, 8.00pm to 9.15pm to explore the big questions of life. Enjoy an evening meeting new people, watching a video and having a discussion on faith, life and meaning. Please email barnetalpha.com to register** and we will forward you the zoom link. All are welcome!

Parish Pastoral Forum: I have had two meetings online with my pastoral forum group who have updated me with news or concerns they had in the parish and community. Names of those on the forum, together with their photograph, will soon be available on our parish website for your information, together with the minutes taken at these meetings. I will keep you updated when this is available. Fr John.

Parish Database

Before Christmas, we sent out to each parishioner a letter asking you to notify us of your household details in order to update our parish database. Thank you to those who have responded. If you did not receive a letter from Fr John, apologies, please email the presbytery and we will contact you.

There are a large number of you who we are waiting to hear from. Please spend just a few minutes filling in the form and returning it in the stamp addressed envelope provided. We really would like to keep in touch with you. We can't do this unless your details are correct on our system. Thank you.

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10000 steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day.

Find out more or sign up online at cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

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