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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) January 2022

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<i>Tuesday 10am—12noon & Friday 10am—3pm. carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk</i>		
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LOVE IS NOT
WHAT YOU SAY.
LOVE IS
WHAT YOU DO.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	John Painter RIP
Sunday 30th January	4th Sunday of the year	8.30am	Stephen St John Maule RIP
		10.30am	People of the parish
Thursday 3rd February	SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.15am	Victoria Wong
Friday 4th February	Feria	9.15am	Tim Harrington RIP
Saturday 5th February	Vigil: 5th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	People of the parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions: please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Entrance Antiphon:	Liturgy of the Word Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
Responsorial Psalm:	My lips will tell of your help.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Fr Dominic writes:

When the truth hurts!

There is an old adage that says: "If you don't like the message, kill the messenger." That seems like a ridiculous thing to do, but it has happened time and time again through history. Some of us can remember April 4th 1968. On that day in Memphis Tennessee, Martin Luther King Jr was shot to death. He was the unofficial spokesperson for racial equality in the United States. He kept telling the American Nation that there could never be peace until all its citizens were given equal rights. Many people did not like that message. And so one of them killed the messenger.

The same thing nearly happened in Today's Gospel reading. On this occasion, the messenger was Jesus. He was teaching in the synagogue of his home town. At first, the people were deeply touched and favourably impressed by his message. Luke said: "They marvelled at the appealing discourse which came from his lips," But the happy atmosphere did not last long. It fell apart when Jesus told them something they did not want to hear.

We guess that in the first part he reminded them of God's love and care for the nation of Israel. And they, of course, loved that, because Israel was their nation. It felt good to be reminded that they were God's chosen people and that his gracious hand had been upon them across the centuries.

But, Jesus did not end his message there. He went on to remind them that God's loving care was not, and never had been, their exclusive right. Using two examples from the Book of Kings, the first a foreign widow in Zaraphath and then a foreign Leper called Naaman. Both were favoured by God over Israelites. He was saying that God does not have favourites. This really enraged them and they tried to kill him. What about us, are there any group of people we think are beneath us? Any group that we treat less equally than others, Jesus's message means that all are equal and equally loved by God.

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Every September Westminster Cathedral Choir School welcomes up to six choristers into Year 4. Becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral offers boys the opportunity to sing both in central London, and on tour internationally, in one of the world's great choirs. Boys also receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools.

Cloisters board during the School week only, heading home to their families from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning 9.45am.

Becoming a chorister is a wonderful opportunity to join a thriving choir and school. There are no financial barriers to entry: all boys receive a generous scholarship, with bursaries worth 100% of fees available on a means tested basis.

Contact Lucy Auger on 020 7798 9081
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Gala Irish Concert

**Charity Concert in aid of The British Heart Foundation & The Michael Sobell Hospice.
Salvatorian College 26 February 2022 7.30 to 11pm HA3 5DY**

**Featuring John Mc Nicholl and his Band - The London Irish Orchestra
Terence O'Flaherty with Liam and Caroline Nolan**

TICKETS £15

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Invitation for all our young adults

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which has run Catholic Charismatic events for the last 28 years serving those between ages 17 (year 12) and 25.

What - A week full of opportunities for young adults to spend time each day in personal prayer, share in the sacraments, come together for faith input and discussions as well as engaging in praise and worship, social activities and workshops all focussing around this year's theme of 'Holiness, Intimacy & Unity'

Where - St. Mary's School, Ascot, Berkshire from 3rd-8th April.

Why - We want to see young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe offering people space to encounter the living God and explore faith within a safe space of a community, and fellowship is a great way to do this!

Further details and tickets are available now at <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/buy-tickets-1>. You can either purchase a full residential (all week) ticket which includes full board and lodging, or you can buy day tickets. Either way, whether you've been to JB before or not, part of a CathSoc or Christian Union, diocesan youth team or youth group coming with friends, family or coming alone, **we can't wait to see you!**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS

Confirmation Parents & Candidates meeting on 3 February 7.30pm

Attendance is a requirement of the preparation.

The latest advice from the Bishop's conference is that face masks may continue to be worn in Church. For the time being we continue to recommend the wearing of masks whilst covid infections locally continue to be at significant levels.

**The Financials.....Total offertory for the month of
December**

Envelopes £1197.51

Loose Plate £828.84

Standing Orders: £1517.50

Last Year's offertory for December

Envelopes £919.95 Loose plate £936.75

Standing Orders £819.50

Thank you