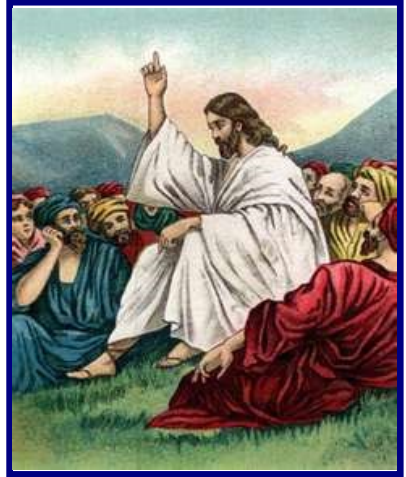


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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 29th January 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Parish Volunteers
		10.30am	James McCaffrey & James Martin RIP
Tuesday 31st January	St John Bosco	7.00pm	Angeles Ginete RIP
Wednesday 1st February	Feria	9.15am	Betty Griffin
Thursday 2nd February	Presentation of the Lord	9.15am	Rose Lynch RIP
Friday 3rd February	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.15am	Ann Harris RIP
Saturday 4th February	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	John Green RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Entrance Antiphon: Liturgy of the Word: 29th January 2023
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: How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Our Gospel story this week is one of the most famous teachings of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount, so called because this was the location Jesus chose to address his followers.

We all want to be happy: Jesus tells us the things we need to do if we are to achieve true happiness. Profound and lasting happiness lies in embracing God's call to be holy and seeking to follow what he wants us to do with our lives

Jesus offers us eight examples of people who are truly happy. These are known as the Beatitudes: a word which literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

The Beatitudes teach us the values of God's kingdom; how we might behave on our journey to behold the vision of God and enter into the joy of His presence. Jesus' Beatitudes guide us in the choices we make in our lives and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Some of the things which Jesus lists which make people truly happy are easier to embrace than others. We can appreciate that those who are merciful, or gentle, or peacemakers are blessed by God, but He is also there to bless those who face challenges: for example those who mourn or who are persecuted. God comforts those who mourn with the assurance that their loved ones will rise again with Jesus to live forever in eternal happiness. God strengthens and supports those who face hostility because of what they believe.

Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart.

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass - God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing - God alone suffices. (Teresa of Avila)

World Day of the Sick

On Saturday 11th **February 2023**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at **2.30pm**. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. This is a ticket only event, so please contact Linda in the parish office if you wish to attend.



Friends of the Holy Land

Presents



**The London Welsh Male Voice
Choir**
with Guest Soloists - The Priests

Charity concert in support of Christians in The Holy Land

An evening of virtuoso singing at Westminster Cathedral

Thursday 16th February at 7:30pm.

The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be performing, along with guest soloists *The Priests*.

Tickets £20-£60 are available online from www.eventbrite.co.uk (search LWMVC)

Society of St Gregory –Study course

SSG will be running a second year of liturgical formation, **Taking Liturgy Seriously 2**. The 2023 modular study course starts in February and will take place via Zoom. Each module will comprise three one-hour sessions.

Further details can be found on the poster at the back of church or <https://www.ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-2-ssg-study-course/>

Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS)

Open Morning for any boys with musical potential in Years 2,3 or 4, who might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. Choristers receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools, up until the end of Year 8. There are no financial barriers to entry: generous scholarships and bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available.

Sunday 5th February, 10am-Noon

Contact: Lucy Auger on 020 7798 9081 or lauger@choirschool.com

See poster at the back of church-on the side wall.



WCCS

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **24 - 26 February 2023**, or a Virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Vacancies at St Michael's Catholic High School

There are vacancies for a Learning Support Assistant and a Cover Supervisor. See posters at the back of church for further details-it's on the side wall. Applications must be received by the *new* deadline of *midday on Monday 20th February*

<https://www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk/170/non-teaching-vacancies>

School Places for September 2023 - St Joseph's School

Nursery-Now offering full time provision (9am-3pm). Applications for admission has opened for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. Apply to the school. **Deadline for applications is 24 February 2023.**

Further info can be found on the school website under *Statutory Information > Admissions*. Alternatively, call the school office on 0208 428 5371 or email admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Bebe Ryan and Alice Sheppard.

Offertory for Sunday 22nd January 2023

Envelopes	£243.53
Loose	£330.37
Total	£573.90

Standing orders for December 2022 **£1,772**

Many thanks