

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 28th January 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6.00pm	Phil Carey
Sunday 28th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Margaret Meehan Ints
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 30th January	Feria	7.00pm	Bebe Ryan
Wednesday 31st January	St John Bosco	9.15am	Tim Stack Ints
Thursday 1st February	Feria	9.15am	Alan James RIP
Friday 2nd February	The Presentation of The Lord	9.15am	Kathleen Andrews & family Ints followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 3rd February	Vigil: 5th Sunday in OT	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Liturgy of the Word: 28th January 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

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:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7, Psalm 146 I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39

The three Scripture readings assigned for today speak about being attentive and listening to the prophet whom God will send (first reading), of being free from worry (second reading), and finally, in the Gospel, the importance of the "teaching that is new with authority behind it" which Jesus heralds.

The first reading is addressed to God's people by Moses, considered to be the greatest of the prophets. Moses' words carry an important message that God will not abandon his people, but will continue to raise up prophets after him, to make God's ways and commands known to the nations. The greatest prophet was the promised Messiah, Jesus, true God and true man.

The second reading from Saint Paul today is not so much about which is better, married life or the single life, as it is about that fact that every person has his or her own special gift from God. Paul desires, in the spirit of the Gospel he is preaching, that no one be troubled with anxiety. Everyone should consecrate him or herself to the Lord, according to their call.

In the Gospel, we find Jesus teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum, beside the lake of Galilee. His teaching makes a deep impression on his listeners who realise that he teaches with divine authority.

Our readings today invite us to reflect on how we recognise and accept divine authority, the call to obedient and joyful worship, the importance of discerning true prophetic voices, and the unique and powerful role of Jesus Christ in salvation history.

In our everyday lives, as followers of Christ, we are challenged us to proclaim the Gospel. We should never give up in our search for God each day of our life, trusting in the loving help of the One who created us and who sustains us on our journey. He calls us to help to build his Kingdom on earth, whilst never losing sight of the glory of his Kingdom in heaven.

****100 Club****

Thanks to everyone who has supported our proposed 100 Club to raise funds for the Parish. There is still time to join. Each entry/number is £5 per month (minimum of 3 months) and you can purchase more than 1 entry! Perhaps an entry might be a 'good cause' gift for a family member or friend. Please consider buying more than one number. 3 monthly prizes of £100/£50/ £25 and an annual bonus prize of £500 for all who play continuously for 12 months.

We are aiming to have our first monthly draw in February. This relies on everyone paying for their number/s as soon as possible. Ideally if you could pay £60 upfront for the 12 draws, or £15 minimum for 3 draws direct into our HSBC bank account :

Account Name: WRCDT St Joseph, Carpenders Park

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 61095579

Reference: Surname/ 100 CLUB

You can also pay by cash or cheque (payee: WRCDT St Joseph, Carpenders Park). Envelopes will be left out in the Narthex. Your co-operation and support is greatly appreciated.

Join the Synodal Journey!

A Synodal *Day of Discernment* will take place on **Saturday 10th February** at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH. Join people from a range of parishes and backgrounds for a day of reflection, conversation, and action to prepare for the October 2024 Synodal Assembly, in Rome. Arrive at 10am (refreshments) for 10.30am-4pm meeting, with a Bring and Share Lunch - liquid refreshments, provided! RSVP - FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8986 0807

Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

On *Saturday 10th February at 2.30pm* the Cardinal will celebrate the annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Cathedral which will include anointing of the sick. This is a ticketed event. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

Divine Mercy

On **Saturday 10 February** the Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a *Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection* from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster

See notice on the side wall for the latest vacancies. Updated weekly and also available at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Vocations weekend for women (20s & 30s)

Are you wondering if God is calling you to religious life and you would like to find out more? There is a vocations weekend in Liverpool on **16-18 February** organised by FCJ Sisters. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted tour to Knock on **10th March 2024**. 5 nights £899 pp to include flights, hotel, food and excursions. See poster in the narthex for further details. Or contact Patricia on 07740 175557 / email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Parish Hall for Rent

The parish hall is available for groups who are interested in renting on a regular, weekly basis. Please speak with Fr John or contact Linda in the parish office (carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk) should this be of interest.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Christine Kempster, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley

Offertory for 21st January

Loose	£ 311.94
Envelopes	£ 240.50
Total	£ 552.44

Many thanks