

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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"EVERYONE
IS
SEARCHING
FOR
YOU."



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 4th February 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd February	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Stasia Finn RIP
		10.30am	James McCaffery RIP
Tuesday 6th February	St Paul Miki & Companions	7.00pm	Doreen Grimes RIP
Wednesday 7th February	Feria	9.15am	Liam Bailey RIP
Thursday 8th February	Feria	9.15am	Christine Kempster RIP
Friday 9th February	Feria	9.15am	St Joseph's CWL group followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 10th February	Vigil: 6th Sunday in OT	6.00pm	Maurice Rodrigo RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

Liturgy of the Word: 4th February 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Psalm 31 I Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

Today we continue to listen to Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately begins to serve him and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

Very early in the morning after this busy day, Jesus takes himself off to a lonely place to pray, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. In his praying, Jesus sets us the example of the importance of seeking guidance and help from God. We also should bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his inspiration and direction in our lives.

****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, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley

Offertory for 28th January

Loose £ 424.54

Envelopes £ 166.73

Total £ 591.27

Monthly standing orders for January

£2,159

Many thanks