

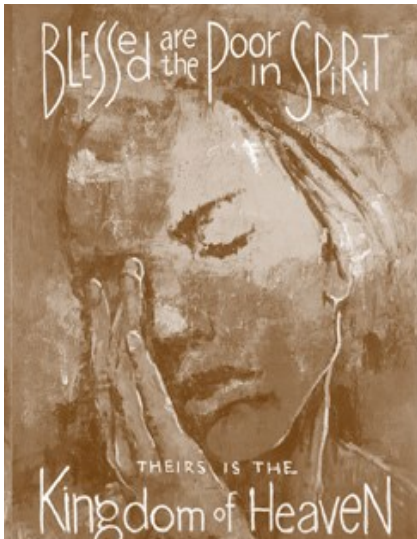
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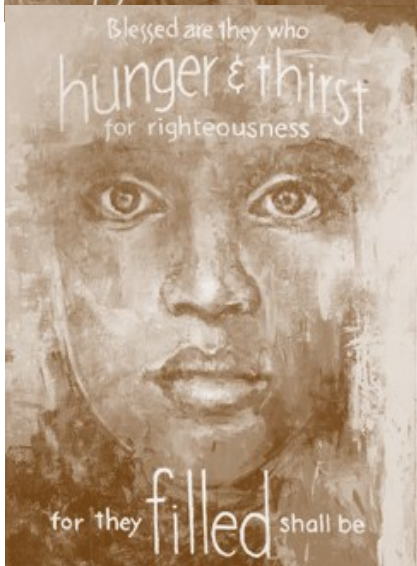
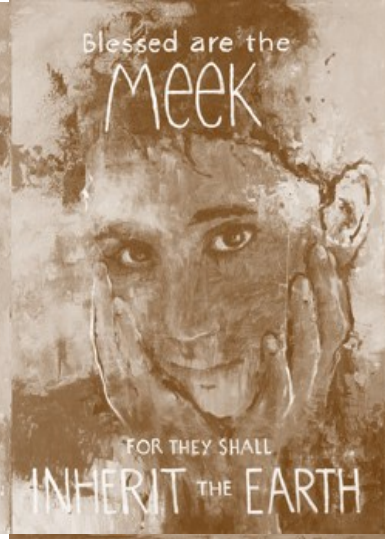
Neocatechumenate: Michael Anderson 07956281186
Confessions: Tues to Fri at 12 noon before Mass
Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm
Thu 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2026

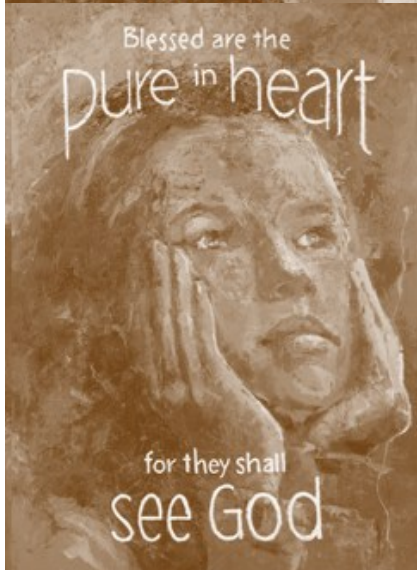
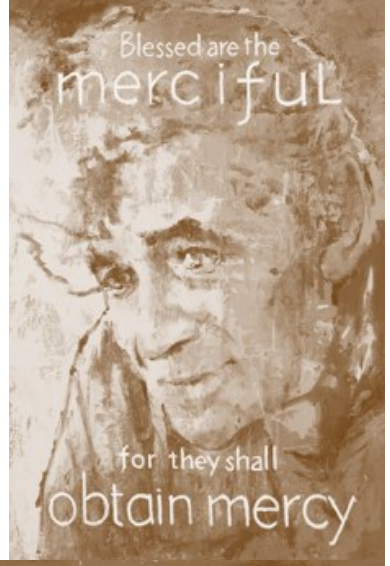


THE LIVING WORD

Searching the Scriptures, finding life! Bible Study followed by Exposition, Vespers and Benediction.
Sunday 15 Feb 4:30 to 6:30pm
 Everyone is welcome!



Mass Schedule	
Sat 31 st Jan St John Bosco	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 1 st Feb FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am Pro Populo 11am Juan & Judith for their marriage
Mon 2 nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord	12:30 Sr Pauline Forde's intentions
Tue 3 rd Feb SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	12:30pm Gertrude Ushe wellbeing
Wed 4 th Feb	12:30pm Francis & Jane Ritchie special intention
Thu 5 th Feb St Agatha	12:30pm Peter Sullivan RIP 6pm Raymond Theis RIP
Fri 6 th Feb Ss Paul Miki & Co	12:30pm Karolina's intentions

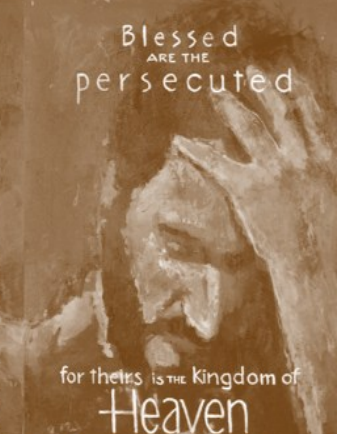


Racial Justice Sunday's retiring collection will help the work of the Bishops' Conference to promote racial justice.

Join our WhatsApp group for Sunday's hymns



"Enjoy yourself as much as you like- if only you keep from sin." St John Bosco



Non-perishable, in-date food for the **Foodbank** is gratefully welcome.

We collected £184.20 for **Peace Sunday**. Thank you.

“Darkness is not dark for you”



Beloved,

On the cross, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ fathomed the deepest experience of isolation one could possibly imagine.

There the words of Psalm 88, verse 19, were fulfilled: “*Friend and neighbour you have taken away: my one companion is darkness.*”

There the beloved Son who lived in uninterrupted loving communion with the heavenly Father felt utterly forsaken by him.

The experience of isolation may be to the mind, soul, heart and spirit the closest a person can get to taste death in life.

When someone is isolated, they are in a dark hole with no one in sight or mind to understand or feel with them what they are suffering. Utterly disconnected. Totally alone.

Isolation can happen to anyone through bereavement, when moving to a new place, changing jobs, becoming a full time carer, suffering physical or mental illness, as a result of neuro-diverse conditions or as a consequence of addiction or abuse.

Christ chose to enter the depths of human isolation so that no one ever has to feel isolated.

Wherever there is an isolated person, Christ is there with them.

When someone, through the solidarity, prayers or assistance of others or directly through God, is granted the grace to discover this, the place of isolation becomes a place where the human spirit can connect with others far and wide beyond the boundaries of time and space.

Not only is the Crucified and Risen Lord there present with them. United with Him, death and darkness open up to let in the unconquerable light of the love of God.

In this love the whole of suffering humanity becomes present and prayer becomes an offering that God cannot refuse. The isolated mind can break free from the prison of self and be filled with the light of the love that God has for every creature. It can be crowded with life.

Then the words of Psalm 139, verse 12, that Jesus fulfilled at his Resurrection can become true also for us: “*Even darkness is not dark for you and the night is as clear as the day.*”

May those suffering the night of isolation be granted the grace to proclaim with the Psalmist: “*Even darkness is not dark for you and the night is as clear as the day.*”

Fr Oscar.