

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

4th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Ps 105:47

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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

PSALM: Ps. 70:1-6.15.17.R.v15

R) My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R)**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R)**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my
help. **(R)**

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 12:31 -13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:5
**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father
except through me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

**Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's. At first Jesus wins 'the approval of all', but they soon turn against him when he tells them why they are not seeing the same fruits of his mission in his own part of the country as have been born in other areas. People from outside places such as Sidon and Syria are being helped and cured, but not in Jesus' own area. The problem was that Jesus could only perform miracles where he felt clearly that people had faith in him. Jesus was making it clear that he had come for everyone, not just his own people. And when his own people refused to believe in him he looked further afield. How does this Gospel apply to us today? We need to understand that Jesus came for the

whole of humanity and that he is much bigger than the Church. The Good News he brought is for everyone and if some of us think it is the unique property of the Church we are putting limits on Jesus. So, although believers of other faiths may not know Jesus, it is a common experience of those Christians engaged in inter-faith dialogue how deep a love they have for God and for neighbour. It should be with joy that we see the grace of God working beyond the confines of the Church.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



CHAPTER FOUR *The Social Dimension Of Evangelization*

178 (Cont'd) Our redemption has a social dimension because "God, in Christ, redeems not only the individual person, but also the social relations existing between men".¹⁴² To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: "The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable".¹⁴³

¹⁴² Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 52.

¹⁴³ John Paul, Catechesis (24 April 1991); Insegnamenti, 14/1 (1991), 853.

Day by Day with St Francis*

LATER ADMONITION AND EXHORTATION TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF PENANCE

But how happy and blessed are those who love God and do as the Lord Himself says in the Gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself [Mt 22:37, 39]. Let us love God, therefore, and adore Him with a pure heart and a pure mind, because He Who seeks this above all things has said: True adorers adore the Father in Spirit and Truth [Jn 4:23]. For all who adore Him must adore Him in the Spirit of truth. And day and night let us direct praises and prayers to Him, saying: Our Father, Who art in heaven . . . for we should pray always and not become weary.

We must, of course, confess all our sins to a priest and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from him. Whoever does not eat His flesh and drink His blood cannot enter the kingdom of God. But let him eat and drink worthily because anyone who receives unworthily, not distinguishing, that is, not discerning, the Body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment on himself.

In addition, let us produce worthy fruits of penance.

And let us love our neighbours as ourselves. And if anyone does not want to love them as himself, let him at least not do them any harm, but let him do good.

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These writings by or about Francis of Assisi are from the time of Francis which means that the language is sometimes rather archaic but it reflects the true spirit of Francis.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday) 5.30pm Seale Family (Ints.)
Sunday 9.00am John Lotfus (RIP Anniv.)

Monday 4th February 11.45am **NO MASS**

Friday 8th February 11.45am feria

Sunday 10th February 5th **Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Saturday) 5.30pm Nancy O'Shaughnesy (RIP)
9.00am Louis Kayam (RIP)

Feast Days This Week: 5th February – St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
6th February – St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Please remember in you prayers : Sick: Nigel Clark, Ivor Hopla, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, Una Hewitt Mary Jones, Breda Iommi, Baby David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin and Lucy Swift.

Please remember in your prayers this week in The Churches Together List the Residents of:

Ben Austins, Totten Mews, Coopers Meadow, Saberton Close, New Forge Place, Gertrude Peake Place, Buckwood Road, Cowper Court, Half Moon Lane, North Lodge, Saddlers Mews, Beechwood Park, High Street, Pietley Hill and WindmillPark.

Coffee Morning Rotas for 2019 are available at the back of the Church. We need some more volunteers. Please add you name to the list. This is a once the month community gathering.

Parish Breakfast Morning. Again this is for raising funds for the building of a water well through CAFOD. The previous one was extremely successful. The next one is scheduled for 10th March. Tickets, £7.50 each, are available after Mass.

Church Cleaning Rota for 2019 in on the notice board in the porch. Please sign your name against one of the free months. Ideally two parishioners are required each month and you can do the cleaning at a time to suit yourself.

Kitchen area on Parish Room. Two pictures are on the notice board giving an idea of the redevelopment of the kitchen area. We are reminded that the money to pay for this is our parish money from the Giving in Faith project. Please do look at the pictures and the letter which gives details of the ongoing work in the Church. Any comments can be written on the back of the letter, copies of which are on the table in the porch.

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be visiting the two parishes over the weekend of 23rd/24th February.

Admission to Nursery – Academic Year 2019-20 St Dominic Primary School

Applications for entry to St. Dominic Nursey Academic Year 2019-20 will open on **Monday 4th February 2019** and close at **3.30pm on Monday 4th March 2019.**

The school will offer 30 places in the Nursery and, by working with *Friends Together* (our Breakfast and Afterschool provider) in the afternoon, we will be able to offer parents access to 30 hours free childcare, should it be required.

Nursery morning sessions will run daily from 8.45am – 11.45am. The school then offers a Lunch Club which parents of all Nursery children will have the option to use, at a small cost.