

Sunday 30th January 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.


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THIS WEEK

Sun 30 Jan 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Dorothy Smale Private intention THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Jim Curran RIP Danny & Rita Collins RIP
Mon 31 Jan 9.30am	S. John Bosco Sunny Bhardwarj -(healing)
Tues 1 Feb 9.30am	feria Valerian Gonsalves RIP
Weds 2 Feb 9.30am 11.00am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Rohan Dubey (Birthday ints.) FUNERAL MASS Joy Cumberbatch RIP
Thurs 3 Feb 9.30am	Ss. Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore (S.Blaise) Mary Ferrao RIP
Fri 4 Feb 9.30am	feria Gnanaathikham ChinnaiyaRIP 
Sat 5 Feb 9.30am	S. Agatha Thomas King RIP
Sun 6 Feb 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Helen Brady RIP & Alice Cullen RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Thanksgiving Peter Jones RIP Paul Sivakumaran RIP

TODAY'S MASS



This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15,17

A song in praise of God's salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Saint Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new centre. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan *Noronha*, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Alfonso Ledo

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Quinn Thompson

RECENTLY DEPARTED: , Joy Cumberbatch, Kevin Dowd, Bridie Cunningham, Kay Leathers, Mary Willis

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Kathleen Halpin, Mary Ferrao.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Kevin Dowd RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Kay Leathers RIP

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Augustine

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Throughout the Gospel accounts Jesus praised individuals who put their faith in God as they remembered the great and wonderful deeds he had performed time and again. Jesus even praised outsiders - non-Jews and pagans from other lands who had heard about the mighty deeds of the God of Israel. One example Jesus mentioned was Naaman the pagan army commander from Syria who was afflicted with leprosy - a debilitating skin disease that slowly ate away the flesh (you can find the story in 2 Kings 5:1-15). Naaman's slave-girl was a young Jewish woman who had faith in God and compassion for Naaman her master. She urged him to seek healing from Elisha, the great prophet of Israel. When Naaman went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe seven times in the Jordan river. Naaman was indignant at first, but then repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth (Luke 4:23-27), he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. He startled his listeners in the synagogue at Nazareth with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God could receive honour among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented Gentiles (non-Jews) who had shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. Some who despised the Gentiles (non-Jews) even spoke of them as "fuel for the fires of hell." Jesus' praise for "outsiders" offended the ears of his own people because they were blind-sighted to God's merciful plan of redemption for all the nations. The word of rebuke spoken by Jesus was met with indignation and hostility. The Nazarenes forcibly threw him out of their town and would have done him physical harm had he not stopped them.

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

The Lord will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbour, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10).

Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Let us ask him to show us the way to walk in his healing love and truth.

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

Our new guidelines issued by the bishop's Conference this week have suggested we can relax on several of the recent norms.

Masks are no longer mandatory but are advised; **Holy water** is now available in the stoups at the entrance;

Sanitising of hands is still recommended;

Signing In will no longer be required;

The rite of Peace can be suspended for a little longer;

The Offertory Procession also as above;

If you still wish to social distance the area to the left of the altar is reserved for you.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD DO WITH ENCOURAGING BACK TO MASS? Its really good to see so many old faces back again—and some new ones too. Many of our young people have really grown taller too! If you know someone who could really do with encouragement or accompanying to Mass, why not help them. Also some people have got stuck on live-streaming too. If that's you please know we and the Lord would love to see you in person. Nothing can replace the personal reception of Holy Communion. Please know that we realise that some of our parish, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions still feel cautious about venturing out to Mass. We look forward to seeing you when you feel ready.

FUNERAL MASS of Joy Cumberbatch on Wednesday 2nd February at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park

FUNERAL MASS of Bridle Cunningham on Wednesday 9th February at 11.00am followed by burial in st Mary's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kay Leathers at 11.30am on 8th February followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Kevin Dowd on Friday 18th February at 6.30pm followed by burial in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—Candlemas. Mass as usual at 9.30am beginning with the blessing of candles and procession. This brings to a conclusion our celebration of Christmas and our crib will be packed up waiting to appear again at the end of the year.

THE FEAST OF S. BLAISE (Patron of those with sore throats) falls on Thursday. Unfortunately in this Diocese this day is assigned to three important saintly bishops from the earliest days after St Augustine and the reconversion of England, Saints Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore. However there will be the traditional Blessing throats at the end of Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Thank you to all Candidates & Parents/Carers who registered on our Confirmation Programme last week. Registration on this

year's Programme is now closed. There is a Catechist meeting this coming week followed by the 'Meet the Team' Session, on Monday 7th February, for Parents/Carers only.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - At the next session, on Tuesday 1st February at 7pm, the children will be reflecting in their Small Catechist Groups on how 'Jesus is with us at Mass'.

THE OVER 60's CLUB are planning a come-back on Tuesday 1st February at 1pm in the parish centre. (café/Bar) All over 60's welcome—just turn up. Remember even Fr Jeremy is eligible!!

COLLECTORS - Thank you to all those who generously help with the collection at Mass each week. We are searching for some more **generous volunteers** who would be happy to help with the collection at Masses. If you might consider helping, please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, Lucille Thomas, on 07886 575743 or lucille.thomas@gmail.com.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations. You can sponsor flower arrangements -big and small by using one of the envelopes from the back of the Church.. The names of all those whose memory flowers are put into a basket on Our Lay's altar.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

PALM CROSSES - it's time to recycle! It's that time of the year, when we ask parishioners to return any old palm crosses, so that they can be burnt, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which falls on 2nd March this year. Do you have any palm crosses for burning? Look out for the returns basket at the back of the church.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING: - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

PERIVALE CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP - There is a sale on at Perivale Christian Bookshop (including books, Bibles & CDs). The bookshop is located at 90 Bilton Road, Perivale, UB6 7BN. Further details at <https://perivalechristianbookshop.co.uk/>.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

PLEASE, when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. Over the past two weeks, Newsletters, Mass sheets and spilt, food and loads of used tissues have been left in church for others to clear away. This is not helpful in the current climate. Let's look after our church and each other!

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March

1st Sunday of Lent - 6th March

St Patrick -17th March

St Joseph -19th March

The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March

Palm Sunday - Holy Week commences 10th April

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

Good Friday - 15th April

Holy Saturday - 16th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April

LOURDES MASS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

This annual Mass, for the World Day of the Sick, will take place on Saturday 12th February, 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Anointing of the sick will not take place this year, but all are most welcome to attend.

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:

for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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.

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the
Lord was addressed to me, saying:
'Before I formed you in the womb
I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the
nations.
'So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
'I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you -
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 70:1-6, 15, 17*

R/. My lips will tell of your help.

1. 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/.*

2. 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/.*

3. 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/.*

4. 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*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is
better than any of them.
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am
simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy,

understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I
have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am
nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let
them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good
whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or
conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not
resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the
truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever
comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will
come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for
ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For
our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once per-
fection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used
to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I
am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim
reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The
knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am
known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the great-
est of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 14:6*

Allelula, allelula!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the
Father except through me.*

Allelula!

Gospel: *Luke 4:21-30*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today
even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished
by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's
son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal
yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do
the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly,
no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when
heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine
raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he
was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet
Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured,
except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang
to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the
brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff,
but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to
receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our re-
demption. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.