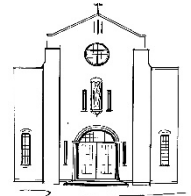


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Sunday 28th January 2024

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Can you believe it's been over a month since we celebrated Christmas? By now, our decorations are likely back in their boxes and the warm glow of the holidays has faded, but let us not forget that our greatest Christmas gift ever, the Son of God remains with us always. Even on an ordinary day in the middle of winter, he is with us here as we gather to celebrate the meal he left us before he died. Let us give thanks as we receive him once again in the Eucharist. God has blessed us with many leaders who have brought God's word to the people. Moses promised the Chosen People that God would raise up a prophet among them who would speak God's words. St Paul was called by God to preach to Gentiles all over the known world. Jesus spoke words with the power to drive out unclean spirits, astonishing the people in the synagogue with his authority. Let us listen attentively to the living word of God and hear Jesus' voice still speaking to us in our house of worship.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th January

6.30pm Fermina Gomes RIP

Sunday 28th January **The Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

8.30am Pat Deaney RIP

11.30am Martin Sheehan RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Bridie Ferguson – Int.

10.00am Martin Fleming RIP

10.00am Alf Ward RIP

10.00am John Sandilands RIP

Monday 29th January

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 31st January John Bosco

Thursday 1st February

Friday 2nd February The Presentation of
the Lord

Saturday 3rd February

10.00am Mary Forni RIP

6.30pm Cindy Pereira RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 94

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

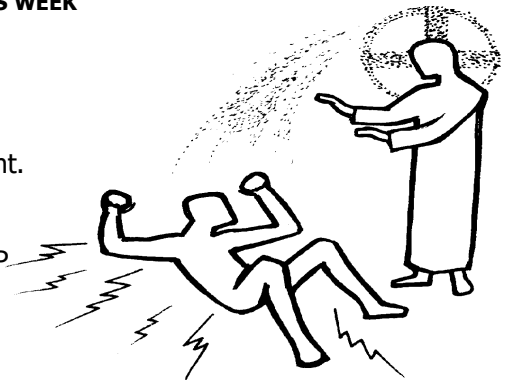
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Psalms 145

1 Corinthians 9:16-19

Mark 1:29-39



LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at <http://www.churchservices.tv/walthamcross>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

For those who are ill: Nicola Harker, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood, Tina Figueria, Iris Waters, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Michael Verbruggen, Mary Fitzgerald, Betty Bambury, Jean Pearce,

For those who have died recently: Alf Ward, Roger Holmes, Salvatore Puntrello, Anne Ames, Pat Deaney, Giuseppa Sardo,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Maureen Hollebrand, Fermina Gomes, Martin Fleming, Joseph McDonagh, James Connelly,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £918.97; plus the Regular Standing Orders.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday from 10.30 – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Service for the late Roger Holmes will be celebrated on Tuesday 30th January at 12 noon.

The Funeral Mass for the late Alf Ward will be celebrated on Thursday 1st February at 12 noon.

The Funeral Mass for the late Giuseppa Sardo will be celebrated on Friday 2nd February at 3.00pm.

COME TO TEA!

The Parish Centre is open every Monday afternoon for Afternoon Tea and Biscuits and a chat from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome. We even have Orange Squash for those who are too young for tea or coffee!

It is also open on a Wednesday from 1.30pm -3.00pm for Soup and Toast as well as tea, coffee or orange squash. Again, everyone is welcome. There is no need to book, just turn up and enjoy the company.

RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

200 CLUB 2024

The Application Forms for 2024 are available as you exit the Church. The more people who join, the more is given in prizes. The First Draw will be at the end of January.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 1st February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on Saturday 10th February at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised in the near future please see Fr John.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL – COLUMBAN FATHERS

We welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne next weekend from the Columban Fathers to make the Annual Foreign Mission Appeal. He will talk to us to raise awareness of the Order's missionary vocation, to encourage people to be more involved in the missionary work of the church, to thank loyal supporters and to seek greater support for their mission magazine, "The Far East". There will be a second collection after all the Masses next weekend to support the work of all the Foreign Missionary Societies.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering free legal advice surgery. The surgery sessions are in the Parish Office, just ring the doorbell at the Presbytery. If you would like free, independent, impartial and confidential advice, (for example) debt, employment, housing, consumer rights, wills & probate, lasting powers of attorney (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The next session is Wednesday, 31st January 2024.

HEADTEACHER REQUIRED AT OUR LADY OF MUSWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2024

Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School, Muswell Hill, London is seeking to appoint a Headteacher from September 2024. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-1984118>. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston via email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Monday 5th February 2024 at 10am.

SCHOOL CARETAKER - ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Waltham Cross is seeking to appoint a Caretaker to commence as soon as possible. If you are interested in this vacancy or require further information, please contact the school office on 01992 629 503 or alternatively email schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk

CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS) is open to boys who love singing and want to be a part of: A world-famous choir, One of London's top schools, A great, fun-loving and committed team. Boys join WCCS in Year 4. Up to 100% bursaries available. For more information please see the noticeboards, or visit their Website at www.choirschool.com.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY FORUM

This is for anyone interested in discussing issues relating to the inclusion of people with learning disabilities. Our next event is Monday 4 March when Bernice Hardy, Co-founder of Wave (we are all valued equally) will share the story of its work to encourage more inclusive worship and social places in the heart of our communities.

VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering Fair on Saturday 9 March, 3pm – 5pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the diocese, do come along. More details will follow here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/>

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is Racial Justice Sunday which is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. It draws attention to our willingness to be open and welcoming

The theme for this year is: *"Seeing one another in the life of the Church"*.

It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday.

For this year's resources, we are celebrating the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world as we do and were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord.

This year's resources, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday. There is a message there from Bishop Paul McAleenan.