

29-JAN – 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

For I will leave you a people humble and lowly

Responsorial: Psalm 145

R. /: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The spirit of the Kingdom; the Beatitudes

Let's Reflect....

This is the new law, the one we call the... "the Beatitudes." It's the Lord's new law for us'. It highlights attitudes of the heart rather than just a set of rules to be followed. (Pope Francis)

We do not stay just with the words of Jesus. His life and teaching was a commentary on this sermon. Jesus invites us to watch how the sermon is lived out in his life. All the qualities – being poor in the spirit, able to mourn our losses and work for peace – are qualities of the human person. This is how we know our need for God, our need for each other. Even in his risen life he was the humble one who could listen to the doubts of his disciples and guide them to further faith, each in his or her own way.

The church is called to live these qualities, which lead us to the compassion of Jesus and to bring compassion in our lives. Compassion and understanding come from listening deeply to others, especially their joys and sorrows.

Compassion also grows in prayer – by asking for it, and by watching the compassion of Jesus in his life.

Someone working with young people once said that *'an ounce of compassion is worth a ton of exhortation.'* Marriage, friendship and family life are all enriched by the quality of compassionate listening.

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SUNDAY, 29-Jan **4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
3.00pm – *Filipino Mass*

MONDAY, 30-Jan Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 31-Jan **St John Bosco, Priest**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 01-Feb Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 02-Feb **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 03-Feb **Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury**
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 04-Feb Mass: 9.30am, 6.30pm *Vigil Mass of Sunday*

SUNDAY, 05-Feb **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm – *Konkani Mass*

POPE'S INTENTION - JANUARY 2023

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SANTAREM AND LISBON

Goan chaplaincy is arranging the pilgrimage to Fatima, Santarem and Lisbon in the month of **April 2023**. For more details contact Fr. Patrick or any Goan chaplaincy coordinators.

CONTACTLESS DONATION:

We now have two contactless payments digital plates available at the church porch. Please ensure you opt for Gift Aid.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE: There will be a Holy Mass and the blessing of throat on Friday 3rd February at 9.30am in honour of the feast of St. Blaise.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2023 The next weekend Sunday 5th February the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice – the theme is: ‘You are at the heart of the Church’ it will celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussion on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travellers, a second collection will be taken this weekend. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference.

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS will commence on **Saturday, 4th February 2023**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Find out more Wednesday 1st February. CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us as volunteers here in the Westminster diocese. Could you help

us raise awareness about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out by joining our meeting this Wednesday 1st February from 2.30-4.30pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

The Catholic school is part of the mission of the Church, to build up the kingdom of God - to evangelise, to catechise, to make society more just and to create a civilization of love. To take this mission forward, the Diocese is encouraging parents to enrol their Children in Catholic Schools. Thereby the pupil can growth in faith and knowledge to respond to the call to holiness and understand the fullness of what it is to be human.

GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

ADDRESS CHANGES

It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

PARISH REGISTRATION

The form for registering in St Joseph's Parish is now available on the website. Please download, complete all the Sections, and drop it through the letterbox. If you would like a personal box of envelopes for your weekly donation at Mass, and you pay tax, you will need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available in the parish office. You must come to the Presbytery, fill in the form and a box of envelopes will be given to you at the same time.