

## 28-JAN | 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

### First reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Moses predicts the coming of a future prophet greater than himself*

### Responsorial: Psalm 94:9

*℟ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

### Second reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

*Paul promotes celibacy, to focus one's undivided attention to the Lord*

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*When Jesus heals the man in Capernaum, people recognise the power of his message*

#### *The Power of Evil*

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from *it's mine* to *it's ours*. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way.

Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, 28-Jan **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
3.30pm – *Syro-Malabar Rite*

MONDAY, 29-Jan  
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 30-Jan  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 31-Jan **St John Bosco, Priest**  
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 01-Feb  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 02-Feb **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
12.00noon: Requiem Mass of Andrew Victor  
O'Neill  
Mass: 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 03-Feb  
Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY, 04-Feb **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
4.00pm – *Konkani Mass*

### **POPE'S INTENTION - JANUARY 2024**

**For gift of diversity in the Church** – Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Theresa Rynn, Evans Milroy Travasso, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stocks that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### **WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF**

Andrew Victor O'Neill who died on 17th December 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 2nd February 2024 at 12 noon followed by a burial at Alperton Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

This year it occurs on 28th January 2024 when we are encouraged to consider the many saints who worked passionately during their lives to oppose racism and promote equality and justice. These great men and women devoted their lives to this most worthy cause and inspire us to be sensitive to its importance.

A special collection will be made after all the Masses this weekend. Please be generous.

### **YOUTH CONVENTION - 10TH FEBRUARY 2024**

We are conducting a One Day Youth Convention "You Lead, We Follow" on Saturday, 10th February, starting at 11am and will be concluded with the Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. All youth aged between 18-35 are invited to participate and spend a day in prayer and play. Kindly see the poster on the notice board and scan the QR Code to register your name.

**HOLY ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** The Parish community recites the Holy Rosary daily at 7.30pm since May 2020 using Zoom and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm every Saturday. All parishioners are encouraged to join. Zoom details are available at the porch noticeboards.

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

### **PALM CROSSES**

Please return your palm crosses of the last year by **Sunday, 11th February** for preparing ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

### **PILGRIMAGES 2024**

The parish is organising following trip to:

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| Medjugorje and Split              | - 17th to 23rd June          |
| Lisieux, Lourdes and Paris        | - 29th July to 3rd August    |
| Lourdes, Fatima and SD Compostela | - 12th to 22nd August        |
| Krakow and Czestochowa            | - 9th to 14th September 2024 |
| Rome and Assisi                   | - 14th to 19th October       |

For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

The DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminals available in the church porch are mainly for parishioners who DO NOT give their offerings using Planned Giving envelopes or Standing bank orders. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation by simply choosing the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. We also encourage you to opt-in for Gift Aid (and enter your full address) to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

### **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.