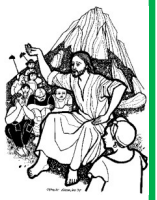
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FOURTH SUNDAY, YEAR A — 29TH JANUARY, 2023

THEME: Poor and Happy



Today's message of the beatitudes is perhaps the most upsetting and challenging page of the Good News of Jesus Christ; it is right at the heart of the gospel. The rich, the proud and the mighty are self-satisfied: they have what they want. They are dangerously shut up within themselves and with what they have. The poor and the suffering are not praised because they have nothing or are persecuted, but because the poor and the humble, the gentle and those who weep are aware that they have nothing but themselves to give and so they are people who hope, expecting everything from God and from people. Let us be among those happy ones.

MEDITATE: Of all the teachings of Jesus, the Beatitudes are among the most inspiring and the most challenging.

ACT: The Beatitudes represent a lifetime process of transformation. Pray for the grace to be so transformed.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas Day. We will be blessing the Church Candles for the year. You are welcome to bring your own candle for it to be blessed. If you are joining us online, please have your candle ready for blessing.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY – 5th FEBRUARY

Is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme is: "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY



For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.
There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268

Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

There will be a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc.



PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the middle of February for use on Ash Wednesday [22nd February].

REPOSITORY

We have a variety of candles on sale suitable for Candlemas Day.

The last of the 2023 Church Art Calendars reduced to 80p to clear.

If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Bridie McLafferty. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 12 noon at St. John the Evangelist Church Islington, N1. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



On Saturday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered.



VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to 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 2.30-430pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation will be issued shortly.

THE PASSAGE

Celebrate St David's Day with *The Passage* on Thursday 2nd March at St Paul's Knightsbridge. Hear an inspiring mix of traditional Welsh music, as well as some popular classic tunes in a stunning venue. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be joined by special guests Eiry Price [soprano] and John Ieuan Jones [baritone].
All proceeds from this event will go directly to *The Passage*, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless. Tickets can be purchased at: https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-davids-day-concert/

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.
If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

[All services can be followed online: https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 29th January: Fourth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3;3.12-13; Psalm: 145; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.26 -31; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Delia Sheehan [RIP, A]

Monday 30th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 11.32 -40; Psalm: 30; Gospel: Mark 5.1-20. **Intention:** Joseph Tomusange [RIP,A]

Tuesday 31st January: St John Bosco: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Philippians 4.4-9; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Matthew 18.1-5. **Intention:** Denis Buckley [RIP, A]

Wednesday 1st February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 12.4-7,11-15; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Mark 6.1-6. **Intention:** Frank Deehan [RIP]

Thursday 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord: [9.30am] 1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm: 23; Gospel: Luke 2.22-32. **Intention:** Rose Thevatasan [RIP, A]]

Friday 3rd February: SS Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8; Psalm: 26; Gospel: Mark 6.14-29. **Intention:** Giovanni Marcis [RIP, A]

Saturday 4th February: Fifth Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.7-10; Psalm: 111; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-3-16. **Intention:** Martin, Sarah, Tom and Joe Joyce [RIP]

Sunday 5th February: Fifth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.7-10; Psalm: 111; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-3-16. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.
[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*