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31 JANUARY 2021– YEAR (B) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As soon as the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach." (Mark 1:21)

After the call of the first disciples, the evangelist tells us of a healing worked by Jesus, the first miracle in this gospel. He reaches Capernaum, a busy town by the Sea of Galilee, which he made the centre for his ministry. His teaching impressed the people, for it was given with authority, with conviction. Jesus spoke the truth without fear. The people are even more astonished by the healing of the man who was 'possessed by an unclean spirit'. The initial part of the gospel is dominated by the words and the actions of Jesus. The healing actions show the power of God, while the teaching proclaims the coming of the kingdom. Jesus' powerful deeds confirm the message of the coming of the kingdom of God. The sick man was probably suffering from some kind of mental illness, and considered to be 'possessed'. The sick man was somehow a victim of evil. By healing him Jesus challenges and conquers the power of Satan. He demonstrates that the kingdom is near. The reading from the book of Deuteronomy includes the words of Moses that God would one day raise up a great prophet, a prophet like Moses. This reading prepares us for the gospel reading and the fulfilment of that promise. Jesus, who is greater than Moses, speaks powerful words, words of truth, words which heal. The good news Jesus brings can change our lives as it changed the life of the sick man in the gospel. What does this gospel say to us today? What does the gospel tell us about sickness? Let pray for all those who care for the sick and work for their healing. Let us pray for those who preach the gospel that they may do so with courage and love. .



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."



The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

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

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*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..*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

SACRAMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN: Masses as usual: 9.30am & 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00, 1pm and 6.30pm.

We are allowed to have funerals, baptisms and Wedding. Please contact the parish office to find out more about these sacraments.



NHS COVID-19 VACCINATION: Vaccination at the hall was unable to start on 30th January due to delay in vaccine delivery. It will start now on Saturday 6th February.

NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH: In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays, starts from Wednesday 20th January*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Mass.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: Since we are in lockdown, there will not be any baptism programme in January. The next programme is on Monday 22nd February. Those who wish to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

HOLY HOUR: Is on this Friday 5th February 5.15pm-6.15pm

CANDLEMAS: Is on this Tuesday 2nd February. Traditional blessing of the candles will be done on all Masses. You are most welcome to bring any candles to be blessed.

FAREWELL/ THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR PETER AUDU: You all are invited to join the parish family on **Sunday 14th February at 12:00** for a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter to St Boniface.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: No Parish Open House during lockdown. For urgent matters, please contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS: *Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am*

ROSARY DURING LOCKDOWN: Monday to Saturday at 9am & 6pm.

LOCKDOWN RULES & REGULATIONS: We are so grateful for the government for allowing us to have Church open and have Mass. Let us also continue to do everything to keep the trust of the government on us. Please keep face covering when you enter the Church, use hand sanitiser and take the seat which are marked. We have created more space between the pews. So let us work together to protect others and us.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *in postponed to Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 22nd February at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS: Next one is on this Saturday 6th February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited.

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Lawrence (Dessy) Hanney, Herminia Okeke, Vimalda Sebamalaimuthu, Joyce D'Silva, Martha Pinto and Ellen Bolger who died recently. May they rest in peace!

Funerals of: *Dessy on Wednesday 10th Feb at 10.30am, Herminia on Wednesday 10th Feb at 11:45, Ellen on Wednesday 17 Feb at 11:45, Vemalda on Monday 15th Feb at 11:30 & Joyce on Mon 8th March at 12:30.*

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Mary Kassim, Ann Collier, Bernard Ward, Teresa Brownhill, Bridget Healey, Kenneth Mulcahy, Hugh Lynch, Sr Philomena Morgan, Thomas Connolly, Alan Berlie, Joyce Donaldson, Stephen Humphreys, Michael Hopkins, Kathleen Sullivan, Margaret Gallagher, Elizabethrani Jakob, Ralph Emerson, Nneoma Onyiukah, Mary Brown, John McNamara, Lorna Charles-Agbowu, Lucy Lartey and Lionel RAJAH and Mary McCAULEY. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	30th & 31st January	6th & 7th February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Maricel Austria	Ethna Power
09.00	Katherine Bennett	Stefanie Flaherty
10.30	Gary Bennett	Anita Bennett
12.00	Matthewson Mathews	Sharon Wrightman
13:00	Pam Fernandes	Callum Fernandez
18.30	Angel Babu	Padraig Cronin
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: Mon 1st February @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 8th February @ 7pm

<u>Sunday 31st January</u> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B Racial Justice Sunday	09:00	Thanksgiving to St Anthony
	10:30	Francis Coyle, RIP
	12:00	Kevin McGowan, RIP
	13:00	Maureen Burgess, RIP
	18:30	Ints Conchita Cortez
Monday 1st February Feria	09:30	Maria Fatima Vale
	18:30	Int Fr Peter Audu
Tuesday 2nd February CANDLEMAS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	09:30	Calisto & James Pinto, RIP
	18:30	Joshua Anoop B/D Ronnie Joseph, RIP
Wednesday 3rd February VOTIVE OF ST JOSEPH	09:30	For the People of the Parish
	18:30	Frank Wills, RIP
Thursday 4th February Feria	09:30	Jerome Christy & Agnes Lobo, RIP
	18:30	John & Kathleen O'Regan, RIP
Friday 5th February St Agatha	09:30	Rosemary Mayor, RIP
	17:15	Holy Hour
	18:30	Dave Duncan
Saturday 6th February The Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30	Thomas Floyd B/D Leokadia & Czeslana, RIP
	18:30	Julius Abastillas, RIP
<u>Sunday 7th February</u> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B	09:00	Robin Family Thanksgiving
	10:30	David Coddington, RIP
	12:00	Theresa Schembri
	13:00	Martha Pinto, RIP
	18:30	Fr Shaju Ints

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Parish Open House Closed

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 11th February.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour

First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am