

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2021: Fourth Sunday (B)**



**CHRIST TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY**

Jesus Christ is the great prophet for all times. He speaks to us today with the same authority as he did in his own home town at Capernaum. When we are set free from worrying about unnecessary things, we can more fully serve the Lord. If we allow the Lord to speak through our lives, we can become his prophets.

He taught them with authority.

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS**

Sat 30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun 31	✠ <i>FOURTH SUNDAY</i>
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
11.00	<b>NO MASS</b>
Mon 01	
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue 02	<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 03	
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thu 04	
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri 05	<i>Saint † Agatha</i>
09.30	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat 06	<i>Saint Paul Miki and companions</i>
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Cancio Fernandes RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</b>
Sun 07	✠ <i>FIFTH SUNDAY</i>
09.30	<b>Johanna Watts RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Faithful Departed at Christmas</b>

**No Masses Until...**

**Wednesday 27th to Friday 5th February**

Owing to Track and Trace, Fr Felix has been advised that he has been in contact with someone who has the coronavirus.

Fr Felix is now in a period of self-isolation for 10 days, in agreement with the Vicar General.

Mass will resume after his period of isolation has been completed.

All Mass intentions for the above dates have been relocated to new dates.

**Fr Regis**

Fr Regis is away on his break until February.

We welcome Fr Felix Adiele, and Fr John Mudereri who will be celebrating Mass with us.

**Parish Secretary**

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

**Racial Justice Day**

This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Our second collection this week is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

To donate online via the Catholic Association for Racial Justice: <https://www.carj.org.uk/donate/>

For more information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>

**SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Racial Justice Day**

**MASS COUNT LAST WEEK**

Saturday: 18:30 (26), Sunday: 09.30 (27), 11.00 (27)

**WAYS YOU CAN DONATE**

**Gift Aid** Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church) for details.

**Tap to Donate** Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

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**200 Club**

The winner of the £75 January prize is Brian Bolton (173). Congratulations.

## 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.

## 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.

## FIRST READING – 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 94

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

## SECOND READING – 1 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL – 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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.