

30th January 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY (C)

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1st Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13



THE GREATEST GIFT IS LOVE

We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift that the Spirit gives to the members of Christ's Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church, which is something for which we can thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about greater unity among Christians and thus a better witness to the Gospel if we are open to the Spirit.

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 29 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing for Bernadette Mode
Sun 30 09.30 11.00	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY (C) Faithful Departed (Christmas Flowers) Joaquim Fernandes RIP
Mon 31 09.30	<i>Saint John Bosco</i> Amelia Stafford RIP Rosary
Tue 01 09.30	Those who helped me - Imelda Lynch Rosary
Wed 02 09.30	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD All Souls in Purgatory Rosary
Thu 03 09:30	<i>Saint Laurence of Canterbury</i> Intention of the Fallon Rosary
Fri 04 09.30	Emmanuel Cassar RIP Exposition
Sat 05 09.30 18:30	<i>Saint † Agatha</i> People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Laurence Brodrick RIP
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✠ FIFTH SUNDAY (C) Johanna Watts In Honour of Holy Mary Mother of God

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading. (Lk 4:21-30). This is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. In the course of his sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus had declared that Isaiah's messianic vision of pardon, healing, and liberation was being fulfilled among them. The people received the news with enthusiasm. But when he claimed to be the one to bring this about, their enthusiasm turned to scepticism. They saw him as just the son of Joseph, a local carpenter.

Trouble for him began when he told the people that the Gentiles would receive the same messianic blessings. He reminded them of Gentiles who had been helped by two of their greatest prophets, Elijah and Elisha. Upon hearing this the whole synagogue rose up against him. They had forgotten that from the beginning the Jews were called to be a light to the nations.

In the second reading of today, Paul is speaking about gifts and charisms. But he stresses the supreme importance of love. Love is the yardstick against which all the charisms must be measured.

MASS FOR THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 12.30 PM

This special day of prayer was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997 to honour women and men in Religious Congregations - indeed all those who are living the Consecrated Life in the world - for their commitment and dedication to various ministries within the Church. Since Pope John Paul II's pontificate, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued to celebrate a special Mass in St Peter's each year on February 2nd to which all consecrated people are invited. This global celebration coincides with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple when we honour Christ as

the Light of the World and our special mission to spread His light in our world today.

Last year Archbishop John celebrated this Mass on 2nd February - albeit with only 12 persons in the Cathedral due to COVID restrictions - which was live-streamed so that our male and female religious and all consecrated persons could participate at the Mass in their own Chapels. He wishes to add this Mass to his annual calendar as a way of encouraging and thanking all Consecrated People in the Archdiocese for their response to God's call to serve Him in the Church here in Southwark. Unfortunately this year, due to Episcopal commitments beyond his control, he is unable to celebrate the Mass on February 2nd but all are invited to join him on Saturday 5th February at 12.30 pm in St George's Cathedral, either in person or online via live-stream. This year the theme will be the diversity and internationality of the Religious in our Archdiocese.

View the livestream on RC Southwark You Tube account via <https://youtu.be/Mdj3LwheqV4>

WORLD LEPROSY DAY SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year to raise awareness of leprosy. This particular date was chosen as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had great compassion for people with leprosy, and who was assassinated on 30 January 1948.

This year, the St Francis Leprosy Guild are asking the Catholic community to reflect upon and pray for the work of the Catholic nuns who dedicate their lives to caring for people with leprosy.

The St Francis Leprosy Guild would be most grateful for both prayers and donations, with a view to defeating Leprosy for good: <https://stfrancisleprosy.enthuse.com/donate>

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST 18 -20 MARCH 2022

The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, which is held at Aylesford Friary, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right the person enquiring. The next retreat will take place between 18th- 20th March 2022.

For more information contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or mflgac@rcaos.org.uk

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY TRUSTING THE ORDINARY IS SACRED CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK RETREAT 10.30 AM – 4 PM ON 26 MARCH 2022

This one-day 2022 Conference in Liverpool is intended to help participants explore where to find God in the

ordinariness of life. There will be times of input with music and film, times of shared silence and times of sharing with others.

Speaker: Chris Thomas

Conference Fees: £30 / CSN members £25

Apply for £5 early bird discount until 14th February 2022: £25 / CSN members £20. To book contact Margaret Palladino catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com

Please see poster for additional details.

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: [Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk))

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** - where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£160** • Not Gift Aided **£354**

2nd COLLECTION Pew Kneelers **£182**

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (69) • Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (116)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **Sick & Retired Priests' Fund**

DONATING

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

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Standing Order Please contact the parish house for details.

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