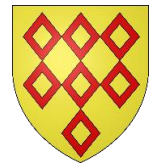


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3–4 February 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Let us go off to the other towns around here, so I can tell them the news too. That is why I came.” Mk 1.38

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
Sat 3 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Ss Laurence, Dunstan, Theodore, Memorial</i> Vigil Mass – Thanksgiving for Rishi Kapadiya, born prematurely & now home
SUN 4 R: Glorious 8am 10am	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>Psalter I</i> Mass – for Jose Gonsalo Dias RIP (Birthday remembrance) Parish Mass – for Claudette Wadood
Mon 5 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>St Agatha, Memorial</i> Mass – for Barbara Teresa Kowin RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Tues 6 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St Paul Miki and companions, Memorial</i> Mass – for Sr. Aquinata Evans (Birthday intention)
Wed 7 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria, 5th week of Ordinary Time</i> Mass – for Edward & Florence O'Grady RIP
Thurs 7 R: Luminous	<i>St Josephine Bakhita, Memorial</i> Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking No mass [Reading: Mark 7.24-30]
Fri 7 R: Sorrowful 7pm	<i>Feria, 5th week of Ordinary Time</i> Votive Mass – for the peace of the world <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 10 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Scholastica, Memorial</i> Vigil Mass – for Bharati Shukla RIP (1 st Anniversary)
SUN 11 R: Glorious 8am 10am 12.30pm	6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>Day of Prayer for the Sick</i> Mass – for Johnson and Lucy Rebelo (26 th Wedding Anniversary) Parish Mass – for Eric Chandler RIP (Birthday remembrance) Baptism of Scarlett Joy Campbell

- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director
- ◆ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130
- ◆ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri
- ◆ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish.
Please take this newsletter home.

- ◆ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to move around *at the back* of the church. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you
- ◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.

FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

- ◆ **Before Mass** **ALMIGHTY God**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit**, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through **Christ our Lord**. *Please, now stay silent.*
- ◆ **Scriptural readings** are to be found on **pp.134-7** of the *Mass Book*.
- ◆ **During the PSALM all say:** 'Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted!'
- ◆ **All sing the ALLELUIA:**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
'I am the light of the world', says | **the Lord**;
any one who follows me will have | **the light** – of heav'n.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- ◆ **After the Dismissal, the ANGLEUS** (reminder ... A B A)

Priest The Angel of the Lord ...

All **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Priest Behold the handmaid ...

All **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Priest And the Word was ...

All **And dwelt among us.**

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

All **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

POUR FORTH, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Coming to a kitchen table near you:
FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures The scripture readings for today's Masses take us through a range of human emotions that are part and parcel of any and every human life: life which God, the lover of man, alone truly loves, and entered into in Jesus. In the life of Jesus of Nazareth God drew as close as possible (we might say 'impossibly close') to human life.

Many of our daily tasks have to do with our own survival, duties and pleasure, and (apparently) little to do directly with God. Sometimes if we are asked by a relative or friend to do something, and we resist, they may say in exasperation, 'for God's sake will you just do it!' Other times we may see through an unpleasant task because we *are doing it for love of God*. When we do something we *know* to be right (rather than sin: what we *know* to be wrong) we are performing an action or speaking a word *in God's name*. What matters, and what Jesus taught his disciples, is that daily tasks can be done with extraordinary devotion if done *aware of God's presence* and *for His sake*.

First Reading (OT): Job 1.1-4. 6-7 Anyone who has felt out of sorts, to say nothing of those who have been through sustained bouts of serious depression, will empathise with these very modern words and sentiments of the prophet Job. He is thoroughly fed up. Worse! he casts a cynical and bitter

♦ **Pope's intention for February** 'Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.'

See also the short film on <https://thepopevideo.org/>

♦ **This Thursday - Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking.** At work, at home, as families, wherever: please pray this prayer.

♦ **LENT – the springtime fast – BEGINS in only 10 days time!** Millions have done it! 40 days' precious opportunity to prepare for the greatest Easter of your life! If we *won't* do Lent, we *can't* do heaven. Please be ready to start on Ash Wednesday.

♦ **Another idea for Lent** One of the real riches of the Eastern Christian world is the long and strong tradition of Christian *spiritual wisdom* and *advice for ordinary Christians* from its monastic tradition.

Two excellent books which capture something of this, in a way that would be easy to use in Lent, are *The Passions of the Soul* by Rowan Williams (out just last week, £10.79 Bloomsbury): preparing ourselves to love of God by sorting out our relationships with the world and our selves! And *Enzo Bianchi's Words of Spirituality* (£10.99 Amazon); Catholic exploration of the inner life through 40 key ancient Christian words and phrases.

And don't forget! the daily feed from <https://christian.art/>

FEBRUARY DATES ...

♦ **Sat 10 Feb 2.30pm**, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the **Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes** at the Cathedral. Our parish will be 'represented' by 10 people. *Please pray for them.*

♦ **20 Feb Evangelizing post-Christian Britain** 7pm at St James', Spanish Place, Marylebone. Tickets £5 How can our world and society connect? followed by a Q&A and refreshments. Tickets at www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events

eye over the whole of human life and is overcome with despair as he looks forward. He reflects on the brevity of life and his view of his own personal future is profoundly tragic.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23

By contrast, St Paul reflects here on why it is precisely he preaches the gospel and on what motivates him in preaching God's word. Precisely because it is *good news*—free, freeing, and freely sharable—Paul gets pleasure and pastoral energy out of sharing it. Think of the thrill we experience when we phone a friend to tell them about the birth of a baby, about how one of our children has got a university place, or about how a friend whose health was giving rise to concern is on the way to recovery. Two people are made happy as a result: the person hearing the news as well as the person communicating it. When we share with others the gospel message we too, like Paul, experience deep joy.

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39 24 hours in the life of a missionary. We encounter Jesus immediately after the exorcism in last week's gospel. He healed Peter's mother-in-law (yes Peter was married); spent His evening driving evil spirits out of many, healing others; started the next day early, with prayer; and energetically pressed on "*all through Galilee*".

URGENT RENTAL POSSIBILITY? Our good Ukrainian friends Yuri and Viktoriia, and their two children, have had difficult news. Their flat nearby is being sold. Do you—or anyone else you know living in Stanmore—have a two-bedroom apartment or rooms in the house that this commendable family may rent? First contact, and references from Fr Jonathan.

LATER DATES ...

♦ **Sat 16 March 'What does it mean to be Human?** 10am to 4.15pm at The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8SB, focusing on modern medical ethics and social care. See the Noticeboard for more information

♦ **Sat 25 May The annual Mass for Matrimony** will be celebrated by the Cardinal in the Cathedral for couples who mark significant wedding anniversaries this year. If you have a major anniversary (25, 30, 40, 50, more ...) you may want to flag-up early with Fr Jonathan or Frances that you would like an invitation.

♦ **19-26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** You could ... 1) Go as a pilgrim; 2) Go as an assisted pilgrim; 3) Sponsor the sick to go on pilgrimage and pray for them. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office on rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ or 020 7798 917

Votive lights burn this week at *Our Lady*: for Pasquale Natale RIP
St William & St Catherine:

Readers	3 Feb	5.30pm	Noreta Reece
	4 Feb	8am	Amalie Direkze
		10am	Patrick Arthur
	10 Feb	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
	11 Feb	8am	Daphne Byron
		10am	Pereira family, Tim & Mel Goodger

Church Cleaning Rota

10 Feb	Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
17 Feb	Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė

Weekly Almsgiving on 28/1/2024

Loose Plate	£ 347.17
Envelopes	£ 202.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 535.00
TOTAL	£1084.17

