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Sunday 31st January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 31st January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

6.15pm (Saturday 30th January 2021)

Father Mike Gwinnell RIP.

8.30am People of the parish.

11.30am Peter & Bill Chapman RIP.

5pm Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP.

Ordinary Time before Lent:

Fourth week in Ordinary Time

Monday 1st February 2021

10am Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue RIP

PVT Fr Edeghonghon John Ehichioya RIP

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 (Feast)

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,
CANDLEMAS.**

10.00 All those in hospital with COVID

PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 (Memorial)

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

10am Intentions of Larry Dunne

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 4th February 2021 (Feria)

10am Norah & Miah Moynihan RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 5th February 2021 (Memorial)

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

(First Friday of the month)

10am Lilian Armstrong RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 6th February 2021 (Memorial)

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

10am Private intention

(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

Sunday 7th February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.15pm (Saturday 6th February 2021)

Intentions of the Doidge family

8.30am Hamilton (Royce) Perera RIP

11.30am Celine Doody RIP

5pm People of the parish

Current Public Mass Schedule

*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confessions: Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until approximately 11.30am;

*Sunday Masses: (Saturday 6.15pm);
8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,
Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,
Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,
Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte,
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,
Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,
Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp,
Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez,
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,
James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin,
Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,
Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman,
Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,
Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,
Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,
Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,
Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley,
Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara,
Mary White, Ethelda Williams,
Carole Winch, John Windsor,
Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,
Georgette Yoo Foo.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is currently closed.
Please phone, email or send a message
via the Contact Form on our web site.
Please wait patiently for a reply.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose
of the souls of:

Hamilton (Royce) Perera,

of Stanford Road, who died on Sunday
24th January 2021.

Celine Doody, who died in Ireland, also
on Sunday 24th January 2021.

Celine was the mother of Suzanne Neill,
a member of our Polyphony Choir.

Our condolences and prayers,
as a parish, go to the families.

May their souls and the souls of all the
Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of
God, Rest in Peace.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

We still need more stewards.

To become a steward, you should be over
18, and free from COVID symptoms,
either actual or suspected. Stewards also
clean the church between Masses.

**Please do not come to the church if you
have been told to shield; If you have any
symptoms, whether COVID or not,
please stay away, to avoid the risk of
spreading the virus.** Please respect the

stewards and kindly do as they direct you.

Please use a new, previously unused
disposable face mask or other face
covering, or one which has been cleaned
where it is washable. and ensure that it
covers your nose and your mouth. You
must have evidence of a valid exemption.
Hand sanitiser is available at the church.

Always keep at least 2 metres from
others. Please follow instructions
regarding the reception of Holy
Communion or a blessing, and
subsequently leaving the church.

When you leave the church, please go
straight home and do not stop to chat.

Remember the current phrases:
“HANDS - FACE – SPACE”

**Stay at Home; Save Lives;
Protect the NHS.**

Visits to the presbytery should be by
appointment only. Public health
guidelines apply, not the least of which is
the wearing of a face covering.

STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE

Please set up a Standing order if your
financial circumstances allow. Standing
Orders currently assure us of just **£750.00**
per week (figure to be revised). Please
contact the Parish Office for details of
Standing Orders and to enquire about the
Gift Aid Scheme. See also the Home
Page of our Web Site.

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please contact us to book Masses.
Remember to include your Gift Aid
number if applicable. Kindly provide
your contact details. No Mass times or
dates can be guaranteed. Mass Envelopes
are available from stewards at the church.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Psalm 105:47)

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.

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

(Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

Moses said to the people: '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 94:1-2, 6-9 response v9)

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

1. 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.**

2. Come in; let us kneel 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.**

3. 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

(1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

I would like to see you all free from 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 around 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

(cf Matthew 11:25)

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 followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came, Jesus 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption, Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(cf Psalm 30:17-18)

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation, true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**