

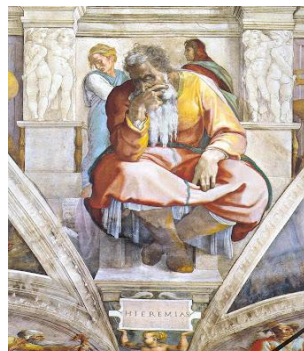
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 2022

Jeremiah as Foreshadowing Christ

Doing God's will isn't easy. Especially when it involves criticizing a people who have become complacent in their faith or who feel they are above reproach. Jeremiah is an excellent example of a prophet with a difficult assignment. A little more than one hundred years earlier Isaiah had told Jerusalem they would survive Assyria's invasion because God promised to protect David's city (see Is 29:1-8). Now Jeremiah must announce the opposite. Because of the Judeans' unrepentant sinfulness, God was evicting them from the Promised Land, and Babylon was to be the instrument of this justice. Jeremiah's job was to tell a people who presumed they were indestructible that their defeat was at hand. The authorities in Jerusalem considered his words blasphemy and sedition; they attempted to kill him several times (see Jer 11-18 and chapters 20 and 26). The reading today shows us God encouraging the prophet to remain steadfast in the face of such pressure.

Jeremiah serves as a type for Christ (a foreshadowing of Christ), who will also face hostile opposition to his message. Today's Gospel reading is one of the more extreme examples. Here Jesus' preaching in his hometown of Nazareth goes painfully awry when he declares that the message of salvation proclaimed by Isaiah (read last week) is fulfilled in his ministry. His own townspeople reject the idea that a carpenter's son in their town could be their saviour. The Nazarenes resemble the Judeans who opposed Jeremiah and also those of us today who resist God's will, even when it is preached directly to us.

Both of these readings challenge us to be aware of and open to God's will, regardless of how difficult it may be to hear. They also encourage us to take up God's message and proclaim it as best we can, whatever the consequence may be.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 30th January 2022 (Cycle C)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 30 th January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Monday 31 st January	St John Bosco, Priest
Wednesday 2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord – Feast
Thursday 3 rd February	St Anne Line, Martyr
Saturday 5 th February	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
Sunday 6 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

Season of the Year before Lent

This season does not celebrate any particular aspect of the mysteries of the Christ, but rather the mystery of Christ himself in his fullness is recalled especially on Sundays. During this ordinary time (winter), i.e., up to the Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the word of God; Christian unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 30 th January	10.00 am	Eamon Shanahan – RIP/Anni (donor May Shanahan)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 31 st January	9.00 am	Kathy Forsyth – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Tuesday 1 st February	9.00 am	Maura Meadway – RIP/Anni (donor – Mandy Meadway)
Wednesday 2 nd February	9.00 am	Brenda Door – Seriously Ill (FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION)
Thursday 3 rd February	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 4 th February	9.00 am	Peter Murray – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Saturday 5 th February	9.00 am	
Sunday 6 th February	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to a time of listening – of listening deeply to each other as we walk side by side, telling our stories of faith. This is what our ‘Synodal Journey’ means, simply journeying together. He describes it in this way: *“Synodality is the way of being the church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.”*

Every voice matters on this journey, and the Church wants to hear from you. The attached questions are designed to help you reflect a little on your own experience of faith, particularly during the pandemic, and to share individually your hopes and dreams for the future. They are designed to complement the Parish Synodal Conversations and the Listening Events around the Diocese. You may want to “pray” through the questions before

you answer them. Once completed, please return your answers via email or to our Parish Office, and what you write will contribute to our Parish's feedback to the Diocesan Synodal Team. Thank you for your generosity in responding in this way. Fr. Britto

Hearty welcome to La Salette Missionaries

As I am away on a Spiritual Retreat from 29th January to 10th February, I have asked Fr. Mariusz and Fr. Krysz to help us with the Masses. Do welcome them and remember me in your kind prayers. Fr. Britto

Peter Fagin – RIP

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Peter Fagin, having just lost his wife Anne before Christmas. Please remember them both in your prayers and also pray for the family at this very sad time.

First Holy Communion

Please note that the Reconciliation Service planned for Saturday 5th February will have to be rescheduled for Saturday 12th February, as Father will be on a Retreat. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parish Finance:

The collection for 16.01.22 was as follows:

Gift Aid: £59 Loose Plate: £89.50 Total £148.50

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

BCYS February Youth Mass with Talk from Million Minutes

February Youth Mass: our next Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3rd February at Brentwood Cathedral, Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7.30pm. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information please see www.bcys.net

Sponsored Sleepout

“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of April 8th to the morning of April 9th, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout; Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org”

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing

josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information, please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February. (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Thresholds of Hope Question

What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith? Input will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on Sundays 23rd and 30th January 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Opportunities within our Diocesan schools

Head of School - St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

L8 - L12 Required for September 2022.

The Governing Body are seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated person to help lead St Joseph's, South Woodham Ferrers which, along with St Francis, Maldon which constitute the Federation of Christ The King. Deadline for applications: 9:00 am on Friday 28th January 2022. For further information please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

Headteacher - Holy Cross Primary School, Harlow

Starting salary L17 – L23 (£63,745 - £73,660). Required for September 2022.

The Governors of Holy Cross invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably-qualified practising Catholics, to play a key role in the leadership and management of our school to continue to build on our successes. Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 21st February 2022. For further information please contact Karen Slater, PA to Headteacher, on 01279 424452 to arrange this. Alternatively if you would like an application pack please contact Karen Slater by email: karenslater@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk.

Further details of these vacancies and other are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

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Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)
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Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
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Church & Hall Caretaker; Mike Dineen (07415 727926)

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