

# Today's Readings

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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.

### THE 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."'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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**

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**

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 me work. **R**

### SECOND READING (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.

### 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)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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**

## Readings for Next Week

**Job7:1-4, 6-7**

**Psalms 146:1-6**

**St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Mark 1:29-39**

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# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:15 am - Sarah (McDermott) Lynch RIP

11:15 am - Annie Ede RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

2:30 pm - Malayalam Mass

5:00 pm - in Italian

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

10:00 am - Phil & Derek Humphries RIP

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

10:00 am - Maisie Shalloo RIP

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

*St John Bosco*

10:00 am - Mary Easter RIP FM

1:00 pm - in Polish

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

*Feria*

**No Mass**

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

*The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)*

10:00 am - Deceased Members of the Carroll & Goulder

Families

11:30 am - Funeral Service for Mary Rose Macklin

1:00 pm - in Polish

7:00 pm - Intentions of the Finan Family

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

*St Blaise*

10:00 am - In Thanksgiving Benz Joseph

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Deceased members of the

McLoughlin Family

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:15 am - People of the Parish

11:15 am - Ian Cooper RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

5:00 pm - in Italian

## Useful Contacts

### Parish Office

01403-253667  
Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Trish Fitzsimmons | Cozette Rice

### Safeguarding

Trish Fitzsimmons

### Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

### St John's Primary School

Toria Bono | 01403-265447

### St Robert Southwell Primary School

James Field | 01403-252357

### St. Wilfrid's Catholic

Comprehensive, Crawley  
Headteacher Mike Ferry  
01293 421 421

### Parish Mission Group

Chair to be announced soon

### Chair of Parish Finance

David Innes  
innesgen@btinternet.com

## Last Week's Collection

£1,917.51

## Second Collection

No Collection

## Thank You

You could add 25p to every £1  
you give by joining Gift Aid.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Desmond Wilson of the Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans) to our parish. Fr. Desmond will make a Mission Appeal to support their work and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for this purpose.

The order was founded in France in 1703. Over 300 years on there are 3000 professed / lay associate Spiritans, drawn from all continents carrying out their mission of evangelisation in over 60 countries.

I know you will welcome Fr. Desmond with the same warmth and appreciation as you have past Mission Appeals and that your generosity will be as good as you are able to offer.

On Friday we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, (Candlemas) This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple "to present him to the Lord" Simeon identifies the baby Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf Luke 2: 2-35)

This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New Jesus enters the ancient temple, He who is the new Temple of God: He comes to visit His people, thus bringing to fulfilment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation.

After this Feast the Crib will be removed, therefore do take the opportunity to visit. We have not to date called for a collection for the Crib, therefore if you wish to make an offering this weekend through to Friday is an opportunity to do so.

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank all who have offered prayers and offers of support me and my wife Lyn, who remains in Intensive Care. Prayer is a powerful medium which does bring about change. Please continue to keep Lyn in your prayers.

Parish and Diocesan Notices

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** - Our 9:15 Children's Liturgy group are in need of support. They need a couple more adults to help with guiding the children in their learning of the Gospel. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Jon Gulliver 07515 688117, or Annamaria Shipton 07932 750099.

those who have moved on to school. If you no longer have a pre-school child/grandchild but would like to help you would be made VERY welcome too. Please support this group who have been part of our Parish Community for many years now.

**ST JOHN'S TODDLER GROUP** meets in the hall on Wednesdays in term time from 10.00-11.30am. New members are always welcome, indeed the survival of the group relies on new members replacing

**DAY ON THE EUCHARIST - PREPARATION FOR ADOREMUS AND WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**, 10 Feb St John's Church hall Horsham 9.00-1.00pm. Please register any interest at the parish office.

Sacraments & Liturgical Life

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2018 - WHEN PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM, PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DAYS AND TIMES OF BAPTISMS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH:** Baptisms in St. John's Parish will be celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 12noon or 1:30pm and on 2nd and 4th Sundays on each month at 3pm.

**MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - ALL MARRIAGES WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD NEED A MINIMUM OF A YEAR'S NOTICE BY ORDER OF THE BISHOP.** Please email the Parish Office for preliminary enquiry.

**CONFESSIONS** - Fridays after the Mass until 11:00 am. Saturdays at 10:30 am to 11:00 am; 5:20 pm to 5:45 pm.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA KILBRIDE AT 07766712195**

**ADORATION** - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:15 am to 9:45 am. (ends with simple Benediction). Friday and Saturday at 10:30 am to 11:00 am (ends with Solemn Benediction).

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS** - The day on Saturday, 3rd February will be led by Bishop Richard and will take place at St Bernadette's Church, Tilgatte Way, Crawley RH10 5BS from 11am-4pm. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read and the use of microphones. There will also be Lectio Divina and Mass. Arrivals, tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. *Booking is essential as places are limited! To book: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293 651164.*

**CANTILENA CONCERT AT ST JOHN'S, 8PM SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY. CAROLS FOR CANDLEMAS** - A beautiful programme including Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Monteverdi and Britten's ceremony of carols for female voices accompanied by local harpist Heather Wrighton. Tickets £12 (children £5) cantilena.info@gmail.com 01403 275489. [www.cantilenachoir.jimdo.com](http://www.cantilenachoir.jimdo.com).

**CALLED BY NAME RETREAT** - Called by Name is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ. The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318.

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE NEXT CHILWORTH DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE**, around the theme 'The Kingdom of God is at Hand.' given by Laurence O'Keefe O.S.B. on Sat, 17th of February 2018. The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, the Divine Mercy Devotion, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with the

Sacrament of Healing and departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch, and, if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com).

**LOURDES REDSHIRTS 26TH JULY TO 3RD AUGUST 2018** - If you have a child at secondary school in year 10 or 11 who is thinking of going to Lourdes as a Redshirt in July 2018, and you would like to join in the St John's Parish fundraising efforts, please speak to Fr Aaron or contact the parish office as soon as possible for further information.

**BISHOP RICHARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN WITH THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS:** 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/) If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team [wmof2018@dabnet.org](mailto:wmof2018@dabnet.org).

**PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE** - Monday 8 - Friday 12 October 2018. Led by Fr Aaron & Fr Richard. Flights from Gatwick to the Eternal city and good hotel accommodation near St Peter's Basilica. Bed, breakfast and lunch or dinner out and daily Masses and devotions and wonderful visits. £790. Please let Fr Aaron know [fr.spinelli@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fr.spinelli@yahoo.co.uk) ASAP if you are interested in joining our group.

Let us pray for

Please pray for the sick, Stella Walls, Alison Roberts, Lyn Murray and Helen Hazell and for those with Dementia and their families.

Please pray for Mary Rose Macklin and the Holy Souls.

Other Announcements

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MISSION APPEAL**

**NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

Coffee this weekend is served by the SVP.