

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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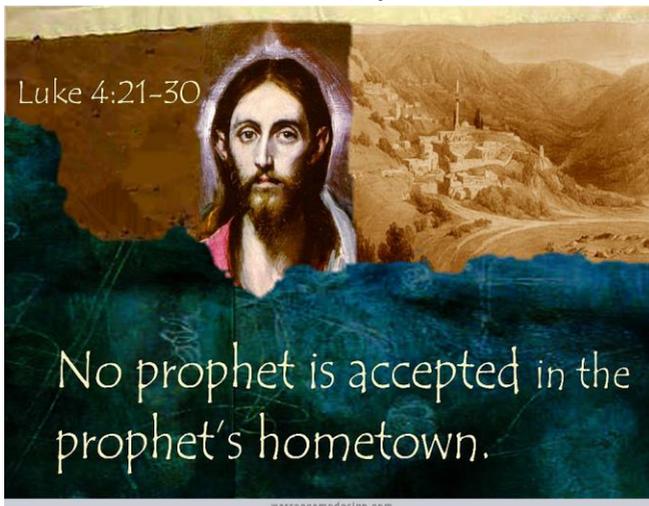


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Registered as a Charity. No 234216

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C



3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

Mass Book: Page 132 Psalter Week 4

### Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17 *resp v15*

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

## Mass Times

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6:00pm	Mass	Odette Hawkins & Bengué family
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Mass	Patsy Durkin
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30am	Mass	
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30am	Mass	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO MASS		
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30 am	<b>Eucharistic Service &amp; Liturgy of the Word</b>	
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00pm	Mass	Josefa Mabanta
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30am	Mass	Rose Byrne
		10:30am	Mass	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

**Offertory Collection:** *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 27.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 256.83 **Contactless £30.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 59.50 (NGA) £ 10.00 Loose £ 93.87

**Standing Orders for January:** £3,058.00 Many thanks.

**Contactless Payments:** You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

*You can also register your Credit/Debit card for Gift Aid purposes.*

**Please pray for:** *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis. *If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

*Those who have died:*

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

Bannie Robins, Francis Sheppard, Gilbert Geoghegan, Bernard Cookson, Johanna Casey. *May they rest in peace*

### **Church Lighting scheme** – *thank you for your understanding and patience*

The Lighting scheme is now finished and I am very pleased with the results. We can now see our beautiful Church in all its glory. We were delayed by factors outside our control and stupidity! I'm sure Sacred Heart Church in Birmingham were very surprised to receive 'a delivery of lights for your building work'.

Once again, I thank you for your support and patience.

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Preparation sessions for those not attending Sacred Heart Primary School will start shortly. Therefore, I would like to invite any candidates for Confirmation to apply.

The forms are at the back of the Church.

### **CAFOD Supporters' event – all warmly welcome**

Hear about some of the hardest to reach most vulnerable communities in the world like those in Sierra Leone and Liberia and how your support is empowering them to overcome poverty:

- **Sat 9 Feb** – 10am – 12:30pm - Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, **Oxford** OX4 2ND

Please book a place – 01494 863 777 or [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk)

### **Parish Financial Report 2018** – *thank you for your generosity!*

Today we publish our financial accounts for 2018, please take a copy from the back of the Church. The finance committee would strongly encourage anyone who is a tax payer to sign a Gift Aid form to enable the parish to claim the Tax you have already paid.

### **Change in Mass Times** – *Thursday and Friday*

Please note the change in Mass times this week as I'm at my nephew's confirmation. Yes, 7pm on a weeknight in February. We don't know how lucky we are !!!

### **Contactless Payments**

We now accept all major credit/debit cards as well as Apple Pay.

Just select from one of three pre-set amounts = £5, £10, £20.

Put your card by the card-reader, and wait for the beep = it's done.

### **Volunteer Opportunity – Evening Receptionist in Woodley for Marriage Care**

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? Would you also welcome some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is helping our vital relationship counselling service? We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries please contact: Sue Cooper 07939495774 or email [reading.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org)

## Towards a Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan.

The Archbishop's vision for the future of the Archdiocese.

At our Diocesan Clergy Day last month, Archbishop Bernard offered his vision for the future of the Archdiocese, which is called *Unfolding God's Plan*.

He began by placing the Archdiocese in the greater context of the Church itself:

The Church is **one**. This unity is not primarily the unity of its members but lies in the uniting activity of Christ himself who gathers his people and brings about their unity of mind in the Holy Spirit. In a similar manner the Church is **holy**, because of the sanctifying activity of Christ acting upon sinners. The Church is **catholic**, on the strength of the catholicity and universality of our Lord. It is rooted in the rule of Christ. The Church is **apostolic**, founded by Christ's apostles in the power of the Holy Spirit, but it lies first with Christ himself.

These 'four marks' – one – holy – catholic – apostolic – will be decisive to direct our diocesan priorities for the next five to ten years, because they must be lived. This has profound implications for Priestly ministry:

As the Church is **one**, so the priest is the promoter of **unity**, engaged in uniting his own local parish and his congregation with other parishes and other denominations. He is the promoter of unity. By illustration, I was delighted to spend all day Monday with the ministers of the *Churches Together in Henley* for a day of recollection. I led a prayerful reflection on the text of John 17: '*may they all be one*'.

As the Church is **holy**, so the priest is called to make his own life an example of **holiness**, through both his personal holiness as well as his priestly ministry. He is a sanctifier of his people, especially through their sacramental life. It should be remembered that holiness is primarily a gift from God. Not earned or merited, rather a 'heart speaking to a heart' to misquote Cardinal Newman. That is why we ask you to pray for your priests.

As the Church is **catholic**, the priest's **catholicity**, shaped by his consciousness of the will of God that all should be saved, lies at the heart of priestly life, witness and work, directed especially towards those who are poor, in trouble, sick or less fortunate. Therefore, he looks beyond the Catholic Church or 'Catholics' and is open to everyone with whom he comes into contact.

As the Church is **apostolic**, the priest's **apostolicity** comes from his faithfulness – in his teaching and ministry, and his zeal to preach the Word of God and evangelize outside as well as within the confines of his own parish.

There is no place for ego, self-importance or narrow-mindedness in this vision; because as the marks of the Church are the marks of Christ, so these marks of Priesthood are the marks of Christ the High Priest. Please pray for me.

Fr Paul