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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - **I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9 - ***O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'***

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - **Give your undivided attention to the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation - Mt11:25 - **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 - **Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority**

Listening to God's voice

This Sunday's readings are about listening, discerning the voice of God. I can not think of anything more important nor anything more worthy of patience, prayer, and communal reflection. Our first reading from Deuteronomy shows this dynamic, that it is God who chooses prophets, not people who choose to be prophets. That is very important distinction.

Our responsorial psalm then asks us, "when God speaks are you listening?" Maybe we can be a bit more nuanced here and say, "Do you create time and space to be open to God?" We can not just make a demand upon God and say, "I am listening". Instead, we must quiet ourselves and create an internal disposition, an openness to God-letting God communicates with us in God's way and in God's time.

After all, as Psalm 139 says: "before you were knit together in your mother's womb, I knew you. So, God knows us and knows how to communicate with us. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

When you quiet yourself and listen, you might be surprised. You may discover a prophetic voice or a special calling. You may also find that you are loved and that what you are doing is valued. You may even find an answer to a problem that has weighed upon you. Whatever the case, when you create this time and space, you are building a deeper relationship with God.

How do you listen to the Voice God?

Fr. Henry

Adoration

available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedds

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul

10am - 12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford

8:45am - 9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, St John the Baptist

9.30am - 1pm (Fri), 7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Baptism Classes

Parents/Guardians please note date for Baptismal classes. All classes are at 7pm in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend the sessions

Please confirm attendance with
Father Henry

12th February

20th March

17th April

15th May

26th June

10th July

14th August

18th September

2nd October

20th November

A Day With Mary

Pilgrimage to Fatima in June

Further details are available on the
parish website

Prayers will be offered for your
intentions

Marriage Care

Catholic Marriage Counselling
Marriage Preparation

www.marriagecare.org.uk

National telephone appointment
service **0800 389 3801**

BCYS YOUTH MASS

***Thursday 1st February, 6pm
at Brentwood Cathedral***

Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm.

Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming just email info@bcys.net

Vacancies

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for an **SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and Classroom Support Assistants**

These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential

For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in.

Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check

www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Headteacher

St Helen's Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea

Closing Date: 9:00am, Fri 2nd Feb

Headteacher

St Joseph's Primary School, Canvey Island

Closing Date: 12:00pm, Wed 7th Feb

Headteacher

St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row

Closing Date: 12:00pm, Mon 12th Feb

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith

If you are interested or wish to find out more about the process, please can you give your details to Fr Henry, and someone will contact you to arrange an informal meeting to discuss your interest

Lily Brolly RIP

A much loved parishioner at St. Bede's parish for many years, sadly passed away recently

We offer our prayerful sympathy to all her family at this sad time

Her funeral will be held on Friday 2nd February 2024 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Windhill, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2ND

Followed by refreshments in the church hall, for those who would like to attend.

The funeral will be streamed online at <https://rcstortford.org.uk>

May she rest in the peace of Christ and rise to eternal glory

Confirmation 2024

This is for school Y9 and above

Forms can be collected after the 11am mass on
28th January & 4th February

Candidates to return forms on **11th February** after the 11am mass where further information will be given for about 20 minutes

Parents to also attend

Donations

20th/21st January

Envelopes: £608.30

Loose Plate: £237.16

Standing Orders November: £1255.00

Standing Orders December: £1150.00

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

Mass Intentions

27th January to 4th February

Saturday 27th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Shirley Geaney (RIP)
Sunday 28th	9.00am	For Racial Justice
	11.00am	For Racial Justice
Monday 29th	9.00am	William and Billy Mc Carroll (RIP)
Tuesday 30th	9.00am	Marie Charles (RIP)
Wednesday 31st	9.00am	Martin Elie (RIP)
Thursday 1st	9.00am	For souls in purgatory
Friday 2nd	9.00am	For Diocesan Priests.
Saturday 3rd	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	For Parishioners
Sunday 4th	9.00am	Sebastiana Alfred (RIP)
	11.00am	Fr. Noh (RIP)

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Annie Childs
Bruce May, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Rachel Antonella Rizzo, Micky Bennett
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman Kevin Madden
Joe Travasso, Rizzo Enzo, Emily Pougnet, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel



Anniversaries

Paul Kabena Damoah, William Joughin, Mary Hession
Annie Maguire, Andrew Murray, Richard Duggan, Bill Knight
Michael Coen, Margaret Ford, Bill Moore, Bertie Gomez, Frank Gillen, Henry Holmes
Nora O'Sullivan, Margaret O'Shea, Cecil Hopgood, Bernard Duffy, Edwin Harper
Leo Higgins, Frances Chard, Eileen Horgan, Terence Croly, Christopher Duncombe
Jacqueline Doyle, Cyril McNamara, George Letelli, Thomas Hession, Judith Clarke
Laura O'Dwyer, Bernard Coughlan, Hazel Langston, Jacqueline Scott, Mary McGrath
Margaret Kelly, Eileen Pinner

May they rest in Peace