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SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	29TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	Members of the Glenn family
SATURDAY	29TH	18:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	30TH	08:30	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	
	30TH	10:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	30TH	12:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	
	30TH	18:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	João F Mendonca RIP
MONDAY	31ST	10:00	St John Bosco	Memorial	Our Lady of Sorrows
TUESDAY	1ST	10:00		Feria	
WEDNESDAY	2ND	10:00	The Presentation of the Lord	Memorial	Bruno Romano RIP
THURSDAY	3RD	10:00	St Laurence of Canterbury	Memorial	
FRIDAY	4TH	10:00	St Henry Morse	Memorial	The Holy Family
SATURDAY	5TH	10:00	St Agatha	Memorial	

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]


OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS



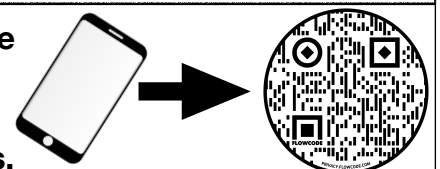
We pray for Rosa Sagona, Antonio Lanzon, Evelyn Drisdale and Bruno Romano who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Gorman, Ellen Boyle, Michael Kirwin, Marina Barretta, Muriel King, George Alvarados and Alicia Dias De Zamorano. We remember the people of the Ukraine who remain under the threat of invasion and all who are potentially at risk from the consequences of war. May they be protected from harm and may the diplomatic efforts of those negotiating peace bear fruit.

This coming Wednesday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord or "Candlemas". The latter name for the feast emerged in the medieval period with the custom of Churches blessing all the candles to be used and candles were given out and lighted during the liturgy. The reason for this is - as we will remember on Wednesday as we hear the Gospel account - Simeon prophesied that Jesus Christ will be "a light to enlighten the Gentiles". This small detail is a timely and helpful reminder to us that Jesus is the light for all nations and peoples and - in an era in which belief is treated as a private activity - we are called to publicly profess our faith. In youth group on Sundays we finish our time together by entering the Church and one boy and one girl is chosen to light a candle in front of Our Lady as we ask for her prayers for them for the coming week. The union of light and Our Lady is - when we think about it - central to the feast of the Presentation: Simeon made his prophecy to her and - without her - the Lord Jesus would neither have been born nor spread His word throughout the earth. We share in the vocation of Our Lady as we are meant to be those through whom Jesus' message is communicated: we bring His light to others. Let us ask ourselves this week how we're doing this. Where might we need grace to improve in our witness of charity? Let us ask Our Lady for her help!

Parish Offertory

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PARISH NEWS

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON TO VISIT CORPUS CHRISTI NEXT SUNDAY AT 10AM:

Archbishop John will visit us on **Sunday 6th February 2022** and celebrate the **10am Mass**. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** There will be a reception afterwards in the Hall and thanks to all who will play their part in providing wonderful liturgy and hospitality... On that note... **UPDATE:** Savoury cooking is being provided at the reception but **please bring a plate of something sweet for all to share!**

RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued guidance - approved by public health officials - last week which acknowledges the tension that exists as we move from a pandemic to a virus becoming endemic within the population. That tension is between the risk of infection and the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle. With this in mind they remind us that the best mitigation against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated: all are encouraged to get vaccinated. If someone is displaying symptoms of COVID they are encouraged to stay at home and follow government guidance on testing and isolation. The main practical implications for our parish are as follows:

- Holy Communion is still to be distributed under one kind only and the sign of peace omitted.
- Those attending Church may wear face coverings but it is no longer a legal requirement to do so.
- Holy Water is now available in the stoups which can be used upon entering and leaving Church.

OUR CHAIRS AND CHURCH ENTRANCE: I want to say a huge "thank you" to the parishioners who have made it possible for us to replace our Hall chairs. I hope you'll agree it makes the space a lot larger, lighter and more pleasant. Our entrance lawn has had gravel laid on it as - with the large rock immediately under the surface - re-laying grass was impossible and the space was very muddy. I'm grateful to one of our landscape-gardening parishioners for their kindness and beautiful work.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Fr Victor Darlington - Chair of the Archbishop's Commission for Promoting Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion - spoke at our recent AGM and his words were inspiring. We were the first parish in our Archdiocese to invite him to speak! He has been in touch personally to ask for our support of Racial Justice Sunday which will take place on **Sunday 13th February 2022**. There will be a Mass - celebrated by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral at 10am - and a reception. It would be good for a group of delegates from our parish to attend. Please [get in touch with me](#) if you are able to represent our parish at the event. It provides an opportunity to meet with leaders of the various Ethnic Chaplancies and inspire one another to eliminate prejudice.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth since it is prayed by Jesus Himself as He offers Himself up on our behalf to the Father. Each Mass is offered for a particular intention and - you will notice from this Newsletter - that they are listed there each week: you'll also notice that we don't have many at present! You can arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention by taking an envelope from the Church porch in which you can place a donation which forms a significant part of a priest's annual income. Mass cards can be purchased from the office which are signed by the priest and can be sent to relatives who are in mourning.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: Thank you to our families who currently prepare and then clear away our coffee morning after the 10am in the Hall. **Please get in touch** if you would be willing to take a turn in running the coffee morning as it would be good to resurrect the rota and spread the load!