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SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	30TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Maureen Reid RIP
SATURDAY	31st	18:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	Christopher Hernandez
SUNDAY	31ST	08:30	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	Peter Wilson RIP
		10:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	Pro Populo
		12:00	Fourth Sunday	Solemnity	Anibal Dos Santos
MONDAY	1st		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	2nd	10:00	The Presentation	<i>Feast</i>	Ashley Rita
WEDNESDAY	3rd	10:00	St Blaise	<i>Memorial</i>	Maureen Reid RIP
THURSDAY	4th	10:00	Feria	<i>Feria</i>	The Holy Family
FRIDAY	5th	10:00	St Agatha	<i>Memorial</i>	Angele Falle
SATURDAY	6th	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Katrina Fleming RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL


CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.



We pray for Katrina Fleming and Joscelyn Ferdinand Haughton-James who died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for all our politicians in local and national government as they work to ensure provision for the most vulnerable at the current time. May the difficult decisions they have to make be inspired by genuine concern for those whose welfare is at risk in light of exasperating circumstances.

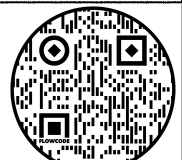
Whenever we keep the memorial of St Blaise the traditional blessing of the throat is offered to each individual who attends Mass. It is important for us to reflect on the value we place upon the act of blessing within the Catholic Church. Invoking the blessing of those who have gone before us and lived lives of great holiness is an essential part of the process of saints being declared. St Blaise is believed to have miraculously cured a child who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. It was, therefore, a natural consequence that those who knew of his goodness asked - as we ask our friends and families - for help in overcoming maladies they knew that he (by virtue of his gift) could assist them with. When a priest is ordained he traditionally offers his first blessing and you’ll remember Fr Dermott blessed so many of you in our garden after he celebrated Mass last Summer. These blessings are intrinsic to our Catholic faith: consistently found within the tradition and as important today as ever. I rejoice at so many of you approaching me to have your rosaries and water blessed because it reveals faith: a sincere belief that God - through the action of his unworthy minister - wants to act (and will act) to bless us so we may bear fruit. May we continue to believe in the power of His blessings!

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PARISH NEWS

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday for all Catholics in the UK. It is a time when we reflect upon the message of the Gospel that we are all brothers and sisters: resources are available [here](#). Racial discrimination in all its forms is something we - as a Church - should passionately and persistently oppose. To this effect, our Archbishop John Wilson - in the wake of the brutal murder of George Floyd in the states and the subsequent protests - established a Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. This is chaired by Fr Victor Darlington - parish priest of Sacred Heart, Camberwell and is working to assist parishes in their efforts to combat racial discrimination. We discussed this issue in our recent Parish Council Meeting and I was to meet before lockdown with a group of parishioners to discuss our response. Let us pray that we - as a diverse parish - will communicate ever more effectively the need for racial justice.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD JESUS: This coming Tuesday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus. **Mass will be at 10am.** We reflect upon this feast often when we say the fourth Joyful mystery of the rosary and it marks for us the end of the Christmas season. The feast recalls the first shedding of Our Lord's blood as he venerated the old covenant in being circumcised as the law required. It marks a change in liturgical mood as we now have in mind how he was born to shed his blood for us on the cross: our Christmas trees and crib will be taken down and we continue in what is described as "ordinary time before Lent". If you want an opportunity to pray in front of our crib the last opportunity will be this Saturday between 4 and 6pm.

MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS: This Wednesday is the memorial of St Blaise whom we call upon to protect us (or to heal us) from all maladies of the throat. The blessing will be offered to all who wish to receive it after Mass has ended.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!" This period of lockdown is not easy. It has affected our lives in many ways and may have exposed how difficult we find it to pray. In preparation for the season of Lent - in which we're invited to go deeper in our prayer lives - I will give a talk on the subject of prayer. It will be possible to come (with a limited number of places available as per Sunday Mass) and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be streamed live via YouTube and Facebook. **The talk will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm.** Please Save The Date! I will link to the booking system in the Newsletter when bookings go live. I look forward to our being together in person and online as we spend time together asking the Lord Jesus to teach us and help us do what He prioritised while on earth and calls us to do in order that we may grow in His love.

WORSHIPPING SAFELY TOGETHER: The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended and you are not obliged to come to Mass. If you are clinically vulnerable you should stay at home!

WEEKDAY MORNING CHURCH OPENING, ADORATION AND MASS: Mass will be at 10am.

MONDAYS:	CLOSED	
TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS:	Adoration (9am-10am)	Mass (10am)
SATURDAYS:	No Adoration	Mass (10am)
WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS:	Private Prayer (4pm-6pm)	