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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial Justice Sunday) – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm – O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel – Mark 1:21-28

This Sunday we are praying and are called to act in accordance with the Gospel to show everyone that we are all brothers and sisters of the same God. The very existence of a Racial Justice Sunday is a reminder that the Gospel is not lived, and that the message hasn't reached the hearts of so many. It is always easy to say it's the society, or that group or another, but transformation of society begins with my own. Do I really relate to every person I come across as a brother or sister? Changing one's attitude and letting go of prejudices requires our constant reflection and humility in acknowledging what lies within our hearts.

The Gospel reminds us that the Lord comes with power to expel the evil from within us. God wishes us to see the truth of who we are, and that the bond created as a result of being the children of one Father is stronger than any other bond uniting us to one group of people or another. It is sin that blinds us to this reality. We are the ones who need to hear Jesus' words: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Silence is essential for us to listen to God's voice. It is God's Word that reveals to us what is right and wrong, and inspires us to make the right decision. It is the Lord who will unmask the evil lurking deep within. That is Good News of His presence.

Let us also remember that we can sin not only by what we do, but also by omitting what we could have done. Lack of action can be just as sinful as doing something. As a parish community, aware of the different countries we represent, we need to act on the Gospel message and grow in our ability to welcome others into our home. It may not be a comfortable experience, we need to move a bit and make room, to adjust, to let go of something in the process. One thing we could do is to go on our parish website, look at the result of our parish survey, see where we all come from, and marvel how the Lord has brought us together under one roof at Greyfriars. As we reflect on what the Lord has done, pray for one another and all those families and countries we all represent, and ask the Lord to help us be brothers and sisters to one another.

**YouTube & Twitter** – Please take a look at our expanding presence online and make use of the resources that are available to us. Links on our website.

**Parish donations** – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time. More details will follow soon. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and support.

**Racial Justice Sunday** – For reflections and resources for Racial Justice Sunday look up [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Amalia Bereznyj R.I.P.** – We are praying for the repose of the soul of Amalia who died recently. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Amalia's burial will take place this Wednesday at noon.

### **Mass Times and Intentions**

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

##### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|         |                                       |
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| 9.00am  | Hendry Cunha (Birthday)               |
| 11.00am | Nazorio Jose Tilman de Andrade R.I.P. |
| 5.30pm  | Americo Farragoto Samio R.I.P.        |

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

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| 7.30am | Helen Towey R.I.P. |
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#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

##### **The Presentation of the Lord (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)**

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| 7.30am | Thanksgiving for Marriage |
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#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

##### **St. Blaise**

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| 7.30am | Winnie & Tommy Gildea R.I.P. |
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#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **St. Joseph of Leonissa**

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| 7.30am | Mateus Maia R.I.P. |
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#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **St. Agatha**

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| 7.30am | Józef Mikuśkiewicz R.I.P. |
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#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

##### **Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki & Comps.**

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| 8.00am | Stanisława & Helena Gronostaj R.I.P.          |
| 6.30pm | Franciscan Missionaries of Mary & Benefactors |

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.