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### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm – My lips will tell of your help.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel – Luke 4:21-30

Jesus won the approval of all, and instead of glorying in the applause of the people, he went on to speak a bit more. He began to put words into people's mouths and told them a few home truths – a few minutes later and the same crowd was enraged. Surely it would've been better to say something nice, more appealing. Something about love might do. St. Paul speaks about it in the second reading. He lists the qualities of love and reminds us what we should keep in mind when we use that word. Love is to be patient and kind, never jealous / boastful / conceited / rude / selfish, ready to excuse, trustful, hopeful, enduring whatever comes, delighting in the truth.

We all remember bits of that list and yet often when someone reminds us of that list in a conversation it may feel like we're being attacked. We might feel that our weaknesses are being pointed out to us, the way we lack the real thing, that a point is being made. Something along the lines of what the crowd experienced in the Gospel. His truth made people very uncomfortable and they reacted, it wasn't the fault of the message.

In order for us to be open and learn to love as St. Paul describes it, we need to cultivate a spirit that is slow to take offence. Knowing that God knows every detail about us, that He has set us apart and appointed us for a particular mission in this life that no one else can fulfil, and that He is with us to deliver us, can go a long way to strengthen us at those times when we need it most. If the Lord knows the truth about me, there is no need for me to react and defend myself at all costs and in every situation – He is there to ensure we will not be overcome. His presence will become our inner strength and the source of our confidence and boldness.

**The Synod** – More details about this can be found on our diocesan website [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) and on our own website. Put **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon** or **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm** in your diary and attend one of those meetings if you can. Meetings will last for a maximum of 1hr30mins. These meetings are open for all and we hope they will become a start of our communal reflection on our understanding of the Church, our role within the Church and our own mission. As Pope Francis encourages us, most of all we hope this space will become a place where we can listen to the Spirit and one another. Apart from the meetings, if you would like to respond to the questions set out by the diocese via email, or letter, please do so and forward all your responses to the parish office. **Meetings will take place in the parish hall.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday** – This coming Friday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. We will be having our Mass for the sick at 3.30pm, followed by a chance to receive the Anointing of the Sick, and a time of adoration and prayer in honour of the Sacred Heart.

**Confirmation Programme 2022** – A reminder that our Confirmation course will begin next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am in the church. We ask the parish community to pray for all those who will be beginning their time of preparation and for their families.

**Church & Hall Update** – As you can see, the work has begun on doing essential repairs / maintenance of our church and hall. We are also looking into the details of the proposals for the renovation of the hall so that this work can proceed to its next stage. As soon as we have an update on those, we will let you know. If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Covid Update** – The latest guidelines can be read in full on our website. Holy water is now back at the entrance of the church as you go in and leave. Our hymn books will also be returning – please note you are still encouraged to wear a face covering if intending to sing. We will also be resuming the practice of exchanging the sign of peace – be mindful of others who may not feel comfortable shaking hands yet! Due to currently high number of infections the priests will continue distributing the host on the hand only. For the time being, we will also keep the side aisles socially distanced as they are now. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Pauline Richards R.I.P.** – We are praying for the repose of the soul of Pauline Richards. Her funeral will take place in Andover on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, followed by burial in Liverpool on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** – We ask the parish community to pray for all children and their families, who are now preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this summer. May this time of preparation be a time of renewal in the life of faith.

**Accommodation for a family** – A young family of four are in urgent need of accommodation in Oxford. They require two bedrooms and a rent of preferably no more than £1000 per month. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

**Rosary Prayer Group** – We meet every Friday evening at 7pm in the church to pray the rosary. Join us when you can. All welcome.

**Altar servers** – If your child would like to serve at the altar, please get in touch with Br. Martin M or Br. Martin S. This is for children who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and older. Training will be provided once we have a list of interested children.

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company** – There are a number of positions advertised by the MAC. Please take a look at our notice board at the back of the church for details or take a look at our website to access the documents in full. The Pope Francis Catholic MAC is looking for a Chief Financial Officer, a Primary Lead for School Improvement, and Governance Clerks.

**Church cleaning** – This week we thank Olivia and Angelina for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £388.82

Gift Aid: £41

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

9.00 a.m. Parishioners  
11.00 a.m. Marta Hejzlarova R.I.P.  
5.30 p.m. Nina Joyce & Family

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

***St. John Bosco***

7.30 a.m. Connie Marshall

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Patrick Wilkinson R.I.P.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***Presentation of the Lord***

7.30 a.m. Blessings on the marriage of  
George & Darlene Letey

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***St. Blaise***

7.30 a.m. Epitafio M. Goncalves R.I.P.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Joseph of Leonissa***

7.30 a.m. Nellie Quirke  
3.30 p.m. For the sick

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

***St. Agatha***

8.00 a.m. Terence McDonald R.I.P.  
6.30 p.m. Jacqueline Bayliss R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. 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.