

Sunday 29th January 2017
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Gospel Reflection

The Beatitudes are without question one of the most well-known passages in the Scriptures. And deservedly so. The Jerusalem Bible (which we hear at Mass) translates the Greek word makarios as 'Happy' (I know a priest who refers to this passage as 'the happitudes'), which is not particularly helpful as the English word 'happy' is something we use in many very secular contexts. On the other hand, the word 'blessed', which most translations use, does not include the element of real cheerful joy that the word makarios also implies. So, in your minds, when you hear 'happy', you need to include also 'blessed' in your understanding of what this means.

And 'blessed' carries also another dimension that is important. It is that the state of, for instance, the poor, is not to be happy in this world, but in the next. Or rather in the Kingdom of God, which can be anticipated even here and now, but which will reach its fulness only in the world that is to come. The fact that our Lord says 'happy/blessed *are* the poor' instead of 'happy/blessed *will be* the poor' bears this out.

It all depends on the attitude with which one approaches one's poverty, grief, hunger and thirst for justice &c. Whether this world is a paradise or a hell is very much down to us. One of the saints has said that a believing Christian can make a prison cell into a palace if he or she choose. I suspect that one has to be saint in order to be able to do so, though. That, of course, is precisely the vocation of each and every one of us from the moment of our baptism, and sometimes it is good to remind ourselves of it. In the end, the beatitudes are about the fact that this world is at its root alienated from God, and that it is not the kingdom of God which is topsy-turvy, but the kingdom of this world. That it sounds strange, as laid out in the beatitudes, is only because we are not yet accustomed to see the world as God sees it. We must pray for grace to be able to do so.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 29th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9 & 10:45am Mass
After 9am Mass - Leaven meeting (Comm Rm)
3pm Confirmation Session 2 (Old Hall)
- Mon 30th: Teas & coffee after Mass
2pm SVP Film Club
- Tues 31st: 9:15-11:15am Toddler group (St T hall)
- Wed 1st: 1pm Lunch Club
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Thurs 2nd: 7:30pm SVP meeting (Old Hall))
- Sun 3rd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9 & 10:45am Mass



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound:

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

9am Leaven Meeting

The next meeting of the 9am Leaven Group who represent our 9am Sunday Mass Community is after Sunday 9am Mass. We normally meet in the room above the bar in Father Scarborough's Centenary Hall. If anyone would like to join us please do come along. If anyone has anything they would like us to discuss and can't come then please contact one of the group members - Pat Magnus, Joy Cutler, Moyra Brohier, Cheryl Daly, Frances Roberts, Rosemary Kinman or Richard or Val Williams.



Please pray for the soul of John Dunlop RIP who passed away recently.

John's requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 12pm. May he rest in peace.

TODAY there will be a special collection for Parishes for Peace - Madaba refugee appeal this is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the St Barnabas Society (more information on next page). This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Thank you.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard, he is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

This day on 11 February will be led by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral Centre from 11am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. To book and for more information contact Ruth Gerun: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293651164.

Ministers of Communion

I am organising transport for The day for ministers - with Bishop Richard on 11th Feb in Arundel. There are still spaces available @ £21 pp. Contact Eliz Wood 01883 348081

I am looking for homes for young Italian students, aged 11-14, in Old Coulsdon (1-24 July) and Caterham (6-29 July). We give £18 per student per day and the students have a fully organised programme from Monday to Saturday. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you. Thank you. Rosslyn Hill 01883 381082. rosslynhill@hotmail.com

Do you want to inspire young people and consider training to be an RE teacher in a secondary school? Do you want to discuss possible routes into becoming an RE teacher?

If so then please contact either Sally Dudley, Recruitment Lead at Sussex University (s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University (claire.rooney123@btinternet.com or 07710550339). We are keen to talk with any potential trainees for September 2017 and support you in training with the University of Sussex and would welcome an informal phone call or email.

There is a desk available in the Old Hall for anyone who would like it.



This week – simply Baptism and Confirmation. **Join us** to find out – and our consideration of the readings for next Sunday

All welcome!

8.00p.m. Wednesday 1st February, in the Old Hall

The New Year's lunch for the older members of the Parish on Saturday, January 14th was very much appreciated by everyone there, and they wish to thank Jo Waiton and her team, including the confirmation group and the girls from Woldingham School for such a pleasant occasion. Thank you also to those of you that voluntarily cleared the drive and parking area of snow. It ensured our parishioners could attend the lunch safely.

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		Health & Safety		
		Parking		
		Some Parishioners are parking on the drive regularly		
		during the week. Please can we ask that if you do park on		
		site in the week you park only in the marked bays. Current		
		parking restricts the entrance to the drive and stops larger		
		vehicles and emergency vehicles being able to gain access.		
		Please also ensure that you do not block the disabled		
		bays. They must be accessible to blue badge holders at all		
		times.		
		Candles		
		Please ensure that children are supervised around the		
		candle stands at all times.		
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Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £830.35(Gift Aid: £349.23)



Parish Priest Fr Eyad Bader

Fr Eyad cares for a large Catholic parish, with schools for children from kinder through to senior.

Christians are 2% of Jordan's population and children need to be in Catholic schools.

Madaba is not a wealthy parish and parents need to pay school fees and transport. 60 students are without fathers.



The parish nonetheless has an open door for all who need help. That now includes 110 Christian Iraqi families who came seeking sanctuary in 2014.

60 children are in the school - Caritas pays their fees and the parish helps with food and other essential needs.

Remember the Iraqi Christians in Madaba will be helped with the proceeds of today's leaving collection.

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CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Required Spring Term 2017

Closing date for applications: 21st February

Date for interview: 24th February

Core hours 120 per year

Salary S6/7 £20,628-£27,814 pro rata

The role requires attendance at all Governing Body meetings (flexibility to attend during the day and evening required) including preparation and distribution of documentation. Excellent written and oral communication skills essential.

Please email school office to obtain an application pack.

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.

Parish Film Club (SVP) - Our next film 'The Book Thief' will be shown on Monday 30th January at 2pm in the Old Hall. Based on the best-selling book this film tells the story of a girl who transforms the lives of those around her during World War 2, Germany. It is directed by Brian Percival (Downton Abbey). All are welcome.

SVP Cash4Coins Scheme



A big 'thank you' to all those who donated their leftover holiday foreign currency, or old obsolete coins to this scheme over the last few months.

The donations were turned into cash and raised £107.01 for SVP funds. The money will be used to support SVP projects at home and abroad. Thank you for your support.

We have stopped collecting coins now, but please keep safely any that you may collect over the coming months. We will start up again after the summer holiday period!

Fr Richard Biggerstaff, the director of the St Barnabas Society will be visiting our parish next weekend.

Fr Richard will appeal for the work of the Society which seeks to provide pastoral, financial and practical support to clergy and ministers of other Christian communities who seek full communion with the Catholic Church. In doing this many lose their livelihood and their home. Some of those who make this step eventually go on to be priests in the Catholic Church. In our own diocese of Arundel & Brighton we have benefitted from many priests who were once Anglican clergy. Fr Richard will celebrate our Sunday Masses and looks forward to being with us.

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 1st February is in the old hall this month. Menu is fish and chips and mince tart

& custard for dessert. Tea and coffee plus

raffle to follow. Jo Waiton will contact you for ordering the fish & chips.



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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Pauline's Ints (Ruby)
10:45am Mass	Richard Flaherty RIP
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 30th	
10am Mass	Isabella Peters RIP (MC Hopkins)
Tuesday 31st	ST John Bosco
10am Mass	Ruby's Intentions (G&R Walker)
Wednesday 1st	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
10am Latin Mass	Walter Masservy (foundation)
Thursday 2nd	<i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>
12pm Requiem Mass	John Dunlop RIP
Friday 3rd	
NO MASS	-----
Saturday 4th	
10am Mass	Michael & Theresa Hutching Ints (T Moss)
Sunday 5th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Giuseppe Nelli (Anna)
10:45am Mass	Robert & Eamon Halpin RIP (D Hall)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

every Tuesday 9am to 10am

Rosary -every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

