



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH JANUARY — 5TH FEBRUARY, 2022

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year C • 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time •
Psalter Week 4

AN INVITATION TO SPEAK THE TRUTH ALWAYS

Our vocation as Christians is to speak the truth of the God in our world (to be prophets of the Father in our world), just as Jesus was a prophet of the Father in His world. This is what our baptism and confirmation were all about. The reason is clear. Jesus had said to His followers in the Sermon on the Mountain: “You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

This incident, of course, was not the last encounter of Jesus with hostility. As we read on in the gospels, we discover that the conflicts between Jesus and the religious leaders of Israel intensify. For, just as the townspeople of Nazareth challenged Jesus' prophetic credentials, so the religious leaders of Israel challenged Jesus' orthodoxy time and again. It would finally end with another angry mob shouting their desire for Jesus' fate with the words: “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Jesus would be led to another hill – the hill of Calvary. This time, Jesus would not walk away, but would allow Himself to be submitted to a cruel, painful, and humiliating death - death on the cross.

From all that we have seen so far, we are to be prophets in our own lives too. This in a nutshell involves speaking and teaching the truth. How are we to do this? St. Paul has the only answer for us in the second reading today. Speaking and teaching the truth, as prophets, can and should be done only in love, no other way. The Christian is a prophet of love and for love he or she risks even persecution. Jeremiah and Jesus are faithful examples and witnesses to this.

A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing about Him and to let love alone speak. The voice and language of the prophets is the voice and language of love. Love is the distinguishing mark of genuine prophetic language.

We are given the best description and characteristics of love in the passage of the 2nd reading today. In this wonderful “hymn to love” St. Paul sings the praises of true love in language as clear, strong and fresh as a glass of sparkling spring water. Christian love is patient and kind, not boastful or proud. It never rejoices in evil but delights in the truth. This sort of love always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. As St Paul admonishes us through Timothy: Proclaim the message and welcome or unwelcome [in season and out of season], insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, give encouragement - but do all with patience and with care to instruct.

READINGS

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 1:4-5,17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 70(71):1-6,15,17

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

GOSPEL

LUKE 4:21-30

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Save us,
O Lord our
God!
And gather us
from the
nations,
to give thanks
to your holy
name,
and make it
our glory to
praise you.*



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat)

10:00am 12:00 Noon * 6:00pm

* with Children's Liturgy

3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm

Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am

Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm

1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar

Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 2022— 5TH FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY 30TH

6.00PM

10 .00AM

12.00 PM

6.00PM

MONDAY 31ST

9. 00AM

7.00PM

TUESDAY 1ST

9.00 AM

7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 2ND

9.00 AM

7.00PM

THURSDAY 3RD

9.00 AM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 4TH

9.00 AM

7.00PM

SATURDAY 5TH

10.00 AM

6.00PM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PHIL JARIKRE, SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

FRANCIS DAVIES.

AVE MARIA CHOIR IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD. OBIANUJU DURU, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING. FLORENCE ABIWU, RIP & FAMILY THANKSGIVING.

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

HOLY SOULS

FERIA

IKECHUKWU ANI, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FRANCES DEIGHTON. EMMANUEL PEM KAMLA, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING.

BARRIE'S FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING AND FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY.

MEMORIAL OF ST. LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY

JESSICA N'GUESSAN BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING.

FERIA

JOY LYNNE GRAY, RIP

JOURNEY MERCIES FOR MAMA N'GUESSAN AND BVM INTERCESSION.

MEMORIAL OF ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. DECEASED MEMBERS OF ASSAL, GAMAT & ABAGI FAMILIES.

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome. We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

FIRST READINGS

JEREMIAH 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 70(71):1-6,15,17

R. My lips will tell of your help

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail.

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.

Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 14:6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."'

And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to **£1, 030.04**
Gift Aid amounted to **£ 337**
not including standing orders.

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:
camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for parish needs. Thank you for your generosity.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

LEGION OF MARY—JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Sunday after 12noon mass, at our Lady's chapel.

RCIA

Our face to face RCIA class will resume this Wednesday 3rd of February at 7.30 in the Church hall.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The diaconate ordination of our seminarian Mark will take place here on Tuesday 8th February at 7pm. All are cordially invited. Please keep Mark in your prayers that he may remain faithful to his vocation.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 4th February is our first Friday adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the 9am Mass to 7pm. Parishioners are encouraged to pass by the Church and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Our face to face First Holy communion classes resumes this week - Saturday 5th February at 9 am in the church hall.

MASS BOOKING

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

The Archbishop and I will like to invite parishioners to celebrate racial justice Sunday at George's cathedral on Sunday 13th February at 10am mass. Please dress in your traditional attire if you wish to attend this mass.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

CAUTION

Omicron is spreading fast in the UK. As we prepare for Christmas, Let us endeavour to keep each other safe. Keep to your bubble as much as possible and avoid large party gatherings and celebrations. If you feel unwell with cold symptoms please isolate at home and follow mass online. Do Regular lateral flow test to ascertain your COVID status. And everyone in church should wear a mask except for those exempted for health reasons. All should please sanitise your hands in and out of church. Thank you for your cooperation. May God continue to keep us safe Amen.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 - 19 year olds from the whole community, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Roman Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year (full Board and minimum one sub-committee). The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk). Website: sfx.ac.uk.

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For sacred heart school forms please show your baptism and first communion certificates to the priest or seminarian after mass and submit the form. You will then have to follow up to submit copies of same to the school along with the supplementary form.

For other school forms, please submit same way to the priests or seminarian and pick them up from the parish office during the week for submission to the school concerned yourselves.

For any other consultations please email

camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS TO OFFER AS A GOVERNOR OR TRUSTEE IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN SOUTHWARK?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark. The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts. Could you spare a few hours a month? These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: [**DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf**](#) (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

[**Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaoseducation.org.uk\)**](#)

Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish Whatsapp forum or on the parish website