

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31ST JANUARY — 6TH FEBRUARY, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B | Ferial Cycle 1 | Psalter Week 4

SHARING IN THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Today, the focus is clearly on authority. What do we mean when we speak about the authority of the Lord? What do we mean when we talk about authority in general? What ways do we exercise authority? What ways do we exercise the authority of the Lord?

In this first incident that Mark records, we discover that Jesus is first of all the fulfilment of what we heard in the first reading today, where God promised through Moses that there would be the one called “the prophet” who at some point would come and be God’s spokesperson far beyond all the other prophets of all the Old Testament or the Jewish history.

Jesus differs from Moses in that the authority Moses exercised came from on high, but for Jesus it came from within. Jesus exercises His authority directly. In one place, He says, “I know what Moses said to you, but I say to you.” He does not refer His ability to exercise authority to another, rather, as the Gospel shows, “All who looked on were amazed. A completely new teaching in a spirit of authority.”

Jesus reveals through His use of absolute authority, His true identity and mission. The authority of Jesus consisted in among other things that His words were facts and His facts were infallible proofs of God’s love for man and God’s presence among men. The authority of Jesus was that His words communicated God’s word and presence and power. His words raised up men’s hearts and eyes to see and understand God’s love for them and God’s presence among them.

We share in the authority of the Lord to the extent that we are united to the source of this authority. When we are confirmed, we receive the power, the authority, to defeat evil in the world and to lead others to Jesus, the source of all truth. This authority is given to us by God. God can remove this authority and will remove this authority if we refuse to stay intimately united to Him.

Those who are not in touch with the Lord through prayers, those who are not people of conscience and truth could on no ground be figures of authority. Such have no source of inspiration; they have no fountain from which to draw. The words they speak are bound to be empty and false, with neither force nor depth. Such were the scribes and pharisees of the Gospel. They taught without authority and their speech made no impression on the people.

A true prophet sees things as they are, hears God speak, and announces God's words (not his own ideas) to his people. A prophet's role is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. What is our attitude to the word of God we hear? Do we allow it to challenge us and bring about a positive difference in our lives or is it simply to satisfy some intellectual curiosity? If it is the gospel of Jesus that we hear, then we cannot hear it week after week and remain the same.

Today we pray that we may remain united to the Lord, the source of the power and the authority we have received. The Authority of Jesus is indeed our gift and challenge; it is also our courage (audacity). Let us thank God for this great gift and ask that we may carry it through in our words and works.

READINGS

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28

LEARN

“When the Church asks publicly and authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism. ..From [Jesus] the Church has received the power and office of exorcizing...”

MARK1:25-26 / CCC 1673



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 31ST JAN

6.00 PM
10.00 AM
12.00 NOON

6.00 PM

MONDAY 1ST FEB

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

TUESDAY 2ND FEB

9.00AM

7.00PM

WED 3RD FEB

9.00AM

7.00PM

THURS 4TH FEB

9.00AM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 5TH FEB

9.00AM

7.00PM

SAT 6TH FEB

10.00 AM

6.00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DELIA JAMESON, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING
ANI & DURU FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING
SWEET BAZUAYE, IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR FAVOURS
AND BLESSINGS. SUSAN SWARAY IN THANKSGIVING FOR
HER BIRTHDAY.
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FERIA

IKECHUKWU ANI, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE &
GOD'S PROTECTION
IFEOMA CHIEMEKE & FAMILY, GOD'S MERCIES AND
SPEEDY RECOVERY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FRANCES DEIGHTON
IFEOMA CHIEMEKE & FAMILY, GOD'S MERCIES AND
SPEEDY RECOVERY

FERIA

JESSICA N'GUESSAN, THANKING GOD ON HER BIRTHDAY

FERIA

MEMORIAL OF ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTHA

MEMORIAL OF ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

EDGAR AND FREDERICK HOARE
JANINA, 70TH BIRTHDAY IN THANKSGIVING

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 .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 105: 47

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.

FIRST READINGS

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him.

The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9 9

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

- 1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord**
- 2 Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.**
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 7::32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. . Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 1:-21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him.

The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

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

GIFT AID & OFFERING

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

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.

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.

RCIA

The classes for RCIA for 2021 will begin on Friday 29th of January, 2021 at 7pm. All classes will be done via Zoom. The details will be provided before each class.

MASS BOOKINGS

We have Mass spaces for this week.

Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days.

St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEDERATION.

Reception places available for September 2021.
please call : 02077039264 for more information.

SYMPATHY

We sympathise with Monica, Wilma, Grace Jacqueline and Kenneth Francis at the passing of their father -Vincent Roland Francis who died recently. Funeral plans will be announced later. May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 5th February is our First Friday Adoration - from 12noon to 7pm parishioners are encouraged to pass by the church and spend time with Jesus in the blessed sacrament

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, followed by Mass.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

The holy season of lent will begin on Ash Wednesday 17th of February . We shall have 3 masses on that day 9am, 12 noon and 7pm. Lent is a special time for us Catholics to deepen our relationship with Jesus as we contemplate the mystery of his suffering, passion and death in preparation for Easter. More details about our Lenten observance will follow later.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2ND

Given the present Covid regulations for liturgical worship, the usual blessing and carrying of candles and the procession on the Feast of the Presentation before Mass will not take place. Rather, the Priest will bless a candle and light it on behalf of all Parishioners .

ASH WEDNESDAY & DISTRIBUTION OF ASH

Following the letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship regarding the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, advice from Public Health England, through the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, is that the recommended method of distributing ashes is to bless the ashes at the usual point in the Liturgy and leave them until the end of Mass.

After the Mass the Priest will distribute the ashes at the exit door of the church.

ASK YOUR MP TO INTRODUCE A PALIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GUIDANCE ON FETAL PAIN .

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right to life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. It takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loretto of 2020 is now been advertised for October half term 2021.

After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 including flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide.

Optional extras: Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18. Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour.

Tickets to Papal Audience included.

PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers.

We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

Tel: 01732 886666, 0173220886666

Address: 3 Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:

This weekend is racial justice Sunday. The church is responding more than ever before in speaking out against the evil of racism in our society and in the church since the killing of George Floyd last May. A commission has now been set up in our archdiocese to address issues relating to racism. If you have any concerns or know anyone who is a victim of racism in any of our parishes or schools please encourage such persons to get in touch with me to share their experiences. Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity, we all must join hands together to address it and work towards eliminating it in our Churches and schools.

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 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.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Amen.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debritu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith, Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez, Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray, Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Cían Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Dedan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermentine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Clo, Liam Whitfield, Monica White, John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh