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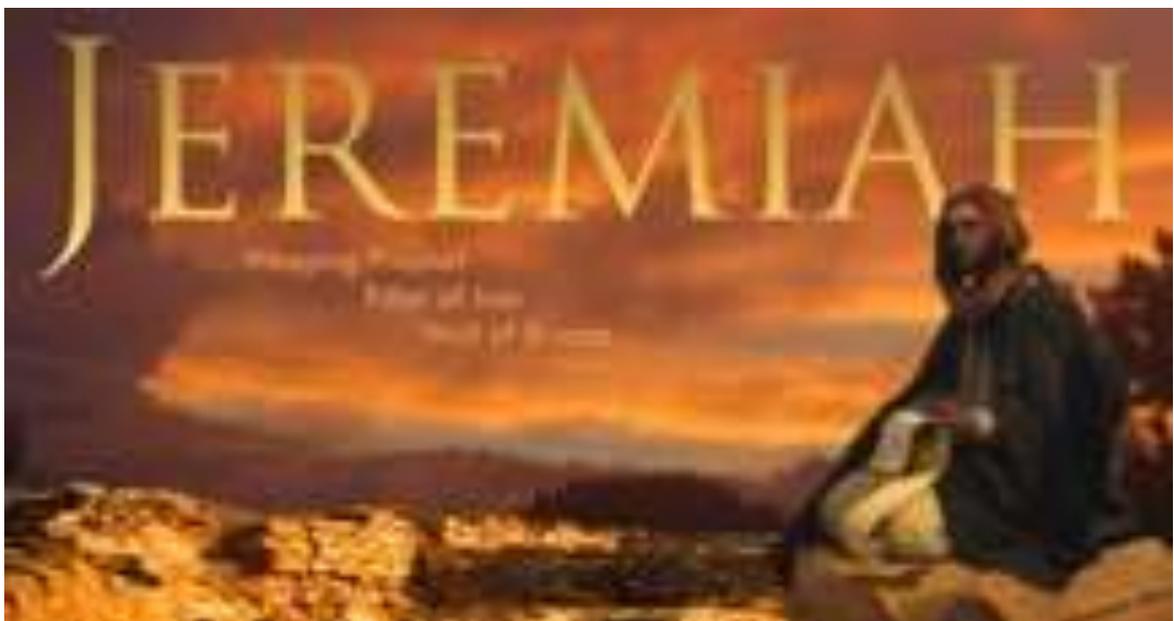
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30 January 2022

“The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.”

Luke 4, 18

SYNODAL PATHWAY

Fr Patrick would like to thank all those who took the time to contribute to the Synodal Pathway conversations.

Facilitators did a great job listening and taking notes. Those that came had put considerable thought into their responses.

All this will be collated and sent on to the next stage in the process.

MARGARET'S EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TREK

Margaret, who some of you may know as a parish steward, will be walking 100KM of The Camino way from the 4th - 10th May, raising funds for Thames Hospice. If you can support her please follow the link to her Just Giving page where there is more information about the hospice and an opportunity to sponsor her and support the wonderful work they do.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraisin>

PARISH INCOME 12/21/21-9/01/22

GA envelopes: £ 18.00

Loose plate: £210.24

Dec Contactless: £631

Monthly Standing Orders:£2910

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

Preparation sessions will be on Wednesdays in the Cenacle at 4pm for an hour.

Dates of the programme:

Wednesday 2nd February

Wednesday 2nd March

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday 30th March

Wednesday 6th April

Wednesday 4th May

CLEANING TEAM VOLUNTEERS

For various reasons, we need to build up the church cleaning team. Would you be able to contribute some time to do a specific job? If you could volunteer for a specific job then we could arrange a time that suits you for you to come and do it.

If you used to help with the cleaning before the pandemic and would like to get going again, please contact the office.

The more hands, the lighter the work.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for: Bernard & Sheila Caulfield

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): ‘Today’ the scriptures are again being fulfilled in our hearing. The word of God is alive and active and invites us to ponder where and how God is at work in the daily circumstances of our lives. It is always a word that saves and heals but if we are not reading to be challenged by it then we can either deceive ourselves by pretending it is what we want or can just reject it. That was the situation of the people in Nazareth, and today, like them, we must ask ourselves if we really want what God wants – that is what repentance is all about.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 1, 4 – 5. 17 – 19: Jeremiah is unique among the prophets in that we are told more about him and his calling than any of the others. That said, we still do not know very much, but his book contains important insights into this great man of faith and his experience of God. Our reading for today is taken from the first chapter of his book and tells of his calling as a young man. Unfortunately some verses are left out, namely those which tell of his reluctance, yet what we do have shows how God answered his objections. Jeremiah began his life as a prophet during the reign of King Josiah, one of the few good kings mentioned in the Bible. However, Josiah was killed in battle (600 BC) and things went quickly into decline. God’s warnings to Jeremiah were to become all too true as he faced ridicule and rejection for preaching the word. There would be times when he felt that God’s promise to be with him to deliver him had been broken, yet even then he could not bring himself to abandon his calling.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 31 – 13, 3: Many people who would have no knowledge of St. Paul’s writings would be familiar with these very inspirational verses. As ever, the context in which we find them helps to explain their full meaning. Paul had been arguing that even though the community in Corinth has been blessed with many gifted and talented people, they tend to lose sight of the most important thing and that is that Christ is at the centre of their lives. Therefore the most important gift that they should seek is that of love and the unity which it brings. He then goes on to describe the attributes of love using a poem which may have already been in existence but which here helps to show his Corinthian readers that all the other gifts pale into insignificance if they do not have love.

Gospel: Luke 4, 21 – 30: This gospel text begins where we left off last Sunday, with Jesus telling the people in the synagogue of Nazareth that the scriptures are being fulfilled in their hearing. Their initial positive response to him augurs well but change in attitude comes quickly as it becomes apparent that Jesus is not interested in popular acclaim but repentance. He reminds his hearers of two occasions in the Old Testament when God used the prophets Elijah and Elisha to assist foreigners at a time when his own people were in need. The people of Nazareth were more interested in what Jesus could do for them than in what he might be asking of them.

Mass Intentions for Fourth week in Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year C
Saturday	29 th January	17.30	James O'Sullivan [anniversary Mass]
Sunday	30 th January	10.00	Holy souls
Monday	31 st January <i>Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</i>	09.15	Kate O'Malley
Tuesday	1 st February <i>Tuesday of week 4 in Ordinary Time</i>	09.15	Norman Shaw
Wednesday	2 nd February <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	18.30	Jay Blundell RIP
Thursday	3 rd February <i>Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr</i>	08.00	Bernadette Ward
Friday	4 th February <i>Friday of week 4 in Ordinary Time</i>	12.30	Gerard Lawrence
Saturday	5 th February <i>Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	10.00	People of the parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year C
Saturday	5 th February	17.30	Arthur Taylor RIP
Sunday	6 th February	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Rosary	Saturdays	16.45	In front of the shrine
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