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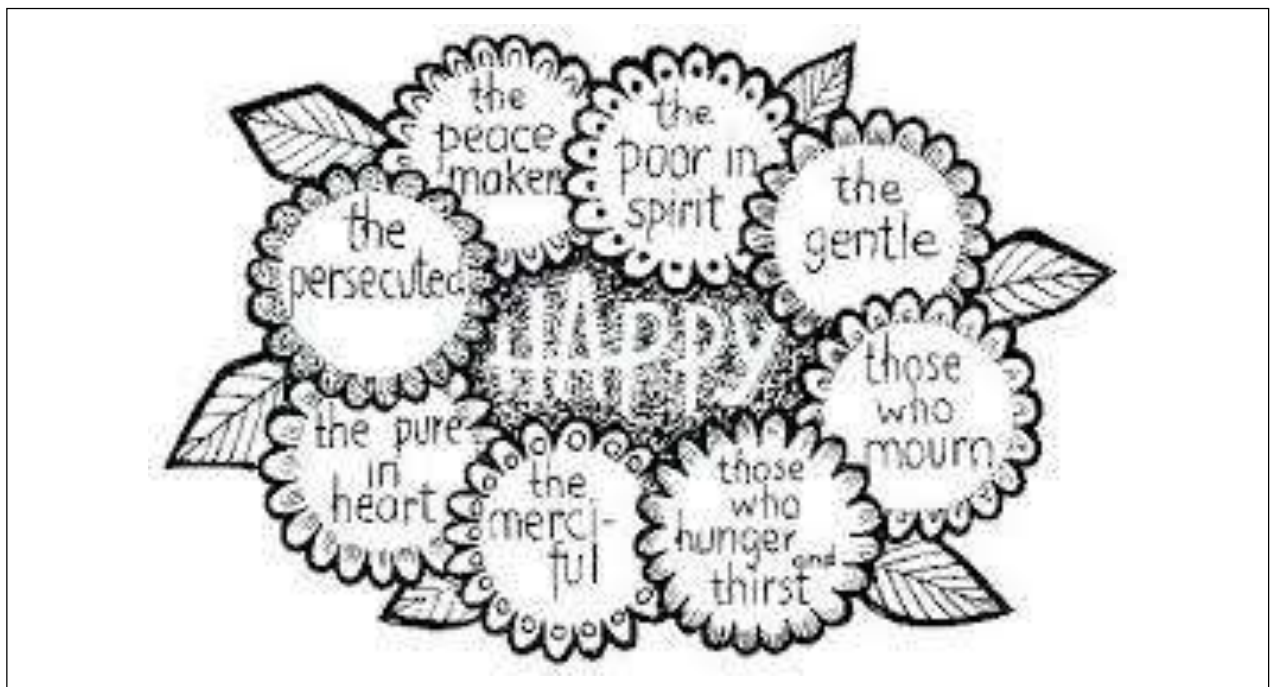
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –

29th-30th January 2023

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.

Mt 5:12a

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The first meeting will be Wednesday 1st March at 4.30pm in the Cenacle. If you are interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation please contact the office by email [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk] or phone [0118 9471787].

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

The SVP are working in partnership with the Weller Centre supporting their food donations appeal.

There is a box at the back of church for all donations.

Your kind donations will make a huge difference for local families in need. Items for donation are cereals, pasta, tinned goods, dry foods, long life milk, rice and kitchen staples.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

Fancy a chat on a Tuesday morning? Come in to the Cenacle about 10am.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 12noon, followed by a soup lunch in the Cenacle.

If you would like to volunteer to provide the soup one week, please contact the office. The soup must be free of common allergens such as nuts or celery.

RETURN OF COLLECTION BAGS

The collection bags have made a return. If you have set up a standing order please don't feel you have to put extra in. Just pass the bag along.

PARISH INCOME BANKED DEC

Contactless - Sun. offering:	£ 477.00
Contactless - candles:	£ 7.00
Loose plate	£ 923.65
Shop	£ 10.00
Building Fund	£ 153.00
Standing Orders:	£2361.32

WORLD YOUTH DAY

If you wish to support the group going to Lisbon by making a donation, you can do so by putting cash in the tea and coffee bowl on Sundays or online at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/worldyouthday2023>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd February Ash Wednesday

3rd March CAFOD Family Fast Day

18th March Big CAFOD Walk

15th April Cotham Ensemble



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Canon Giles Goward

Please keep him in your prayers.

Background on the Sunday Gospel

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Mass Intentions
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	28 th January	5.30pm	Fr Giles Goward RIP[2 nd Ann.]
Sunday	29 th January	10.00am	Stefania & Stanislaw Smok RIP
Monday	30 th January	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 4 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	31 st January	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</i>			
Wednesday	1 st February	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of week 4 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	2 nd February	No Mass	
<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>			
Friday	3 rd February	<u>9.15am</u>	Int. of Anne Cahill
<i>Memorial of St Blaise</i>			

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	4 th February	5.30pm	Hugh Dwan RIP
Sunday	5 th February	10.00am	Waleria Dubaj RIP

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.