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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Sunday
28th January 2024

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Sun 28th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	T & T Jellie R.I.P. S Colaco R.I.P. V Okafor R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 29th	Feria	T McGovern R.I.P.	
Tues 30th	Feria	B Quinlan R.I.P.	
Wed 31st	St John Bosco	F Walsh Int	Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thurs 1st	St Bridget	C Twomey R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 2nd	Presentation of the Lord	J Regan R.I.P.	First Friday Devotion 7 p.m.
Sat 3rd	Sts Lawrence, Dunstan & Theodore	Sick of the Parish	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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The Power of Evil

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from *it's mine* to *it's ours*. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a freeway.

Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love. Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.



- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday from 6 – 7.30 p.m.

- **Next Friday 2nd – First Friday Devotion at 7 p.m.**

- **This Friday 2nd February** is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** (40 days after Christmas) It is also called Candlemass and before morning Mass we will bless candles. If anyone wants candles blessed on the day for their homes, then do bring them along. Please put your name on candles.

- **Saturday 3rd February, is the feast of St. Blaise.** We will have the traditional blessing of the throats after Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

- **Requiem Mass** for Leslie Marcel on Friday 2nd February at 11.30 a.m.
- **Requiem Mass** for Tom O'Connor on Monday 5th February at 11 a.m.
- **May they both rest in peace.**

- **I.T. classes** every Thursday in the Hall at 11 a.m. Improve your numeracy using IT Skills. Beginners welcome.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £982
Loose Plate: £614 Thank you for your support

- **The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is:** “Seeing one another in the life of the Church”.
- It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year’s theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday.

Prayer for Racial Justice

God of light and truth,
you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble

and a care for our brothers and sisters;
so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

- **Coffee after 11 a.m. Mass.** We are hoping to resume coffee morning on Sundays. List in porch for volunteers to help prepare. *Can you help?*

- **Date for your Diary:** Bacon & Cabbage evening on Saturday 16th March. Tickets will be available from next week at £20. All proceeds will go to Building Fund.

- **Diocesan Year Book** available in the porch.
Cost £5.00

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever. Amen

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk