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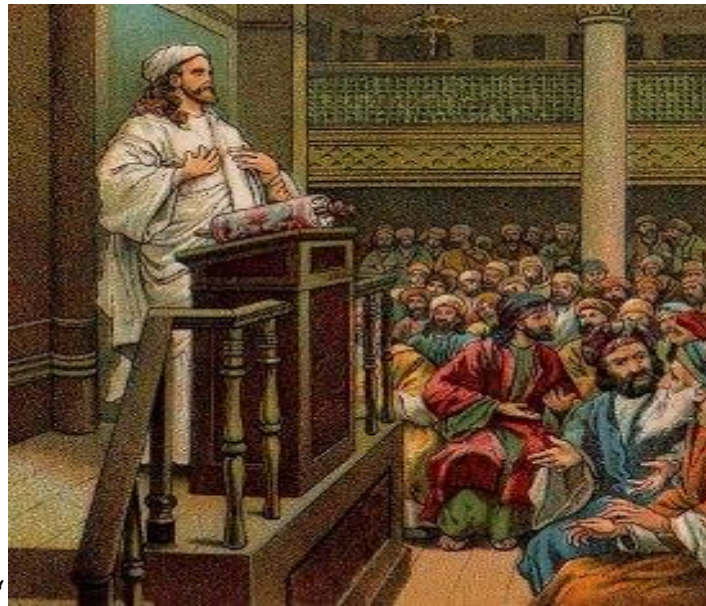
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Fourth Sunday of the Year

27th/28th January 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 132: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of the Year: Page: 134: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



JESUS THE TEACHER

The people constantly question who Jesus is, it's a theme running through St. Mark's Gospel. The people often wonder who this Jesus of Nazareth is. To them Jesus is a mystery.

We are told in today's Gospel that when Jesus explains the scriptures He speaks with authority. His teaching made a deep impression on them. But not only does He teach with authority, He acts with authority, and He has the power to heal the man in the Synagogue. The people are astonished and say 'here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it.'

When people who have done something, begin to speak, people listen. Their words carry great weight. They have real authority because their words are preceded or followed by good deeds.

'Lord, grant that what we say with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice this in our lives. Amen.'

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The programme continues on **Wednesday 31st January at 7.15pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2018

All candidates who have enrolled for Confirmation (Group 2) please collect a letter outlining preparation dates and other information from the porch.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 9th June** at 12noon and 3pm.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates in their fund raising efforts for the charity STEM4.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on **Saturday 3rd February** from 1.30 to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre for all those who are expecting their first child and for parents who have a child that needs baptism.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Jordan Caden Anquandah who is being baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU – TABLE TOP SALE

£50 was raised from donated broken odds and ends of gold and silver jewellery in aid of the Parish Centre Building Fund. Thank you to all who donated.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be a CAFOD Coffee Morning on **Friday 2nd February** after the 9.30am Mass in the Church porch.

LINE DANCING

We will confirm the date of the next Line Dancing session in due course.

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

Since September last year we've welcomed Helen O'Grady Drama Academy into our Parish Centre on Saturday mornings. Classes run for children aged 4-11 and they're offering a free trial lesson of their confidence-boosting curriculum for children who want to try their hand at acting! Please give the Principal Adam Damerell a call on 0208 432 6637 or email: westlondon@helenogrady.co.uk

SUPPORT FOR LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS

LIFE Pregnancy Matters in Hounslow are in need of supplies e.g. nappies (sizes 3, 4 and 5), wipes, toiletries, baby clothes and baby toys – see list on poster in porch. There is a box in the Parish Centre for your donations. Thank you.

STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your generous donations to Storehouse. We are looking for a couple of additional helpers to empty the box and deliver the items to the Vineyard once a week. If you are able to help please speak to Bridget or Lloyd.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS??

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

20-21 January: Envelopes £799.61; Loose: £855.61

Standing Orders: £766.00 **Total: £2,421.22**

SPUC White Flower Appeal - £250.82

REST IN PEACE

EMILY THEOBALDS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Emily Theobalds RIP** who died quite unexpectedly. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 14th February at 10.30am** followed by a private cremation. Please also keep in your prayers her children Patrick and Charlotte and all who mourn her.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to St Lawrence's the weekend of **17/18 March**, so this is an opportunity to gather together your unwanted clothes or bedding (no duvets or pillows).

ROAD AND RAIL DISRUPTION.

British Telecom have started work at the junction of New Road and Hounslow Road. This work will take approximately 8 weeks and the junction will operate with temporary traffic signals which will cause increased congestion especially during the rush hour and the 'school run'. Network Rail are also scheduled to carry out work at the same junction and this will create much worse disruption with the road being closed for months potentially. Please can you try to plan alternative routes for this and factor in the increase in time it will take to get to Church. For more details please look at:- https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20106/traffic/1619/feltham_town_centre_traffic_and_transport_improvements

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Christopher Blanchfield RIP Baptism of Jordan Caden Anquandah Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Winifred Lyons RIP
Sun 28 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Danny Da Silva RIP John, Kathleen & Peter Hamill RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 29 th	09.30	Eileen Kynes (Intentions)
Tues 30 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intentions
Wed 31 st	10.00	Glory & Juliet Atumah in Thanksgiving – 16 th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 1 st	09.30	Margaret McGillicuddy RIP
Fri 2 nd	09.30	Ciril Rodrigues and Family in Thanksgiving
Sat 3 rd	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Eric Brumwell RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP
Sun 4 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP (Anniversary) Ona Janaviciene RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe (Intentions)		

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;

**Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am,
Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am,
Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am,
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am and 5pm**