



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 2
1st February 2026
Year A(II)
Sat 31: St John Bosco

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Lloyd Fernando RIP

Sun 01: Fourth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Carmeno & Carmena Vassallo (ints)

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Bunty Flynn RIP

Mon 2: Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Mary Boland (ints)

Tues 3: St Blasé

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Mary Murphy (ints)

10.30am Rosary in Church

Wed 4:

10am: Funeral Mass: Bunty Flynn RIP

(please note there is no 6pm Mass)

Thu 5: St Agatha

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Bridie Murphy (ints)

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 6: St Paul Miki & Companions

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Nora Panczak RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

7.30pm: Mass followed by Praise & Worship

Sat 7:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Sheena Louise Mitchell

Sun 8: Fifth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Richard Horgan ann RIP

10.30am: Damien Ryan RIP

6.00pm: Pro Populo (ints)

How Happy Are The Poor In Spirit, Theirs Is The Kingdom of Heaven,
Matthew 5

Jesus, at the beginning of His public life, needed to have consultations with His Father and the Holy Spirit. He spent hours in prayer and meditation on the full content of His role and mission, the methodology and the means to accomplish it, and the chances of success in fulfilling what the Father and the Spirit had planned with Him before He was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became also the Son of Man.

Led by the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus officially proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand and that everyone had to repent and be open to it. At Nazareth, He declared that the prophecies about the Messiah were being fulfilled as He read them. In His first public appearance after His baptism, Jesus mentioned some important elements of the mission given to Him by the Father and the Spirit.

After that event in Nazareth, Jesus prayed to the Father to give Him light, a clearer vision of His mandate, and guidance on how to receive the much-needed help and support from the community. Guided by the Spirit, Jesus chose those who would and could accompany Him in introducing the Kingdom of God as the great goal to be achieved in everyone's life. He chose the twelve Apostles after spending a whole night in prayer and in dialogue with His Father through the Spirit.

Accompanied by the twelve Apostles, Jesus proclaimed the programme of the Kingdom—the requirements to enter it and be saved. This programme was more detailed and more challenging. The wonderful message called “The Beatitudes” was given by Jesus not as politicians and preachers do, proclaiming without practicing, but as a teacher who lives what He teaches. The Gospels reflect this truth when they describe the admiration of those who heard Christ preach with the authority of His example.

Briefly, the proposal of the Beatitudes is radical compared to today's thinking and way of living. Here are the virtues and behaviours required to be His disciples, to be blessed, and to be saved:

The essential virtues and attitudes are:

Humility before God and before our brothers and sisters, Gentleness, Readiness to comfort and console others, a deep hunger and thirst for what is right, Mercy and compassion, Purity of hearts, Peacemaking, Faithfulness to justice and to Christ in times of persecution.

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NOTICES

Funeral Mass: for Bunty Flynn is on Wednesday 4th February at 10.00am. Please keep family and friends in your prayers. **Please note there is no 6pm Mass.**

Life Ascending Group meet on Tuesday 3rd February after 10am Mass.

First Friday (Transformation) Mass is on Friday 6th February at 7.30pm, Adoration, Praise & Worship and Reconciliation. All are welcome!

Any notices for the parish newsletter can be emailed to the parish office: barnet@rcdow.org.uk whilst Fr Godfrey is away.

Fr Enrique Rituerto is available at the presbytery whilst Fr Godfrey is away. Please contact him when necessary; for emergencies, he can be reached at 07440 265073.

Mass for the Sick: Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7th February at 2.00pm, celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. **Attendance is by reservation via our parish office only.**

To reserve your place: please forward your contact details to the parish office addressed to Nicole as soon as possible....

...Tickets are designated in three categories: 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing. 2. Those who are sick, who wish to be anointed but do not require walking aids, and 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. Please also provide an email or mobile number for ticket collection.

Diocesan News

The Diocese celebrates the installation of the new Archbishop of Westminster Bishop Richard Moth on Saturday 14th February 2026. Please note attendance to this is by Invitation only.

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th to 24th July 2026. Express your interest in joining the pilgrimage now: <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/> Prices & booking package options for travel are available now. Those who express an interest in joining the Pilgrimage will be the first to be sent the link to register officially with the Pilgrimage. After registrations has been approved, a booking can be made and deposits/payment in full can be made to our tour operation Tangney Tours. Visit above website for information.

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

Gathering: 883 Christ be our light.

Psalm R/ Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Acc: Vs: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Offertory: Act justly, love tenderly, walk, walk humbly with your God.

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Communion: 78 Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

Going Forth: 816 The Kingdom of heaven is yours.



Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: David Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Rosemary Chester, Lorraine Norrie, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Bernadette Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Nula Mole.

Recently Died: Bunty Flynn, Kit Naylor and Eileen Fitzpatrick.

Deceased Anniversaries: John Stirling-Gallacher, Rachel McAfee, Michael Duffy, Jean Walkins, Billy Lindvist and Chris Kelly

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED

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