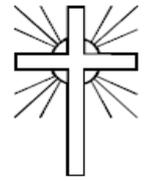


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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF 2021

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### **Fr Martin writes,**

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Brother Paul Greaves**, from Mount St. Bernard Abbey, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Brother Paul was born in 1937 in Manchester, and entered Mount St. Bernard Abbey in 1959, where he made his Solemn Profession in 1965. Much of his manual labour time at Mount St. Bernard's was spent maintaining the monastery buildings; he was also an almoner, undertaking the monastery's charitable work to help people in need."

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Neil Martin**, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. A graveside funeral for Mr Martin will take place on Monday. Under present regulations, funerals are open only to people whom the family personally invite."

### **Racial Justice Sunday 2021 (31<sup>st</sup> January)**

#### **Bishop Patrick writes,**

"This year Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

"The official statement on this year's theme: A Time to Act can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/rjs21>.

Here you will also find a series of videos specially commissioned by CBCEW, which share the thoughts of Black Catholics about the events of the past year, and how we can build a better society and the important role that our Church can play."

### **Diocesan Events during the coming months:**

#### **Global Healing –**

#### **How our faith helps us care for Our Common Home**

This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home – six Thursdays from 18<sup>th</sup> February -25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 - 8.30pm: Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers and discussion. To join and register please make contact with: [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global) hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

### **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28**

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man.

*Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.*

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine.

Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching.

Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	Our Lady's Saturday <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>10.30am</b>	Fourth Sunday of the year <b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (For those who live alone in the Parish (KC)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Huan's Family &amp; Souls in Purgatory (HH)</i>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Father Jim Duffy RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Joy Bourne RIP Father Jonathan's sister) (C&JM))
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	St Gilbert of Sempringham, Religious <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Anne Paterson RIP (AT))
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00-10.30am,</b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan <b>ASC Confessions</b> , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am</b>	Fifth Sunday of the year <b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (George Russell RIP (A&DB)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place

**Live streaming services for This Weekend:**

**For Bishop Patrick**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>

**For Nottingham Cathedral** at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>

**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** Duet 18: 15-20; Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

**GLOSSOP ROSARY.** We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** with the Mysteries of Light.

**The Cycle of Prayer for the coming weeks:**

We pray for Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The sick and those who care for them, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it and the Unemployed.

**Candlemas**

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40.

In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision.

It falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is traditionally the 40<sup>th</sup> day of and the conclusion of the Christmas-Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night, those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas.

On Candlemas, many Christians also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.

**All Saints Monthly Draw: A message from Bernard McMylor:** I would like to ask our draw members to let me have their contributions for the new year. As things are very different now, perhaps you could consider going onto a standing order. As this is one of the few sources of much needed parish funds, it is a good time now to consider joining in our monthly draw, remember £100 every month for just £5.00 per month, odds at the present are just 50 to one !!! Please contact Bernard McMylor.