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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

9.15 am, 11.00 am, 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am

Thurs: 7pm; Sat: 10.30 am

Holy Days of

Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.10 am

**Last Week's
Collection**
£503.02

Thank you.

Text: ParishHATSO to
70800 to donate £5
through your mobile
phone.

“... He commands even the unclean spirits” (Mk 1.27)

The Exorcist is the 1973 classic horror film adaptation of a book of the same name. It tells the story of a 12-year old girl possessed by a demon. After causing so much havoc, the demon was finally exorcised by a second Catholic priest. In actual fact, the story portrays the real-life experience of the demonic possession and exorcism of Roland Doe in 1949. Together with the event it portrays, the film demonstrates three basic scriptural truths about demons: (a) a demon is not an abstraction or a figment of the imagination; it is real; it is a powerful, spiritual, and rational entity often called ‘the devil’ or ‘Satan’; (b) it can directly influence human beings and their actions. Occasionally, but not regularly, it inhabits and takes possession of a person’s body and operates through that person; and (c) it can only be dislodged from the possessed person or thing through the power to cast out devils that Christ granted the Church through the apostles (Mk 3.15; 6.7-13; 16.17). In His own ministry, Christ gave much attention to liberating people from the power and domination of Satan in their lives by casting devils out (Mk 1.25-25, 34, 39; 3.22; 5.8; 7.26; 9.25; Mt 8.16; 9.32-34; 12.26-27, 29, 31, 32; Lk 4.14-15, 18-20, 33-35; 13.32). The Church recognises the reality of demons and deals with it through its ministry of exorcism. In doing so, it distinguishes between minor exorcism which Baptism accomplishes, and major exorcism which is performed by a priest who has been appointed or permitted by a diocesan bishop to act in the name of the Church to expel demons and liberate people or places from demonic possession. To be clear, the reality of demonic possession is neither a physical nor a psychological illness. For this reason, before exorcism can be performed, through the application of the medical sciences, illness as an explanation for the possessed person’s condition has to be ruled out (can. 1172).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Deut. 18:15-20; **Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 7:32-35; **Gospel:** Mk 1:21-28
Psalm 94: Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *He taught them with authority.* Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 28 th Jan.	+ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15 am	James Cooney, RIP
		11.00 am	Holy Souls
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 29 th Jan.	Feria	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tue., 30 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Mary Bruton's Int.
Wed., 31 st Jan.	St John Bosco, Priest	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thur., 1 st Feb.	Feria	7.00 pm	Mary Jacque, RIP
Fri., 2 nd Feb.	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30 am	Mae Durkin, RIP
Sat., 3 rd Feb.	Ss Laurence, Dunstan, and Theodore	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Sun., 4 th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15 am	James Cooney, RIP
		11.00 am	Mary & Paddy O'Driscoll, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine, Mary Mullhall, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Peter Flower, and William Naughton.

Fr Livie wishes to thank all, especially those worked to make his induction last Sunday a huge success. May the good Lord bless you all.

There will be a **Second Collection next Sunday, February the 4th,** for the Missionary Society of St Paul. Please support the work of the mission.

On-line Safeguarding awareness training is available to all parishioners. If you would like to complete the training, please email safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk, and they will forward you all the information you need to access and complete the modules of the EDUCARE course. This is for all, but will be especially useful for parents, people caring for others, as well as volunteers within the parish.

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF), started in 1994 by St John Paul II, takes place every three years. The last time it took place was in 2015 in Philadelphia, US. This time, it will take place in Dublin from 21-26 August 2018. The archdiocese of Westminster looks forward to taking to the event a big group of participants from across our parish communities. To find out registration details and general information on WMOF, please email: family@rcdow.org.uk, or call 02079316064 and speak with Charlotte.

Sunday, the 28th of January, has been approved by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales as Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is "The Power of Words". Let us keep praying for love and unity among people.

Kindly check the Notice board for graduate and non-graduate opportunities in **Nicolas Breakspeare Catholic School**.

Please return the hymn books and Mass cards back to the book shelves at the back of Church after Mass and take the newsletter home. Thank you.

Did you remember . . .

That for Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament or Holy Communion and Jesus Christ are the same reality? For that reason, we treat Holy Communion exactly as we would treat Christ, with dignity and great respect. When we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we do so in a dignified manner; and after we have received, we return to our seats in the like manner, conscious of the dignity of Christ we have received into our mortal bodies, and deeply engaged in spiritual converse with Him. For the same reason, any time we are in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle, we maintain a high level of decorum and speak to God from our hearts. Other people in the church also want to talk with God and should be given sufficient room to do so, without having to be distracted. Indeed, God has said: ***Be still, and know that I am God*** (Ps 46.10). In another place, He says: ***My house shall be a house of prayer for all the peoples*** (Is 56.7; Mt 21.13; Mk 11.17).

Sacred Heart Novena:
After Mass every Friday

Rosary:
After Mass on Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:
After Mass on Tuesday

Baptism:
See Parish Priest –
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:
Sat., 11am – 12 noon; 5-
5.30 pm; or by request

Marriage:
See Parish Priest
6 months' notice.
Preparation obligatory

Parish Office:
Tues, Weds & Fridays:
10am-1pm

Safeguarding Officer:
Sue McLellen:
01707 646383
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@sa
feguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving envelopes:
Pat Malsher: 01707
265530

Hall Bookings:
Parishioners only
Enquiries to Parish
Secretary

Lead Catechist:
Linda Graham:
07768777768

Hatfield SVP:
07960 785673

**St Pius (Padre Pio)
Prayer Group:**
1st Thurs monthly: **6pm**

**Prayer & Bible Study
Group:**
Prayer & Praise: 1st & 3rd
Sundays, **4:30 - 5:45pm;**
Bible Study & Prayer: 2nd
& 4th Thursdays: **7:30 –
8:45pm.**

Weekly Rotas
Flowers: Jacqui
Church Cleaning:
Violet Dumba & Annah
Mhishi
Shop:
9.15am – Fran Shumba
11am – Marie Doherty
6pm – John Nwachukwu

**“My house shall be
called a house of
prayer”**

*Please be sensitive to those
who want to pray in silence
before Mass.*

**Before Mass - Talk to God
During Mass - Listen to God
After Mass - Talk to each
other**

St Philip Howard:
Primary: 01707 263969

Nicholas Breakspear:
Senior Mixed – 01727
860079

**Loreto College, St
Albans:**
01727 856206

**Catholic Chaplaincy
Lister Hospital:**
John O'Neil

**Suggestions &
Comments Box:**

There is a box on the
table in the side porch
entrance, if you wish to
express any suggestions
or comments in relation
to the parish.

Children's Mass. On
Sunday, 4th February at
Marychurch, 11 am; &
St Peter's on Sunday, 4th
March

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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes*