St Lawrence's Church Sidcup

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All Masses are live streamed through our parish Webcam. Morning mass will be celebrated at 09.30am, and then the church will close for cleaning. The sacrament of reconciliation is available on Saturday mornings from 11am-12pm, in the parish hall.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our Glory to praise you.

First Reading: Deuteronomy: 18:15-20. The Lord raises up a prophet.

Response to Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. - Be free of anxieties.

Gospel: Mark: 1-21-28. The unclean spirits obey him.

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rosaline Varnes a former parishioner, who passed away on 7th January 2021, her funeral mass will take place on 4th February at the Church of All Saints Hassop, Derbyshire. There are some orders of service and memorial cards at the back of the church. May our loved ones rest in peace.

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time. Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm. Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

6.30pm Holy Souls in Heaven.8.30am Barbara Perella. RIP.10.00am Milton Fernando. RIP.11.30am People of the Parish.

Monday 1st February. 9.30am Intention of Conway Family.

Tuesday 2nd February. 9.30am Intention of David Gully.

Wednesday 3rd February 9.30am Grace Edoro Anjanjo. RIP.

1.45pm Mass for Christ the King College.

Thursday 4th February 09.30am Milton Fernando. RIP.

Friday 5th February 09.30am George Rodgers .RIP

Saturday 6th February. 9.30am Noel Carroll. RIP.

, Collection: 24th January 2021. Cash: £222.10. Gift Aid £720.00. Total: 942.21. Monthly Standing Order : £3790.00

If you would like to book a mass in remembrance of somebody or for a special intention, please contact the parish office.

31st January 2021. - .Year B.

From the Sunday Word by Henry Wansbrough. "Moses was the messenger who gave the Law to Israel on Mount Sinai. In their difficult and lonely journey of 40 years through the desert, he was their leader. It was his legal decision on cases presented to him that formed Israel. His prayers gave them manna in the desert, water from the rock and protection from their enemies. Israel remembered him afterwards as the founder of their people. In the book of Deuteronomy the last of five books of the law, God had promised that he would raise up another leader a second Moses.

This is why some of the Gospel commentators present Jesus in these terms: just like Moses, he was persecuted at birth by the king, and later had to flee into exile until his persecutor was dead. He taught his sermon on the Mount just as Moses gave the Law on the mountains. He gave them bread in the desert just as Moses had done. So when Jesus taught with authority in the synagogue at Capernaum, he was seen as acting like Moses the teacher."

On the last two Sundays we heard Jesus calling his first disciples. Over the next three Sundays, we will hear stories of Jesus healing the sick and afflicted. He is just beginning his public ministry but as he drives out demons and heals lepers, his popularity increases. In today's Gospel, Jesus drives out an unclean spirit. The People are astonished not just at his actions, but also how he taught with such authority.

Today is Racial Justice Day which draws attention to our willingness to be open and welcoming.

First Holy Communion Application forms for children who are in year 3 or above are now available from Fr. John.

Many thanks to everybody who is contributing by way of a monthly standing order. The amount now received is on average £3790.00 per month. With the ongoing trend of not handling cash, you may like to start a monthly standing order or perhaps join the gift aid scheme for the first time. If you have any queries please contact Nick Wells via the parish office or through his email nickjohnwells @hotmail.com