



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OXON OX18 3BS

## **Fourth Sunday (B) 24.01.2021**

Sat 30 Jan No Mass

Sun 31 Jan **Live-streamed 10.00 Mass**

**4th Sunday (B)** Bernadette Mizzi 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Terry Curtin LD / Stephen GE

Mon 1 Feb No Mass

Tue 2 Feb No Mass

**Presentation of the Lord**

Wed 3 Feb No Mass

Thu 4 Feb No Mass Philip van Heerden A

Fri 5 Feb No Mass

St Agatha

Sat 6 Feb No Mass

St Paul Miki

Sun 7 Feb **Live-streamed 10.00 Mass**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Live-streaming of Masses from St Joseph's**  
will begin with the **10.00am Mass on Sunday**  
**31 January.** Details on the website:

[www.stjosephscarterton.uk](http://www.stjosephscarterton.uk)

### **Church closure**

St Joseph's Church closed after the Masses on Sunday 17 Jan. I will continue to offer Mass privately in the church, and will be pleased to remember any Mass intentions. Please let me know. Burford RC Church was closed after Mass on Sunday 10 Jan. but I hope to offer Mass privately there weekly.

### **Pastoral Ministry**

I shall not be visiting parishioners during lockdown at home but please contact me by phone or email if you or anyone you know is in need of the sacraments.

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**Please pray for those who have died:** Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin.

**Anniversaries:** Allan Hince, Richard Moynihan, Georges de Serionne, Paul McGrath, Robert Smith, Patricia Smith, Ann Shergold.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Elaine Barry, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Annette Steele, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick.

### **Parish Bank details for Standing Orders**

Natwest, 23 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HW

Account: St Joseph's Catholic Church

Account No: 43009530 Sort code: 60 24 60

### **Aluminium and metal cans / scrap metal**

We can sell alu tins (and non-alu tins) if you collect them. **All** metal tins (and smaller pieces of scrap) can be turned to good use.

## Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Mark 1:21-28

### **Fourth Sunday (B) 31.012021**

Healing is part of the prophetic ministry of Jesus the liberator. He is the personification of Old Testament prophecy. Of twenty-two accounts of healing recorded in the synoptic gospels (Mt Mk & Lk) fifteen are on behalf of the marginalized; those who would have experienced discrimination in Jewish society. Jesus loves specially those in need and today's Gospel is a case in point. The people are struck by the authority with which he preaches, which is something entirely new. He confirms that authority by the power he exercises over the unclean spirit, which obeys his command to leave the unfortunate man. He sets him free from evil domination.

What is rather peculiar in these first chapters of Mark's Gospel, where the people gradually take the measure of Jesus, is that they are inconsistent and do not live up to their convictions. His reputation spreads far and wide in Galilee, but the people see and fail to perceive, hear and fail to understand, as Jesus himself says. The unclean spirit is in no doubt whatsoever as to what extraordinary divine power is in Jesus. Yet despite initial enthusiasm, already in the first verses of chapter three (Mk 3:6) the Jewish leaders are conspiring how to destroy him.

Would we have acted differently? Consistent commitment over years to one's convictions is sadly rare in human beings. But the Lord will help us to trust him and remain his true friends if we pray for it.

