



30 January 2022

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

Faith in Focus

Strong convictions

It's not really fair to speak of Jeremiah as the "prophet of doom". True, he did have some pretty devastating messages for the Jewish people and he warned that if they did not live up to their side of the bargain with God then things would only get worse.

He was a man of strong convictions who lived through some of the most harassing periods of Old Testament history. So perhaps he could be forgiven for coming down in a heavy way. Not that he was the sort of person you'd invite to your party. He refused to go to festivities because he thought things were too disastrous to be partying. He never married because he thought his children wouldn't survive. His townspeople plotted against his life. He was put in the Temple stocks for prophesying that the city would be destroyed. And he was put on trial for blasphemy. He didn't want to be a prophet but took his calling seriously, realising he had a duty to tell the world what he thought God wanted it to hear.

When we baptise people we make them prophets. I'm one and so are you. This means that in our daily lives we have to tell others what we think God wants them to know. This task isn't just for bishops, priests, deacons and other worthies. It's

what we agree to every time we answer "Amen" at

Communion, what we proclaim every time we say the Creed. It's what being a Christian means.

Of course, it's easier to keep a low profile, to pretend that we're not quite sure about some aspects of our faith, to leave it to others. Yet God has given us a role in the never-ending drama of revealing his love to the world. Prophets don't exist to bring bad news but to be living proof of God's love for those he has created. You and I are surrounded by God's care and as prophets we're here to let others see that this love makes a difference in our lives. A relationship with God is not a private affair, so I mustn't be fooled into keeping quiet about (politics and) religion out of a misplaced sense of decency. If we never talk about God, people will never come to know him.

And today Jeremiah gives us some very comforting words from God if we're feeling a bit inadequate. He says, "They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you." So what are we waiting for?



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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday
to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, and 1.30
pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Baptisms
take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3rd Sunday
of the month at 11.00 am Mass at Holy Name.
Please see Father John at a weekend Mass.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box or with weekly collection. Please
also specify the reason for the intention, i.e.
recently deceased, anniversary etc. For a
particular day, please request early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)
Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)
YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

QR code



Scan this QR code for access
to the Mass readings. If the QR
code does not work, download
a QR code reader from App Store or
Google Play store.

Readings at Mass

1st reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Psalm Response: My lips will tell of your
help.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £844.44

Lenten exposition

During Lent, there will be a half hour of
quiet time with music. At Holy Name on a
Tuesday after Mass and at St Philomena
on a Friday after Mass.

Stations of the cross

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be
led by parishioners. At St Philomena on a
Wednesday evening before Mass, and at
Holy Name on a Friday evening at 7 pm.

Mass intentions

The parish consultative group has agreed
that Mass intentions for a specific date
should be accommodated whenever
possible, so will be implementing this.

Parish office

Please note, the parish office will be
closed on Wednesday 2 February.

Numbers Galore

Numbers are 14 and 41. Double rollover.

Covid guidance

The latest guidance, from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

- Face coverings are recommended, unless exempt or a child under 11.
- There is no need for formal social distancing in church, but please be sensitive.
- Holy water is in the stoups again.

The latest guidance is on the church noticeboards and parish website. Includes specific guidance for Eucharistic Ministers and home visits.

Lepra: World Leprosy Day

In support of World leprosy day this weekend, Lepra has prepared a second film about the work they do. The film is on the parish website. For more information on the work of Lepra and to donate go to <https://lepra.org.uk>

A retiring collection for Lepra will be taken at the end of Mass.

Sick and housebound

The list of names for the sick and housebound are being checked. If you take Communion to the housebound at Holy Name, can you please contact the parish office. Thanks to Diana for helping to update the list at St Philomena.

Party and catering

The catering at the celebration party will offer both vegetarian and meat options. For any specific dietary requirements please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Planned giving to the parish

To set up a regular standing order for donations to the parish, please use the form at the end of the newsletter on the website, go to the 'Donations' page on the website, or call in at the parish office.

SVP

The parish SVP group meet on Tuesday 1 February at 7 pm in the Upper Room at Holy Name. Everyone welcome.

Could you be a deacon?

To hear about the role of a deacon and whether this may be your calling, you are invited to join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team on Tuesday 22 February from 7.30 – 9 pm (refreshments from 7 pm) at St Gregory's Parish House, Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW.

If interested in the diaconate but unable to attend, email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Kitchen garden

Learn to grow and cook your own fresh food with a 12-week course starting Monday 21 February from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm. Contact rachel@faiths4change.org.uk or 07715 087655

City & Guilds Horticulture course on a Wednesday; Level 2 10 am to 12 noon; Level 1 1 pm to 3pm. Contact proctorgerry@hotmail.com or 07742 804243

At La Salle Kitchen Garden, L11 4SF

Archdiocesan recruitment

The Archdiocese is recruiting for a Safeguarding Administrator at St Margaret Clitherow Centre. For further details and to apply www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Word for today

God does not create audience members. Everyone is an actor in God's plan for the world. Before we even come to birth God knows what we are capable of, and he is waiting patiently for us to play our part in the drama of making him known and loved in our world. Do we know our lines?

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 29th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Eileen M ^c Quaid (1st anniversary)
Sunday 30th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Betty Kent (lately dead)
Monday 31st			No service
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Theresa Stoneley (31st away from home)
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Agnes Hindley
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	No service
Thursday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Name	No service
Friday 4th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Jimmy & Theresa Smith (Deceased)

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 5th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 6th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Mary Sinnott, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Sue Braithwaite (Anniversary remembrance)

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently:

Catherine Lovell, John Joseph Lovell, Jacqueline Mason

Paul Donafee, Veronica McIver, Joan Coburn

May they rest in peace

Face coverings are recommended, unless exempt or a child 11

There is no need for formal social distancing in church, but please be sensitive

Mass is uploaded daily to <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

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