



29 January 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Seek integrity; seek humility. You will perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
(Zephaniah 2:3)

Faith in Focus

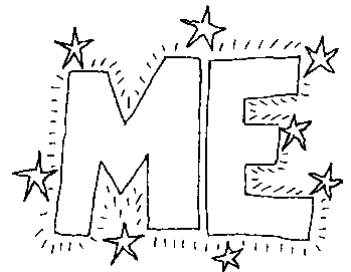
### Self-made people?

The 1980s were known as the “me” years. We were encouraged to take care of ourselves by sharing in an economy that was supposed to make us all richer and give us a greater share in the wealth of our nation. A booming financial market, wider ownership of shares due to privatisation, champagne in the city and a “loads o’ money” culture ensued. For some. Yet we were all enticed by the philosophy of getting out there and grabbing what was ours.

The pundits of the 80s would have found it hard to make any sense of Jesus’s words in today’s gospel. They are counter-cultural: they fly in the face of the accepted standards of society. In fact, they say that to be a Christian is to put yourself not in the front line when it comes to receiving, but to stand in second place and allow those more needy than you to come forward.

What lies behind the teaching from the Sermon on the Mount is the fact that none of us is a self-made man or woman. The world belongs to God not to the rich, and whatever skills and talents we might have are not the result

of our own greatness but of God’s generosity.



Success is not measured by bank balances or public adulation, by civic honours and titles or by column inches in the national newspapers. Success is measured by our ability to espouse the values of God’s kingdom, values which do not draw attention to ourselves but point us in the direction of God.

People who are selfish, or self-absorbed, lack integrity. They lack integrity because humility is missing from their make-up. And humility does not mean that they pretend to be less than they are; it means that they acknowledge where their strengths come from.

Jesus urges us to go beyond the world’s definition of strength, success and happiness, for seen through the lens of eternity they are shallow. Instead, he invites us to rejoice in true poverty of spirit and boast of the values of the kingdom, which are our wisdom, our strength, our holiness and our freedom.

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley,  
L10 9LG

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Road, L9 6BU

**Parish office at Holy Name:** Open Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday and 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at  
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of the month at 12 noon at Holy Name. Please  
see Fr 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 weekly  
collection. Please also specify the reason for  
the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary etc.  
For a particular day, please request early. To  
enable more Mass intentions to be said in the  
parish and not sent away, the Mass will be  
shared unless you request otherwise.

**Newsletter notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Open before and after Mass.

**Covid19:** Face coverings are optional.



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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: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Psalm Response: How happy are the poor  
in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £829.44  
and St Anthony's Bread £136.00

## Great news!

Recently Fr John was informed that two  
of our parishioners have been awarded by  
Pope Francis the Benemerenti medal.  
Marie and Derek Penketh have been  
recognised for the great contribution they  
make to the life of our parish.

Benemerenti means 'well deserved' and,  
though being modest and slightly  
embarrassed about it, Marie and Derek are  
worthy recipients.

A celebration Mass will be held at Holy  
Name Church on Friday 3 March at 7.30  
pm and previous priests who have served  
Holy Name have been invited.

Please put this date in your diaries, there  
will be a celebration in the parish centre  
after the Mass.

## Numbers galore

Numbers are 19 and 46. Triple rollover.

## Lepra: World leprosy day

World leprosy day is the weekend of 28 and 29 January and a retiring collection for Lepra will be taken this weekend.

Two short films prepared by Lepra are on the parish website. For more information on the work of Lepra <https://lepra.org.uk>

## A message from Lepra

Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world and each day 600 people are diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children.

Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; with your support we can achieve this sooner. Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

## Homes for Ukraine

The Catholic charity, St John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG), together with their partners Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is currently running a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK.

To find out more go to:

<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

<https://facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine>

E-mail: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)

Details also on church noticeboard and parish website.

## Parish consultative group

The minutes of the meeting from 10 January are on the church noticeboard and parish website. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed.

## Thank you from Sr Kathleen

What a birthday!! Thank you for your cards, generous gifts and sumptuous meals. Appreciation also to the two teams who decorated and put on a heart-warming 'do' in the Russell room.

I was truly overwhelmed by everybody's love and generosity. What lovely memories I have of you all. I'm still living it up!!

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is marked on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution and in the genocides which followed.

## Warm and cosy

The Archdiocese has created warm cosy spaces across the diocese, with free tea, coffee and biscuits, along with the opportunity to watch TV, read books and meet old and new friends. Our parish clubs are taking part.

- Holy Name - Wednesday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm
- Our Lady of Sorrows - Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

## Take a break holidays

Care for the Family is a charity that provides support for families. They offer 'Take a break action holidays' to single parent families with children aged 5 to 15.

The subsidised holidays take place throughout the summer. Applications are open from 6 February.

For more information go to:

<https://careforthefamily.org.uk/events/take-a-break>

For information on the support, events and courses offered by Care for the Family go to: <https://careforthefamily.org.uk>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Maria Miller, lately dead
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Sr Kathleen, 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday Maureen Egerton, deceased
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Teresa Peters, lately dead Colbeck family, special intentions
Monday 30th			No service
Tuesday 31st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Sue Prendagest, lately dead Gwen M <sup>c</sup> Cormick, lately dead
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Funeral service: Bethany Jane Price, RIP</b>
	1.30 pm	HMP Altcourse	Christopher Youds Susan Savage
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Frances Glynn, lately dead Phyllis Glancy
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Mary G Sinnott Jessica Jameson, lately dead (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Agnes Hindley Oonagh Killen, lately dead
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Maria Martin, RIP</b>
Friday 3rd	10.00 am	St Philomena	David Reid, lately dead Debbie Sergeant, lately dead

### Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Cathy Gildea, 2 years anniversary Marie Hale, lately dead
Sunday 5th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Peter Butler, speedy recovery Michelle Parry, speedy recovery
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Maisie Jeffers, lately dead

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently  
Henry Murphy, Carole Dodd, Maria Martin, Bethany Jane Price, Stefan Ashworth,  
William John Quinn, Angela Mary Dempsey. May they rest in peace

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