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✕ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B** ✕

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Josmy Manuel/Princy Manuel 9:30am Edeji Family
 11:30am Chelsea Atoe/Shakira Kara 6.30pm, Ugochi Uche/Bridget Iwu

Reading 1	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	<i>I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.</i>
Psalm	Ps 70:1-6, 15. 17 r. 15	<i>My lips will tell of your help.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 12:31-13:13	<i>There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:5	<i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.</i>
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30	<i>Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Tania Jackson/Lennette Opedu
 11.30am Joan Aruma/Ancy John 6.30pm Ugochi Uche/Maureen O-Krakue

- ✕ Please pray for all those who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✕ Margaret King, Olive Lewis, Michael Jessup, Roy Batt, Honorah Hubbert, Antonio Nasillo, Nicola Di Lisio & Roy Woodward.
- ✕ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

✕ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✕

Saturday 27 th January	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Rest of the soul of Mary Mahoney
Sunday 28 th		9.30am	Intention of Eileen Byrne & Gillian & Michael Knight's Godchildren
		11.30am	Rest of the soul of Gerry Flynn
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 29 th Feria		10.00am	Rest of the soul of Andrew Campbell
Tuesday 30 th Feria		10.00am	Intentions of Michael & Gillian Knight
Wednesday 31 st St John Bosco		10.00am	Miriam's birthday
Thursday 1 st February Feria		10.00am	Rest of the soul of Kate Walsh
Friday 2 nd Presentation of the Lord		10.00am	Rest of the souls of George & Mary Jones
		7.30pm	Rest of the souls of Donald Arricivito & Paddy McDonagh and intentions of the McDonagh family
Saturday 3 rd St Blaise	Vigil Mass	10.00am	Rest of the soul of Mary Culhane
		6.30pm	

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY and there is a SECOND COLLECTION. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. **Mass will also be celebrated at St George's Cathedral 10.00am** followed by refreshments in the Amigo Hall.

POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LIFE – As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. To register for the next programme commencing with a **Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024** or a **Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or email retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouville.org.uk Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – The Knights of St. Columba **Pre-Lenten walk** has been scheduled for 10th February 2024 from St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Rainham to Aylesford Friary. It starts at 10.30am after the 10am Mass. and finishes in Aylesford. Walkers need to arrange return transport to their homes from Aylesford Friary

FOOTBALL MARSHALLS - We still need a few more volunteers, including gentlemen for the occasional Tuesday evenings to help in the church car park on alternate Saturdays between 11am and 2.45 If we had just a few more volunteers for the next four months until the end of the season the commitment on a Rota basis would only be about once per month. The average income of £250 per match is a big help when paying the increased heating bills for our church and hall. Please let Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or the office know if you can help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -. The Children's Liturgy has now resumed its sessions in the McMahon Hall. The next session is next Sunday 4th February. All the children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome.

Catholic Men's Lenten Retreat- Catholic men of the parish are invited to an evening retreat to prepare for Lent and Easter, led by experienced spiritual director, Fr Gerard Bradley. Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, Rosary, silent prayer, two preached meditations, and Confession available. Includes a short tea break. Church is next to Chatham train station, and car parking is available. No cost to attend. Friday 9th February, 7.15pm-9pm, St Michael's Parish, Chatham.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Preparation classes have started. The next class is Saturday 10th February.

BAPTISMS – Parents who wish to have their children baptised should see Deacon Michael after one of the Sunday Masses.

RED MISSIO BOXES - Our Missio secretary would like to thank all those who have returned their red mission boxes. The total donated to help our dedicated missionaries in difficult and sometimes dangerous parts of the world amounted to **£1448**. This was in spite of the hardships being experienced by our own parishioners currently. If you wish to keep a red box at home please contact the Missio secretary on 01634 326132 (or, t11940@virginmedia.com).

FOOD BANK NEWS – A special "Thank You" to those parishioners who have been so generous by supporting the **SVP FOOD BANK collection**. There is still a desperate need for more donations to help those in our community. A new list of items is at the in the church porch.

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £659.88 of which £74.00 was Gift Aided..

Thank you.