

Parish of St Pius X. Norbiton

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Office Hours: Mon-Wed, and Fri. **Confessions:** Sat 10.30 –11am, 5–5.45pm

Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

Parish Centre Booking: Contact Margaret on **0208 541 0796** or the Parish Office

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: Tuesdays after Mass for an hour

Our Lady's Prayer Group: Tuesdays 7pm-8.45pm; all are welcome

Apostolate of Fatima in SSW & 1st Saturday Divine Mercy Devotion: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Safeguarding: Norbitonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Sat	30 Jan	6 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Racial Justice Sunday.
Sun	31 Jan	10 am	Mass	Mary & Michael O'Neill-WB	
		5 pm	Mass	Paula Bartoisk-WB	
Mon	1 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Nora Connolly-WB	Feria
Tues	2 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Patricia Connolly-WB	Feast-THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Wed	3 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Marie Sweeney-RIP 1st Anniversary	Saint Lawrence of Canterbury
Thurs.	4 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Margaret Connolly-WB	Feria
Fri	5 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Johanna Bennett-WB	Saint Agatha
Sat	6 Feb	10 am	Mass	Stephen Bennet-WB	Saint Paul Miki and Companions
		6 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	Vigil Mass
Sun	7 Feb	10 am	Mass	Susie Fox-Mooney-WB	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
		5 pm	Mass	Breda Moynihan-WB	

The Sick of the Parish: Pray for Peter Maxwell, Jacob Tullett, John Marsella, David Carrier, Ron Murphy, Joe Murphy, Jean Reynard, Philomena Leech, Genie Stack, Ron Johnson, Kate Fitzsimmons, Anna Webb, Teresa Allon, Crissie Hutchins, Barbara Farmer, Pat Luis, and Gill Graffham.

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.

Mark stresses Jesus as "Teacher" and as the "Servant of God". Jesus is regularly addressed as "Teacher" by his disciples (Mk 4:38) and by those who seek his help (Mk 5:35). He also uses the Hebrew form of teacher, "Rabbi" (Mk 9:5). Ironically Mark gives little of Jesus' teaching compared with Luke and Matthew. Mark mainly stresses what Jesus did. He depicts Jesus' ceaseless activity and his power over sickness, disease, death, and the work of evil spirits.

Mark also displays both Jesus' divinity and his humanity. For example, Mark tells us that Jesus is "the carpenter" (Mk 6:3). Matthew softens it a bit by saying that Jesus is the "carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55). Mark even tells us about Jesus' emotions. Jesus was moved with "compassion" (Mk 6:34); he "sighed" (Mk 7:34; 8:12); he "marvelled" at the unbelief of his own townsfolk (Mk 6:6); he "looked" upon the rich young man and "loved him" (Mk 10:21).

Mark also adds vivid details that the other gospel writers leave out. For example, he describes Jesus' tenderness as he took the little children "in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them" (Mk 10:16). On another occasion Mark describes Jesus "asleep on a cushion" in the stern of the boat as the apostles feared for their lives when caught in the storm at sea (Mk 4:38).

This year's Racial Justice Sunday, 31 January, is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, other events that have taken place in the course of last and this year, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Date	Offertory	2 nd collection	Many thanks for your generosity

Mass Offerings: Please drop your Mass Intention envelope with the usual details at the Presbytery and you will be informed when this Mass will be celebrated.

Holy Father's Intention for January: Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full with our brothers and sisters of other fellowship religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Bishops Conference of England and Wales: Please take care to read the information contained in the **Update** about **vaccination**. Certain Catholic groups are not representing Catholic teaching faithfully on this matter. The Bishops' state:

The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world. Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but [one] continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

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