

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus and his followers went to a town called Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, Jesus went into the Jewish meeting place, the synagogue, and began to teach. Everyone was astonished because Jesus, unlike their other teachers, taught with real authority. While he was teaching, Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man, who started to shout wildly, and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus, paused, spoke to the sick man and healed him in full view of all the people present. They were amazed and said to one another, 'Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it, because what Jesus says will happen, does take place.' The news about Jesus quickly spread through the surrounding countryside.

Sunday 31st January 2021. Adapted from Mark 1:21-28 The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people the family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love.

Today's word is **Teacher**. When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by

God. Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's ways, to live a good life that is pleasing to God. Jesus' personal example, the witness of his life, gave power and authority to his teaching. Jesus practices what he taught and all of us are invited to do the same. We have a proverb which says, 'Practice what you preach!' When there is a gap between what we say and what we do, people quickly see through us and ask themselves if we can be trusted. Jesus always did what he said he would do, and people recognised that he spoke with authority. This authority was not given to him from any human source, rather it came from his Father. **Dear Jesus, please bless all the people in my life who teach me. Thank you for being my friend and teacher. Help me to learn and grow. Amen**



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31st 2020 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCKDOWN

Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day without a congregation. Please watch this space for further information.

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	Joan Knowles
Monday:	People of the Parish
Tuesday:	Margaret Muller
Wednesday:	November Dead List
Thursday:	Patrick Sweeney
Friday:	Frank Holmes
Saturday:	Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday:	People of the Parish

Confessions by appointment

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The Lent Course will be based on a new Cover to Cover booklet entitled "**The Prayers of Jesus**" which is available from Eden Books £5.97

Although the Group Meetings will be via Zoom, the booklet is suitable for individual home study for those unable to access Zoom.

Those who would like to be a part of this are asked to either –

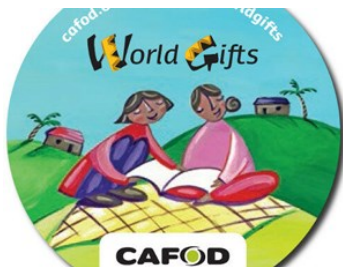
- a) Order a copy for themselves from Eden Books at www.eden.co.uk
- b) Contact Fr Bernard who will have a number of copies available

Please let Fr Bernard know if you would like to be part of a discussion group beginning Thursday 25th February. Thanks to those who have either ordered a book by themselves or asked for one of the 10 here in the presbytery. There are still some books for sale here.

One Christmas card for all

With the money raised through the Card Anne ordered the following world gifts.

- 1 Solar lamp
- 1 Emergency food
- 2 Emergency water
- 5 Keep clean kits
- 1 Vegetable garden
- 1 Chirpy chickens
- 1 School starter pack
- 1 Teach someone to read



Thanks to all for such a generous response given the circumstances. Anne K

ST EDWARD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Children born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018

We are now taking applications for Nursery places in September 2021.

If you would like to register an interest for a place for your child, to arrange a visit to see the nursery or school, please contact the school office **on 0161 624 1377** or call into the school office with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate. We will offer both part time and full time places. All eligible children will be offered 15 hours free child care and some working parents may also be eligible for 30 hours free childcare. For more information : www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Further information can be found on the schools website

<http://www.st-edwards.oldham.sch.uk/key-information/admissions>.



*Friends of the
Holy Land*



Dear Fr Bickers and Parishioners ,
You have helped so many!
As I look back on 2020, it is incredible to me how much the world has changed since we marked out 10th anniversary in November

2019. I know that at those vents we all had shared many plans that we wanted to take back to our parishes and get behind in 2020. These plans were mostly dashed by the pandemic. This created a year of challenge for you, for us, for our projects, and especially for Christians in the Holy Land.

In response to the crisis of unemployment caused by the halt in tourism, we launched the Pentecost Appeal and then the Christmas Appeal as this crisis persisted. Your response and generosity has been overwhelming. THANK YOU. We simply could not have continued our projects and helped the extra people visiting our office in Bethlehem and those in the wider West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan without generous supporters like you. Your gifts and prayers are lifelines for so many.

As we begin 2021, I know some of you will have lost a loved one; others may have lost their job; others still are experiencing anxiety and insecurity about what the year will bring. Our challenge is that in these uncertain times, those attending our projects, such as the School of Joy and St Martha's House, rely more than ever on Friends of the Holy Land. Furthermore, as pilgrimages and general tourism are unlikely to return in meaningful numbers until the end of the year, so the toll on the unemployed continues and request for help will only grow.

My sincere thanks to you all for your efforts and generosity in this past year. The strength and commitment of your response fills me with confidence that we can meet whatever challenges lie ahead in 2021.

God bless, Brendan Metcalf—Executive Director, Friends of the Holy Land
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"Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be." Sonia Ricotti