



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 130 of the Parish Mass Books. **On 5<sup>th</sup> February**, the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, readings will be found on page 133.
2. **Please note – Fr Richard is away until 4<sup>th</sup> February – therefore this newsletter covers the next two weeks.**
3. **Parish Film Night - There will be a showing of Hitchcock's "I Confess" in the Parish Centre on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.** It has been described as "the most Catholic film of Hitchcock's films". The film (about 90 minutes long) is about a murder which the murderer confesses to his local priest. The priest himself is then questioned by the police, and is subsequently charged with the murder. The film provides us with an important practical lesson on the Seal of the Confessional. If you would like to come to the showing of the film, please give your name to Richard Symington on 0771 360 7017 (incl. WhatsApp) or at [richard.symington@methuenconsulting.com](mailto:richard.symington@methuenconsulting.com). Numbers are limited, so please get your booking in early.
4. **The Holy Ghost Youth Group** will take place on the following dates for the Spring term: **29 January, 26 February, 26 March**. We look forward to seeing you all there! **Details for the next meeting:** Who: Anyone aged 13-18. When: 29 January. Where: The crypt Time: 7-8:30pm.
5. Quite a number of **photographs of children visiting Father Christmas at our Christmas Fair** are available in the Parish Office, and can be collected by their parents during office hours (9.30 – 12.30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
6. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school** – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a 'Mass attendance form' every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy

to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.

7. **The Social Committee** is a group of parishioners who come together to build our parish community through social activities. We run a variety of events throughout the year including the traditional Summer Roast and providing refreshments at parish talks. Currently our focus is on providing refreshments at the Lenten talks which begin in late February. **The Social Committee is currently looking for new members** – so, if you have appreciated our activities, would like to see more of them and/or have organisational skills, please do join us or volunteer to support us on the event days. If you're interested, please contact Father Richard ([richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk)) and he can put you in touch with the team

