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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

31st January 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday **No Saturday evening Mass at present**
Sunday 9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday [Presentation of the Lord]

9.00 am Intentions of Jim Watrus and Family

Because of current restrictions, the traditional Candlemass ceremonies will be omitted

Wednesday [St Blaise, bishop and martyr]

9.00 am Intentions of Julia Bunch

The blessing of throats will not take place at the end of Mass

Thursday [Feria]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Friday [St Agatha, virgin and martyr]

9.00 am Betty Watrus

Saturday [St Paul Miki and Companion Martyrs of Japan]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Mildred Plumbly; Florence May Ryan; James Michael Lewthwaite; Isabel Loftus; John William Pincham** (anniversaries)

'Don't ask me to change my way of life', you say. 'It's unreasonable to expect me to welcome having my routine turned upside down. In any case, I'm satisfied with my old ways – that's how I was brought up. I don't see any need to change.'

All right, let's accept your argument. You were brought up on milk. Why then have you 'changed' to a new diet? You spent the first years of your life clinging to your mother. Why have you let go of her? And when you travel, do you always follow the same route? It's safer, of course – but a bit boring!

So, if the old way, your present way of life, is unsatisfactory – if it ignores God, or disturbs

your conscience – wouldn't change be the best thing? Even if it offends our relatives or friends, shouldn't we do what is right, and what will bring us to the truth and to God? Isn't it possible that tradition, custom, a comfortable 'rut', a familiar life-style, may keep us from the greatest thing life offers? And if so, isn't custom a deadly drug, tranquilizing us, preventing changes that will be wholly for the good?

St Clement of Alexandria (155-220 A.D.)