minds, Jesus took two examples from the Old Testament to remind them that both Elijah and Elisha had been sent to help the people outside Israel in times of need. Similarly Jesus did not come exclusively to Nazareth for the Jews but for everyone. Jesus' comments were provocative, but he spoke the truth. The people could have learned from history and proved Jesus wrong by accepting his message. Instead, they not only drove Jesus out of his own town, they even attempted to kill him by throwing him down the cliff.

Let us pray that we will be able to recognise Jesus' presence among us and we will not reject him in our lives.

Mass Times & Intentions: 1st - 7th Feb

Monday	08.30 12.00	,
Tuesday	08.30 12.00	
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Saturday	11.00	Johnnie Coelho RIP
5th Sunday Isa 6:1-8, Ps 137:1-5, 7-8, I Cor 15:1- II, Luke 5:1- II	08.00 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.30	Gil Almond Anniv / Michael & Roger Raleigh RIP Mary & Peter Ellwood INT Polish Mass

Anniversaries: Alfredo Baggayan, Eric & Peggy Auckland, Fr Joseph Keating, Phyllis Duff, Mary Sieyes, Mary Coelho, Mary Doyle

Recently Deceased: Brenda Kavanagh



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On every Thursday at 1.15pm, there is a Mass in the Watford General Hospital chapel (3rd floor). Everyone is welcome to join us, to pray for the sick and the staff who care for them.

Confession: Saturday 11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

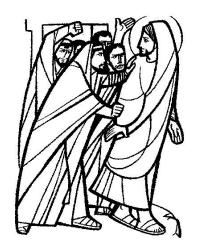
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Sunday 31st Jan 2016
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, Psalm 70:1-6, 15. 17,
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30 on
pages 133 135 of the Parish Mass Book



This Sunday's gospel starts where we left off last Sunday. To recap, Jesus, the Anointed One, had been preaching the good news and healing the sick

before he headed back to his home town Nazareth. In the synagogue, after reading a passage from Isaiah, Jesus said, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

Upon hearing Jesus' words, the people's initial reaction was of approval and amazement. Then some of them recognised this familiar face and started muttering, 'Isn't he the son of Joseph the carpenter?' Were they jealous? Or perhaps they were just puzzled by Jesus' claim. Reading what was in their

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