



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Week 2

Year C

And Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh."

A friend asked me recently - When you encounter tough times, misfortune, grief, or even tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or with faith? With a 'I give up' attitude or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death.

When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. The offer of Happiness from Christ however does not come cheap, indeed it cost Him his life. This invitation calls for a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

When we hear these familiar words of Jesus- 'how happy are the poor in spirit'- at first this may not sound very attractive. Who wants to be poor? But if we dig deeper into this Scripture we discover a call to freedom and an exciting dependency upon God. If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

St Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness." (exposition of the Gospel of Luke 5.62-63, 68).

Fr John

Sunday 17 February 2019

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| 18.30* | Mass |
| 08.00 | Mass |
| 09.30 | Mass |
| 11.15 | Mass |
| 18.30 | Mass Parish & People |

Monday 18

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Audrey Bagge ann+ |
| 12.30 | Alpha - PH |
| 13.00 | Mass at Chase Farm Hospital |
| 19.30 | Alpha - PH |
| 20.00 | RCIA - JP Room |

Tuesday 19

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Rhona Jarvis + |
| 10.30 | Life Ascending Barnet Group - JP Room |

Wednesday 20

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Georges Jordache + |
| 11.00-18.00 | NO ADORATION |
| 13.00 | Mass at Barnet Gen Hospital |
| 16.00 | Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help |

Thursday 21

- St Peter Damian**
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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Bridget Tissera + |

Friday 22

- The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**
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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Sarah McHugh + |
| 11.00-18.00 | NO ADORATION |

Saturday 23

- St Polycarp**
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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Mass Augusto Isolda + |
| 18.30* | Mass |

24th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 08.00 | Mass Paul Fitzgerald + |
| 09.30 | Mass Maura Howells + |
| 11.15 | Mass Mary McGrath ann+ |
| 18.30 | Mass Parish & People |

PARISH OFFICE is closed this week.

Please telephone the presbytery prior to your visit.

NOTICES

Adoration: there will be no Adoration this week. The church is open during the day for private prayer.

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You are invited to an Evening Service with hymns & choral music led by the Elstree Singers with Terence Atkins as conductor (*John Ainslie is one of the singers*) on Wednesday 27th February at 8pm here in church. Entrance fee: donation! Please come along - all welcome.

Life Ascending (Barnet) Group meet on Tuesday 19 February after the 10am Mass. We will be discussing the ways we might enhance our devotions during Lent.

St Patrick's Night: Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Tickets are £20.00 Adult, £10 children inc a hot supper. *Live music, dancers, licenced bar and Irish coffee.* Tickets will be available next weekend 23/24 February. Tickets will go fast - so don't delay getting yours!

St Catherine's Nursery: application deadline for September 2019 intake is Friday 22nd March 2019. Application forms can be found on our website. Tour date is on Friday 1st March at 9.15am. Should you wish to attend, contact the school office to register.

CCP UPDATE: if you are applying for a nursery place (other than St Catherine's) please contact the presbytery.

Friends of St Martha/Jeanne Antide meet on Sunday 3 March at 2.45pm. Pick up available outside the church at 2.30pm. Please telephone Sr Irene in advance.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March at 2pm HERE in Church. '**Come - Everything Is Ready!**' praying for Slovenia - a service for everyone. Followed by refreshments in the JP Room - all are welcome!

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June at 3pm. The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. Please give the presbytery both your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (telephone number if no email). The deadline for this is 10th March 2019. Any anniversaries given to the Diocese after this date will not be honoured.

Are you new to the Parish? Please email the parish office to register your contact details if you are new and/or your details need updating. **Protecting your Privacy:** your personal details of yourself and family will be stored and used by the Parish/Diocese for admin and organisational purposes of the parish, this includes sharing those details with those who organise the activities and ministries that may be of interest to you. In addition, we would like to keep you informed of events of interest in the parish. If you do NOT wish for your personal details to be disclosed; please notify us in your email. Full details can be found at rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

Saturday RE Classes for children attending non-Catholic schools starts next weekend. Dates are March 2nd, 16th & 30th. Time 9.30am-10.45am in the JP Room All children in non-Catholic schools, from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join the group.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound

Anne-Marie Nowell, Tony Costello, Emanuele Brunelli, Linda Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariella Mansi, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Raymond Heaney, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Mary Fitzsimons, Marina Melinta, Heather Thompson, Diane Faller, Francis Benedict Bullivan, Marleen Hollicks, Roberto Lusignani, Eleanor Baker, Anne Jones, William Loh, Rita Tracy, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin

Sacrament of Baptism: Joshua Philip, Lilly Zegar, Vienna Green, Charlie Evans-Troon, Alexander Chesterton.

Recently died:

Music for the Liturgy

09.30 Mass

Entrance: 820

Psalm: Planted like a tree beside a flowing stream, blest indeed are they whose hope is in the Lord.

Response to prayers:

Cantor: We ask you Lord

All: Listen to our prayer

Offertory: 603

Communion: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy and you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God

964

Going Forth: 816

Music Co-Ordinator

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