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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 13th February 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th February	Vigil: 6th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th February	6th Sunday of the year	8.30am	Georgette Gornal RIP
		10.30am	Bridget Ann Flynn RIP
Thursday 17th February	Feria	9.15am	James Joseph Cunnigham
Friday 18th February	Feria	9.15am	Sue O'Donnell RIP
Saturday 19th February	Vigil: 7th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	Patrick Joseph Reilly RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions: please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon:	Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
Responsorial Psalm:	Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	I Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, Psalm 102, I Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

Fr Dominic writes:

“A Blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord”

The First Reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This reading prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the 'little ones' who have no one to trust in but God.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, we have his version of the Beatitudes, four Beatitudes and four woes. It is called the sermon on the plain. Here Jesus mingles among the people, apostles, disciples and non-disciples, rich and poor, those in sorrow and those in happier times of their life. People are coming to him with all kinds of diseases and he stops and says something startling; “Blessed are you who are poor, you who are hungry, you who are weeping, blessed are you when people are speaking against you because of me....” Then the Lord says something even more alarming: “Woe to you who are rich, you who are satisfied, you who are joyful, woe to you when people are speaking well of you...” All of this is the opposite of what they expected and what we expect to hear.

When the Lord says “Blessed” are you poor, hungry and so forth. He is not saying to those who are burdened by life that their life is ideal, far from it. The Lord is teaching that there is a truth within their circumstances, a strength they do not realise. Within the tragedy of their lives is a hidden grace.

When the Lord says, “Woe to you who are rich, popular, healthy.” He is saying that there is a hidden danger in their lives.

Back to Jeremiah. What nourishes our life? Is it the sand or the stream? Lent is around the corner. It is a good time for all of us to sink our roots into the deep, clear waters of God's life again. A time to renew our faith and practice in the Lord.

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Invitation for all our young adults

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which has run Catholic Charismatic events for the last 28 years serving those between ages 17 (year 12) and 25.

What - A week full of opportunities for young adults to spend time each day in personal prayer, share in the sacraments, come together for faith input and discussions as well as engaging in praise and worship, social activities and workshops all focussing around this year's theme of 'Holiness, Intimacy & Unity'

Where - St. Mary's School, Ascot, Berkshire from 3rd-8th April.

Why - We want to see young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe offering people space to encounter the living God and explore faith within a safe space of a community, and fellowship is a great way to do this!

Further details and tickets are available now at <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/buy-tickets-1>. You can either purchase a full residential (all week) ticket which includes full board and lodging, or you can buy day tickets. Either way, whether you've been to JB before or not, part of a CathSoc or Christian Union, diocesan youth team or youth group coming with friends, family or coming alone, **we can't wait to see you!**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March 2022 at 7.30pm

On 4th March there will be a worship service here at St Joseph's: prayers, readings, reflections and music. The theme is "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11).

World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement.

Gala Irish Concert

**Charity Concert in aid of The British Heart Foundation & The Michael Sobell Hospice.
Salvatorian College 26 February 2022 7.30 to 11pm HA3 5DY**

**Featuring John Mc Nicholl and his Band - The London Irish Orchestra
Terence O'Flaherty with Liam and Caroline Nolan**

TICKETS £15

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Marriage enrichment

Are you looking for ways to enrich, nurture and refresh your relationship. Do you need an oasis moment? Worldwide Marriage Encounter <https://wwme.org.uk/> now provide in-person and virtual (Zoom) enrichment weekends.

Cana Welcome <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/programmes/cana/cana-welcome/>

The latest advice from the Bishop's conference is that face masks may continue to be worn in Church. For the time being we continue to recommend the wearing of masks whilst Covid infections locally continue to be at significant levels.

**The Financials....Total offertory for the month of
December**
Envelopes £1197.51
Loose Plate £828.84
Standing Orders: £1517.50

Last Year's offertory for December
Envelopes £919.95 Loose plate £936.75
Standing Orders £819.50
Thank you