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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 20th February 2022

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(Lk 6:36)
be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th February	Vigil: 7th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	Patrick Joseph Reilly RIP
Sunday 20th February	7th Sunday of the year	8.30am	Joe Chapman RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday 24th February	Feria	9.15am	David Mulchrone RIP
Friday 25th February	Feria	9.15am	Peter Molloy RIP
Saturday 26th February	Vigil: 8th Sunday of the year	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me .

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Psalm 91, I Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6: 39-45

Fr John writes:

“Grant pardon and you will be pardoned.” (Luke 6:37)

Last week we heard teaching from Jesus in Luke's gospel which challenged the normal way of looking at things when he told his disciples that the poor, the hungry and those who wept were happy or blessed, but that the rich and well fed were not going to be happy. Jesus continues this radical message in this week's gospel in what is called the Sermon on the Plain, so named because it is preached after Jesus has come down the mountain. It contains similar material to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel.

Jesus asks us to take forgiveness as far as we possibly can: we are to love our enemies; offer the other cheek to someone who has struck us; offer more to someone who has stolen from us; lend without any hope of return. It is almost as if Jesus is trying to goad his audience when he says that we should not expect any congratulations for loving those who also love us, or doing someone a favour, knowing it will be returned.

It might be tempting to dismiss Jesus' teaching as impractical – surely he can't expect us to be robbed or beaten and just do nothing about it – but then we picture Jesus offering no resistance to those who assaulted him during his passion and forgiving those who were responsible for putting him to death. Forgiving is not always easy and might be painful for us. We feel the urge to retaliate, to seek for punishment. But Jesus calls to heal and unite not to condemn and divide. There is no limit to God's forgiveness and love for us. We get precious insight into this when we ourselves forgive others, when we see perhaps the relief on someone's face when they know that we are prepared to forget and move on.

Keep pouring in love and we will find love !

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.

Caritas Volunteering Fair Saturday 5 March, 12-2pm Westminster Cathedral Hall

Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Find out more here www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteering-fair-tickets-250053004267

Volunteering one-to-one consultations

Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Lent

To help you 'spring into action' this Lent, the Caritas Volunteer Service offers a series of appointments for individual guidance for anyone interested in volunteering in London or Hertfordshire. You can choose between a 30 min meeting in person, a phone call or a 'Zoom' online meeting, and slots are available on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Find out more and register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteering-1-2-1-tickets-254712601247 or by calling 07738183833 or emailing cvs@rcdow.org.uk.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March 2022 at 7:30pm

Every year the Churches of South Oxhey come together for a special prayer service organised by some of the people of one Country. We take it in turns to host the service. This year it is St. Joseph's turn and the Country chosen is our British Isles.

The service will be held on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Church.

Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome. Please come if you are free.

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/>

Parish Office changes

We welcome Linda Grimes who has joined us as our new Parish Administrator. She is very much looking forward to meeting you all. Jacky is helping with the handover and everyone will be pleased to know that she is continuing in the parish bookkeeping role.

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