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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, YEAR B



Saturday	3rd	5.00 pm		Joe Gallagher RIP
Sunday	4th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	5th	9.30 am	St. Agatha	
Tuesday	6th	9.30 am	St. Paul Miki & Co	Holy Souls
Wednesday	7th	9.30 am	Feria	
Friday	9th	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass	
6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B				
Saturday	10th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	11th	9 & 11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariessa McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Andrew Cash, Mary Maray, Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaidis, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job wrestles with the problem of innocent suffering

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul is prepared to be "all things to everyone," to bring them the Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 Even Jesus needs a quiet place to pray. Then he starts a new phase of his mission

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-Learning from Job and from Jesus

What is our response to persons in pain? To some extent, we can see that response at work in the Gospel passage: the sick come to Jesus, and he heals them. He does not debate the meaning of suffering — he stretches out his hand and heals. Our first reaction is to think that here we cannot be imitators of Christ. But that is only true if we take the miracles of Jesus in a narrow sense. We cannot make illness go away with a simple action, as Christ could. But we can respond, and we can help to ease the suffering. We can let Christ himself act in us to fill the loneliness, care for the sick, to be with the fearful and the heartbroken. Today's Scripture challenges us to listen and to share.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The theme for this year is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church." It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday. For this year's resources, we are celebrating the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world, as we do and were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord. This year's resources, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday. There is a message there from Bishop Paul McAleenan. We are asked to contribute generously towards the work of Racial Justice in England and Wales.

CRIB DONATIONS

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the CRIB DONATION APPEAL last Christmas. We raised £254. This donation goes to The Catholic Childrens' society. Thank you for your generosity.

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 0207 7989350.

SUPPORT SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. Thank you to Father Joseph Mensah for looking after the Parish whilst I was away.

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