Reflection on the Beatitudes

Today we have the Beatitudes. As we ponder the fruits of the Beatitudes, we can't help but conclude that we deeply desire them. This is a good and healthy realization to come to. From there, we only need to add one extra step. Once we've concluded, with a deep conviction, that we desire the fruits of the Beatitudes, we then only need to add the first step. We insert the Beatitude into this desire so that we can understand and believe that the Beatitude is good and desirous.

What about the Beatitudes? Do you desire...

to be poor in spirit, to mourn, to be meek, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to be merciful, to be clean of heart, to be a peacemaker, to accept persecution for the sake of righteousness, and to be insulted and persecuted and to have every kind of evil uttered about you falsely because of Jesus?

Maybe not.

Some seem desirous while others seem burdensome. But if these Beatitudes are properly understood in the context of their fruits (i.e., the blessings they produce), then our desire for the means to that good fruit (the Beatitude) should grow as well.

Perhaps, today, you can look at which Beatitude is most difficult for you to want and desire. Once you find it, look at the fruit it produces and spend time looking at that Beatitude within that context. It will help you grow in blessedness!

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday Sunday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online, and on Sundays both the 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Masses.

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in the Church Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm, and First Friday of the month from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

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

The readings for this Sunday's Masses start on page 139 of the purple mass books.

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March

If you have any old palm crosses, you might like to bring them to church, and they can then be burned and used on Ash Wednesday.

There will be a basket in the Church Porch from next weekend,

19/20 February. Many thanks.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, why not challenge yourself to walk 200 km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5km a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200 km 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

40 Days for Life

Volunteers are needed this Lent to give an hour a week from Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, until Palm Sunday, 10th April, to pray and offer help and outreach to mothers and anyone affected by abortion. Join with 1 million volunteers in 64 countries worldwide who have helped to save the lives of over 20,000 babies. To find out how you can help, please called Sarah on 07776-256-838, email or come to the opening event at 6.00 pm next Sunday 20th February at the Polish Church, 2 Windsor Road, Ealing,W5 5PD, London40daysforlife@hotmail.com

Thank You

A great big thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's second collection to help the homeless people in Greenford. The astonishing amount of £1,550.00 was raised to help this important work. Once again, many, many thanks.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

A pilgrimage to Medjugorge is being organised for 15^{th} to 22^{nd} May this year, and will be led by Fr. Joe. More details will follow. If you are interested in taking part, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.

Funeral Arrangements

John Killeen

Mass 1.00 pm, Tuesday 15th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Eileen Harrison

Mass 10.00 am, Wednesday 16th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Rosalinde Orr

Cremation 12.45 pm, Friday 18th February, <u>Breakespear Crematorium.</u>

Advance Notice

Hadi Abi-Karam

Mass 10.00 am, Monday 21st February, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at <u>Breakespear Crematorium.</u>

Richard Butler

Mass 1.00 pm, Monday 21st February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Agnes Williams

Mass 10.00 am, Wednesday 23rd March, Visitation Church, more details to be announced.

Winifred Rose Joyce

Reception 5.00 pm, Wednesday 23rd February, Visitation Church.

Mass 10.00 am, Thursday 24th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial at West Drayton Cemetery.

Thomas Joseph Kelly

Mass 1.00 pm, Thursday 24th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sean Shalvey

Mass 10.00 am, Friday 25th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

John Junior Mitchell

Mass 1.00 pm, Monday 28th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased, and assure them of our help and support now and always.