



Sunday 14th February 2021

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

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Week 2

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THIS WEEK

Sun 14 Feb 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	6h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NO EVENING MASS Richard Carroll RIP Joaquina Piedale Fernandes & family Ints. Melinda Peter RIP (4th anniv.) NO EVENING MASS	
Mon 15 Feb 9.30am 11.00am	ferla Paul Brennbans Ints. FUNERAL MASS Agnelo Rebelo RIP	
Tues 16 Feb 9.30am 11.00am	ferla Leo Keogh RIP FUNERAL MASS Betty Treacy RIP	
Weds 17 Feb 9.30am 12.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i> Intentions of Dorothy Robert Walsh RIP	
Thurs 18 Feb 9.30am	Lent ferla Maureen Smith RIP	
Fri 19 Feb 9.30am	Lent ferla Kevin Durcan RIP. Dempsey & Delany Family	
Sat 20 Feb 9.30am	Lent ferla Mary grace Perera RIP	
Sun 21 Feb 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT NO EVENING MASS Baptiste Fernandes Ints. Joe Fernandes RIP Matthew Rammelt RIP NO EVENING MASS	

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone.

While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*

The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:40-45*

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."
Saint Teresa of Avila

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs,

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Agnelo Rebelo, Dorothy Smale, Leopoldina Barros, Mina Fortes, Betty Treacy, Errol Mark.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Melinda Peter (4th anniversary)

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

SANCTUARY LAMP *Baptiste Fernandes Ints.*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY
OF WALSINGHAM** *Kevin Durcan RIP*

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



This Sunday is the last before we enter the Season of Lent. In today's reading we meditate on the case of a person who suffers from leprosy, which was a contagious skin's disease at time. The diagnosis of both the illness and healing was reserved to the priest. The person who was either suspected or infected with the illness, was secluded from the community, and put into isolation to avoid further infections. While they had the disease, they were unable to have a normal life: they could not be with their family and above all they were not able to join the public worship. In some cases, the illness was incurable, as there was not a cure for this. (Please note that any similarities with the present situation is mere coincidence).

As if this was not enough, we are told, in the first reading, that the person had to wear torn clothing and to cover their lips (again any similarities to today's situation is simple accident), while shouting "Unclean, unclean". We can only imagine how painful and stressful it must have been for the person at that time, as we who are in a more advanced and developed environment are experiencing with the present pandemic. Please also be aware that this was written nearly 700 years B.C. with the actual event going back to nearly 1200 years B.C.

This is the background of the leper found in the Gospel. However, unlike the many others who were like him, he was fortunate to recognise the one who had the power to heal him. Not only this, but we are told even more, he pleaded on his knees saying, 'if you want you can cure me'. Notice that this man is not demanding a healing now and there, he was aware that this only depended on the will of Jesus, the Will of God. To his surprise, he meets with a favourable response from Jesus, who cured him and told him to go back to the priest to do what was prescribed by Moses. However, after experiencing the healing power of Jesus, this man realised that his life was not the same. He could not remain indifferent to the suffering of others and instead of going to the priest, he joyfully went everywhere telling what Jesus did for him!

This is the experience of the Church, the experience of the Christian, who cannot remain indifferent for the graces that Jesus has done for us!



NEWS UPDATE



Confirmation 2021 Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, part of our Parish and wishing to be confirmed in 2021?

If so, please join us, with one Parent/Carer only, in the Parish Centre for the

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Confirmation Information Evening

Monday 29th March

7.00-7.45pm - Surnames A-K

8.00-8.45pm - Surnames L-Z



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am
The only change is that there is NO EVENING MASS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

The church will open on:

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am
Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK on Ash Wednesday. Please take a Lent Leaflet to help you make the most of this holy season.

FUNERAL MASS of Agnelo Rebelo on Monday 15th February at 11.00am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May he rest in peace

FUNERAL MASS of Betty Treacy on Tuesday 16th February at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Dorothy Vivano Smale on Wednesday 24th February at 11.00am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Errol Mark on Monday 29th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium.

VACCINATION: It has been wonderful to hear that parishioners are starting to receive the Covid 19 vaccination and also that some of our medical professionals are working hard to deliver these jabs. Thank you from us all, you are doing a great work of charity. Whether you have received your jab or not, please stay safe and continue to follow the guidelines for the sake of everyone.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY this year will, be rather different to previous years. The Vatican has issued special instructions regarding the distribution of ashes, mindful of the current health emergency. Instead of our foreheads being marked with ash, the priest will sprinkle the ash directly over your head. This is common practice already in some other countries. Ordinarily we would have a morning and evening Mass. However, as most people are working from home, we shall have two Masses at 9.30am and 12.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - In accordance with current government guidelines to keep us all as safe as possible, the FHC Programme is continuing at home in the coming weeks. Each Tuesday morning that week's session plan is sent to all Parents/Carers by email. If, for any reason, you did not receive this week's session plan please check your Spam/Junk folder & ensure peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk is in your email contact list so all the important information sent about the FHC Programme arrives safely. Thank you.

STANDING ORDERS: April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and that you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Because of the current restrictions, parish clergy are not allowed to visit the wards, but the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you, just ask at the nurses station

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the Parish SVP Group is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call 0208 9000250, 0775 3654154

(Theresa) or email StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during February, March and April.

MASS INTENTIONS Whilst the office is closed we know it is difficult to organise Mass Intentions. What we ask so that we can keep contact down to a minimum that you send us your requests with an SAE and we will return it to you ASAP. By the way, there are plenty of gaps this year if you want a Mass said on your behalf or for someone else living or departed.

DONA is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving (and any one-off giving) much easier. Basically it is a card/contactless system. You'll see the machine as you enter by the door. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Ash Wednesday - 17th Feb

1st Sunday of Lent - 21st Feb

St Patrick - 17th March

St Joseph - 19th March

The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th Mar

Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week - 28th Mar

Maundy Thursday - 1st April

Good Friday - 2nd April

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

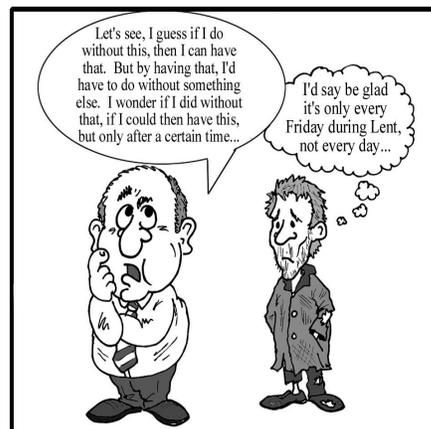
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 4th Apr il

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 30: 3-4*

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.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned
by your grace as to become
a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 31:1-2,5,11*

*R/. You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence
is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. *R/.*

2. But now I have acknowledged
my sins;

my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. *R/.*

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. *R/.*

Second reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Ep 1:17,18*

Allelula, allelula!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Allelula!

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 77: 29-30*

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.