

Sunday 13th February 2022

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year C

Weekday Readings
Week 6, year 2

Divine Office
Psalms week 2

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 13 Feb
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Intentions of Breda Murphy
Thomas Patrick Leo RIP
Montano Ty RIP
Diane De Almeda RIP

Mon 14 Feb
9.30am

Ss. Cyril & Methodius
Hugh & Mary Collins RIP
Melinda Peter RIP (5th anniv.)

Tues 15 Feb
9.30am

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Joe Wright RIP

Weds 16 Feb
9.30am

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Walter Kingsley RIP

Thurs 17 Feb
9.30am

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Daniela Brodowska RIP

Fri 18 Feb
9.30am

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Private intention



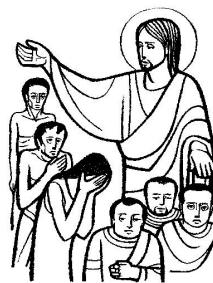
Sat 19 Feb
9.30am

Of Our Lady
Intentions of Nora Hunt

Sun 20 Feb
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm

7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Patrick Marren RIP
Intentions of Jerry Egan
Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes
Eileen Nicklen RIP (5th Anniv.)
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



As we listen to today's Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-4,6
Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17,20-26
Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The devil fears hearts on fire with
love of God."*

St. Catherine of Siena

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts.*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Uma Sushi Mary Shah, Myrus Anthony Fernandes*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Kevin Dowd, Bridie Cunningham, Kay Leathers, Mary Willis, Christine Knottenbelt, Alfonso Ledo Toucedo, Alan Woods*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Melinda Peter RIP (5th anniversary)*

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Walter Kingsley RIP

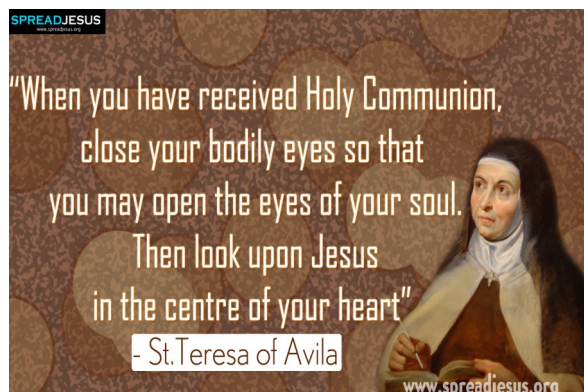
LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Mary Lynne Castillo RIP

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found.

The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

St. Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. St Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy". Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD DO WITH ENCOURAGING BACK TO MASS? Its really good to see so many old faces back again—and some new ones too. Many of our young people have really grown taller too! If you know someone who could really do with encouragement or accompanying to Mass, why not help them. Also some people have got stuck on live-streaming too. If that's you please know we and the Lord would love to see you in person. Nothing can replace the personal reception of Holy Communion. Please know that we realise that some of our parish, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions still feel cautious about venturing out to Mass. We look forward to seeing you when you feel ready.

FUNERAL LITURGY for **Margaret Saunders** on Friday 25th February at 12 noon at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in Peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Kevin Dowd** will now take place in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Alfondo Lodo Toucedo** Wednesday 9th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Northwood Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of **Christine Knottenbelt** on Thursday 10th March at 11.00am. May she rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We look forward to our next session after Half-Term, on **Tuesday 22nd February at 7pm**, when the children will be reflecting on how **'The Eucharist Is our Family Meal'**. Parents/Carers are reminded of the importance, COVID permitting, of ensuring they **attend Mass** with their children **every Sunday**. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION - At the first session with the Candidates after Half-Term, on **Monday 21st February**, we will be reflecting on the **Purpose of Confirmation**. Please ensure the young people arrive in good time so we begin the session promptly at **7.30pm**.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

THE OVER 60's CLUB had a great start. Lots of people Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Remember even Fr Jeremy is eligible!!

COLLECTORS - Thank you to all those who generously help with the collection at Mass each week. We

are searching for some more **generous volunteers** who would be happy to help with the collection at Masses. If you might consider helping, please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, Lucille Thomas, on 07886 575743 or lucille.thomas@gmail.com.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations. You can sponsor flower arrangements -big and small by using one of the envelopes from the back of the Church.. The names of all those whose memory flowers are put into a basket on Our Lay's altar.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS Do you want to deepen and improve your prayer life during this Lent? There is an opportunity to attend a Taster Session of the Prayer and Life Workshops here in the Parish Hall on **Friday 4th March at 7:30 pm**.

The Prayer and Life Workshops are a new form of **EVANGELISATION**, wholly based on the Bible, Christ-centred, where Participants learn and deepen in the art of prayer, by praying in a systematic and methodological way, growing slowly into the practice of asking themselves when facing life's challenges. What would Jesus do in my place? It's also a liberating and healing Program, made possible through the knowledge of God and of oneself, overcoming sadness, anxieties, fears, while recovering the joy of living.

PALM CROSSES - it's time to recycle! It's that time of the year, when we ask parishioners to return any old palm crosses, so that they can be burnt, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which falls on 2nd March this year. Do you have any palm crosses for burning? Look out for the returns basket at the back of the church.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

THANK YOU for all you give in the weekly collection and thank you to those who count it but please, **NO FOREIGN COINS!** It really messes up the counting machine.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA are resuming their regular meetings of every second Wednesday of the month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact

Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING: - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March

1st Sunday of Lent - 6th March

St Patrick -17th March

St Joseph -19th March

The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March

Palm Sunday - Holy Week commences 10th April

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

Good Friday - 15th April

Holy Saturday - 16th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is now again available from the Holy Water Dispenser, located close to the baptistry at the back of the church.

AN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND in preparation for the sacrament of Marriage takes place this weekend in the Parish Centre. Please pray for the couple and priest presenting this weekend and all the couples attending.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

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: *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 1:1-4,6*

R/. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. *R/.*

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. *R/.*

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind: for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. *R/.*

Second reading: *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For

if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: *Mt 11:25*

Allelula, allelula!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Allelula!

Gospel: *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now:

you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now:

you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich:

you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now:

you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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.