

Sunday 20th February 2022

# THE SEVENTH 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.

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Divine Office  
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## THIS WEEK

**Sun 20 Feb**  
6.15pm (Vigil)  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm  
**6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
Patrick Marren RIP  
Intentions of Jerry Egan  
Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes  
Eileen Nicklen RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Mon 21 Feb**  
9.30am  
**feria**  
Bill Byrne RIP

**Tues 22 Feb**  
9.30am  
**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**  
Intentions of Bridget Shields

**Weds 23 Feb**  
9.30am  
**S. Polycarp**  
Mr & Mrs Kingsley RIP

**Thurs 24 Feb**  
9.30am  
**feria**  
Melinda Peters RIP

**Fri 25 Feb**  
9.30am  
**feria**  
Lola Silverman &  
Josephine RIP



**Sat 26 Feb**  
9.30am  
**Of Our Lady**  
Vincent Furtado

**Sun 27 Feb**  
6.15pm (Vigil)  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm  
**7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
Tim Geraghty RIP  
Joan Longuet RIP (10th)  
Special Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes  
Matthew Rammelt RIP  
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## TODAY'S MASS



This Sunday we continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23**  
David does not kill Saul.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13**  
A song in praise of God's mercy.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**  
As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38**  
Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
"Life with Christ is a wonderful  
adventure."

Saint John Paul II

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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, Catherine Corcoran.*

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** *Edan Pang*

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

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Patrick Marren,, Eileen Nicklen (5th), Mary Grace Perera (2nd), Matthew Rammelt

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

### 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.

**NO ONE HEALS  
HIMSELF BY  
WOUNDING ANOTHER.**

**ST. AMBROSE**

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer:

*"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need"* (Sermon 205.3). *"Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds"* (Sermon 206.2).

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why St. Paul tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to *"bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good"* (Romans 12:14,17,21).

Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good?

# 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.

**TODAY WE WELCOME** members of the Prayer and Life to talk about our forthcoming workshops through Lent and beyond. You should all receive an invitation for this today at Mass.

**GOOD NEWS FOR MGR JEREMY**—his time at Stanmore finishes on March 12th—much earlier than expected!

**FUNERAL MASS of Alfonso Ledo Toucedo** on 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.

**FUNERAL MASS of Bridget Dunne** on Tuesday 15th 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](mailto: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.

**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 Programme, 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.

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:rohan.mathew@careuk.com).

**LONDON JESUIT CENTRE** has two employment opportunities. The roles are well-paid, and the successful candidates would be contributing to the work of promoting the understanding of the Christian faith in London. Full information about the roles is on the [LC website.THE](http://LCwebsite.THE)

**PASSAGE** a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at [passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert](http://passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert) or telephone 020 75921856

**WANTED:** Large Room - for middle-aged working lady. I have lived in the same house locally for over twenty years but need to move as my landlord's circumstances have changed. Tel. no. 07985531525.

**MET RECRUITMENT EVENT AT ST. GEORGE'S** - We are delighted that the Metropolitan Police will be hosting a **Recruitment Event** at the Parish Centre on **Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm**. Opportunities are available for **young people** on their **Degree Apprenticeship Scheme** (offering a **fully-paid degree in Policing**) & for **all other age groups**. All are welcome! There police will also be manning an Information Helpdesk outside the church after the Vigil Mass on 19th March for those who would like further information beforehand.

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: Ps 12: 6

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.

## Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is 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: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## Responsorial Psalm:

**Ps. 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

*R/. The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R/.*

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/.*

3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R/.*

4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R/.*

## Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## Gospel Acclamation: cf. Ac 16:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,  
with the observance that is your due,  
we humbly ask you,  
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may experience the effects  
of the salvation  
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.