

11-FEB | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

Job wrestles with the problem of innocent suffering

Responsorial: Psalm 31:7

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

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

Paul is prepared to be 'all things to everyone', to bring them the gospel

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus needs a quiet place to pray, then he starts a new phase of his mission

If you want to, you can cure me

“Yes I want to, be cured”!!

The determined leper broke out of his isolation. He did something that was unconventional and daring in approaching Jesus. It seems that the leper's desire to be freed from his isolation was met by an equally strong desire on the part of Jesus to deliver the leper from his isolation. The gospels portray Jesus as someone who worked to deliver people from their isolation.

Both Jesus and of the leper have something to say to us about steps we can take to connect with people, to break out of our isolation, even when the odds seem to be stacked against us. We can all be tempted from time to time to retreat into our shell, whether it is because of our health or some disability or some past experience that has drained us of life. It is at such times that we need something of the initiative and daring energy of the leper. There can come a time when, we need to take our courage in our own hands and, against the conventional expectation, to head out in some bold direction. It was desperation that drove the leper to seek out Jesus. Sometimes for us too, it can be our desperation that finally gets us going, gets us to connect with that person who matters to us and to whom we matter more than we realize or gets us to link up with some gathering or some group that has the potential to do us good or maybe even to transform our lives.

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SUNDAY, 11-Feb	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm
MONDAY, 12-Feb	Mass: 9.30am
TUESDAY, 13-Feb	Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY, 14-Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass: 9.30am, 12.00noon & 6.30pm
THURSDAY, 15-Feb	Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
FRIDAY, 16-Feb	Mass: 12.00noon 7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
SATURDAY, 17-Feb	Mass: 9.30am 6.30pm - <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
SUNDAY, 18-Feb	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm 4.00pm - <i>Tamil Mass</i>

POPE'S INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2024

For The Terminally ill – Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Evans Milroy Travasso, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stocks that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Theresa Rynn who died on 8th February 2024. Details of her Requiem Mass will be announced in due course. May her soul rest in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please join the Parish Community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on **Friday, 16th February at 7.00pm** during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 14th February marks the beginning of Lent when we call on the mercy of God and repent. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. The Mass times on that day are 9.30am, 12.00noon and 6.30pm

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S 2024 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.30am before the 12noon Mass and at 6.00pm which will be especially for children.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ORDER OF THE CARMELITES OF MARY IMMACULATE (CMI) THIS WEEKEND

In accordance with the agreed practice of the Diocese of Westminster, a collection will be made this weekend, after all Sunday Masses, for the formation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Seminarians, some of whom may indeed be serving as future priests of our parish. Special blue envelopes are available after all Masses this weekend for your donation. Please be as generous as you are able.

PALM CROSSES

Please return your palm crosses of the last year by **Sunday, 11th February** for preparing ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024

Please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten appeal. Funds raised this year will go towards projects across our Diocese. They will be shared between Marriage & Family Life, Youth Ministry, The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. **Please take a donation envelope as you leave Mass today.** You can use the envelope to make your donation **or by using the QR code** which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

PILGRIMAGES 2024

The parish is organising following trip to:

- Medjugorje and Split - 17th to 23rd June
- Lisieux, Lourdes and Paris - 29th July to 3rd August
- Lourdes, Fatima and SD Compostela - 12th to 22nd August
- Krakow and Czestochowa - 9th to 14th September 2024
- Rome and Assisi - 14th to 19th October

For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2024 AT 2:30PM.

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 2024.* If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).