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SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020 – YEAR (A) SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*All you need to say is "Yes" if you mean yes, and "No" if you mean no.
(Matthew 5:37)*



People frequently refer to the Sermon on the Mount as being the New Law, replacing the Old Law, and the impression given is that, with Jesus, the rules have been somewhat loosened. Now it can be said that it is love that counts and that the rules take second place. But the error of this opinion is quickly evident when we check the eight Beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon. Far from making life easier, the Sermon is even more demanding than the Old Law. Love demands more. Jesus closes the loopholes with his teaching about integrity. Don't say one thing and mean another. In fact, if our word is our bond, we should never need to swear on a bible or utter a solemn oath. People should be able to see that we are truthful in our own right.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We believe that the universe was created by a loving God who chose to become a human being in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to love one another with God's love. All human beings are equally children of God and loved by God. Since none is outside the love of God, none should be outside our love either. We believe that the diversity of the human race was no mistake on God's part. God deliberately created variety within the human family and wants us to take as much delight in that variety as God does. So Let us thank God for human diversity and prayer for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.



The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34*

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
Who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
Seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts
To be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
To obey you statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live
And obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
The wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
And I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
To keep it with my heart. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

LENTEN RETREAT: Parish will have a Lenten retreat to prepare for the Holy Week on SATURDAY 4th APRIL starting at 9.15am with MORNING PRAYER, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a SPECIAL MASS at 12:00 followed by anointing of the sick and prayer over people.

CANON JOHN O'TOOLE: Canon is settling down in Canterbury. He would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your love, kindness and generosity towards him during his stay here. We continue to pray for his ministry as the Episcopal Vicar for Kent Area of the diocese.

BIBLE STUDY: The Parish is running a Bible Study session on First and Third Mondays of the Month. The next one is on this Monday, 17th February at 7pm in the Function Suite.

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES: We are so pleased to see more and more people are joining for the coffee in the hall and feel part of our family at St Boniface. Thank you to all the hard work of those who bake cake and bring which shows your love for our family. Please do join for coffee after 9am, 10.30am and 12:00 Masses.

COMMUNITY MASSES: Parish invites various communities to come forward and lead 12:00 Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. One community will lead the singing and readings at the Mass. *The first of these Masses will be on 5th April at 12:00 led by Kerala Community.* In the month of May, Philippino community will lead the 12:00 Mass on 3rd May.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: We will be updating the Rota's. To amend your days, times or to be removed please look for the Rota on the table in the Porch, find your name and amend. Please contact the parish office or email tooting@rcaos.org.uk for more details.

QUIZ NIGHT : *On 21st February at 7pm at St Boniface Cafe. £5 entry. £12 entry & food. Meat or Veg curry will be served.*

HOLY LAND TRIP MARCH & MAY: *Please make full payment as soon as possible for the trip in March and 25th April for the trip in May. We cant cancel any seats as we have paid for the flights and the hotels.*

PANCAKE DAY: parish will have a pancake day celebrations on next Sunday 23rd February after 9am, 10.30am and 12:00 Masses in the hall.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday : 26th February

St Patrick's Day: Tuesday 17th March

Seniors Day: 17th May

St Boniface Parish Feast Day: 13th September

Thanksgiving Sunday: 22nd November

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Racial Justice Sunday.

SPECIAL PRAYERS & INTENTIONS: Now onwards, parish will pray every weekend for a particular intention at all the weekend Masses. In the first weekend of the month, it will be for all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the month. *This weekend we pray for an end to injustices that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. We all are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood and everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms one deserves, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*

Next weekend we will pray for unemployed.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Parish will celebrate St Patrick's Day with a *feast day Mass on 17th March at 6.30pm* followed by celebration in the hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 9.30am, 10.45am (school Mass), 6.30pm & 8pm.

STATION OF THE CROSS: This year, Station of the Cross will be led by various groups in the parish. Friday 28th February by parish clergy, 6th March by parish choir, 13th March by charismatic prayer group, 20th March by Rosary & Padre Pio prayer groups, 27th March by Legion of Mary & Knights and 4th April by Parish Council, Good Friday 10am by Children & FHC and 7.30pm by Parish Clergy. If any group cant lead, please inform the clergy.

INFANTS BAPTISM: Any parents who wish to baptize their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME: On Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN: At the beginning of **10:30am mass on Sunday**, all children 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy classes.

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: The next Session is on **Monday 24th February at 7.15pm** in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

FOOD BANK: The box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

WE ARE SADDENED at the death of Margaret Fitzgerald (funeral 18th Feb at 12:00), Margaret Wood (funeral on 25 Feb at 12:00) and Marie Byrne (funeral on 28th Feb at 12:30). We keep them in our prayers and offer our sympathy to their families.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George’s Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin , Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams , Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Baby Archie

Anniversaries: Anthony Escrader, John Hartigan, Sandra Bushell, Felsy Massey, Jane Inez, Aidan Bird, Michael Coffey, Vijay Singh, Christopher Collins, Mary Marriott, Bernard Mooney, Elsie Doherty, Lambert Pierre, Merton Chang, Doris Andrews, Ray Holmes, Andrew Logan,
May they rest in peace – Amen.

	15th/16th February	22nd/ 23rd February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Nancy Biney, Adrian Alfred	Matchel Bibat, Ethan Power
09.00	Stefanie Flaherty, Angus Xavier	Andrea Mango, Remo Manoharadas
10.30	Gary Bennett, Anita Bennett	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh
12.00	Clyn Da Cunha, Matthewson Matthews	Sharon Wrightman, Ronald Cabrera
18.30	Sally Canizo, Angel Babu	Ivon Kandiah, James Short
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza Mathew D’Souza	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya
09.00	Mary Donoghue, Monique Sin-failam, Pat Willis	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob, Angus Xavier
10.30	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Ana Maria Da Silva	Ann Lusena, Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu
12.00	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos Meves John D’Souza	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kanagartnam, David Lobo
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza, Rose Adroa	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet
Church Cleaning:	Wk3: Mon 17th Feb @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 24th Feb @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2626.69)

Gift aided: 56% Loose Plate: 44%



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 16th February</u> 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) Racial Justice Sunday</p>	09:00 10:30 12:00 15:00 16:00 18:30	May Traynor & Mulvey Family Sheila McCarthy Joanito Rosario Fernandes RIP Baptisms Urdu Chaplaincy Mass Eamon Grogan Ints
Monday 17th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Yacinta Subramanyam Florence O'Sullivan
Tuesday 18th February Feria	09:30 12:00 18:30	Ryan Peppin Thanksgiving Funeral: Margaret Fitzgerald Pro Populo
Wednesday 19th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Theresa Lawrence RIP Bridget McDonagh Ints
Thursday 20th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Monique Sinfailam Birthday Ints Reuben Peraira
Friday 21st February Saint Peter Damian	09:30 18:30	Mary Elizabeth Allison Pat Corrigan RIP
Saturday 22nd February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	09:30 18:30	Margaret Murphy Ints John & Mary Crowley
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 23rd February</u> 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed (Year A)</p>	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Mary Kehoe Stan, Fred & Norman Birch & Winifred Pat O'Donovan RIP/ Vincent Morris Sadie Dempsey Ints
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 17th February</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Tuesday 18th February</u> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Wednesday 19th February</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 20th February</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church <u>Friday 21st February</u> 50+ Club 2pm Function Suite Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>