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SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020– YEAR (A) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not (Matthew 5:46)

We all like our friends and we want to remember their birthdays and other special occasions. If they need our help, we are glad to be able to lend a hand, offer a listening ear, share our time or give some useful advice. In contrast, we are not quite so kind to the people we dislike. If we really dislike them, to the point of hatred, then we may be tempted to treat them unjustly or, at least, damage their character by slandering them and gossiping about them. For Christian, this type of behaviour is unthinkable, precisely because Jesus explicitly forbade it. During his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminded his audience about the Old Law before taking them forward to the perfection of the New Law: 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' (Mt 5:43-44).



PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

This weekend we shall bring to the Lord all those who are unemployed in our families and the parish. We pray that they will soon find a job to look after them and their families.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

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 Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "'You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'"



The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

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**

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**

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**

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

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

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

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday. It is a gateway to Lent. We have forty precious days to open ourselves up most particularly to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us, and loves us. By tracing ashes on our forehead we begin our forty days of lent to face ourselves and learn to not be afraid of our sinfulness.

- It is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence
- Masses are at: *9.30am , 10.45 (St Boniface school will join us for the Mass), 6.30pm & 8pm*

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.

STATIONS 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.



BIBLE STUDY: The next one is on Monday, 2nd March at 7pm in the Function Suite.

RITE OF ELECTION: All the catechumens and candidates who are preparing for Baptism, Reception and Confirmation at Easter are invited to the Rite of Election at the **St George's Cathedral on Saturday 29th February at 12:00.**

COMMUNITY MASSES 2020: *First Sunday of the Month at 12:00: 5th April led by Kerala Community, 3rd May led by Philippino community, 7th June led by Irish Community, 5th July led by Tamil Community, 2nd August led by Pakistani Community, 6th September by French Speaking community, 4th October by African & Caribbean Community, 8th November by Polish Community and 6th December led by Spanish speaking community.*

PANCAKE DAY: Parish will have a pancake day celebrations on this Sunday 23rd February after 9am, 10.30am and 12:00 Masses in the hall. Please join the parish hall after the Mass. It is free but any donation is appreciated as it is a fund raising for the orphanage.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Patrick's Day: **Tuesday 17th March**

Seniors Day: **17th May**

St Boniface Parish Feast Day: **13th September**

Thanksgiving Sunday: **22nd November**

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.* **AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO HEATHROW:** We have booked a return coach to and from the airports. Please contact the parish office to book your seats and kindly make a payment of £14 pp. Thank you.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is for Poor Parishes.

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 unemployed.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Special Intention for next weekend is for those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries in March. If your birthday or anniversary falls in March, please put down your name in the sheet which can be found on the table in the porch, we will pray for you.

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.

NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: on Saturday 29th February.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: P S Augustine, 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: Anna Nazareth, Tereza Lobo, 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, Anastasia 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, Annetta Miller, Chukwumama Onyiukah, Anthon Leyland, Joy Duggan, Pobre Fernandes, Edward Bambury, Eileen Connolly, Kevin Roberts, Louis Chan, Rita Reynolds, Rita Coote, Monica D’Souza, Leopoldo Bizzarr, Mariette Fleury, Thomas Keating, John Soo, Nora Hodnett, Maria Sukhdeo, Iris Browne, Maria De Souza, Marie Bowden, Peggy Lopko, James Bates **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	22nd/ 23rd February	29th Feb / 1st March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Matchel Bibat, Ethan Power	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero
09.00	Andrea Mango, Remo Manoharadas	Jeanet Leyton, Ansshakila Manoharadas
10.30	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe
12.00	Sharon Wrightman, Ronald Cabrera	Callum Fernandez, Finnuala Lynch
18.30	Ivon Kandiah, James Short	Susan Daniel, Sally Canizo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob, Angus Xavier	Kuriakose Antony, Monique Sinfailam, Pat Willis
10.30	Ann Lusena, Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell, Ana Maria Da Silva
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kanagartnam, David Lobo	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos, Meves John D’Souza
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet	Juliana De Souza, Rose Adroa, Michael Soupraya
Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 24th Feb @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 2nd March @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2307.82)

Gift aided: 48% Loose Plate: 52%



<u>Sunday 23rd February</u> 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Mary Kehoe Stan, Fred & Norman Birch & Winifred Pat O'Donovan RIP/ Vincent Morris Sadie Dempsey Ints
Monday 24th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Kathleen Magee Michael Cauneen RIP
Tuesday 25th February Saint Ethelbert	09:30 12:00 18:30	Jean Claude Achille RIP Funerals Mass: Margaret Wood Pro Populo
Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday	09:30 10:45 18:30 20:00	Maurice Power RIP School Mass Mary. G. Flaherty Ints Thanksgiving Esther Thomas
Thursday 27th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Charlie Long RIP Sheila Harrison
Friday 28th February Feria	09:30 12:30 18:30	Aliyamma Mathew RIP Funeral: Marie-France Byrne Anthony Pillai
Saturday 29th February Feria	09:30 18:30	Peggy Whitaker RIP Mary McAnelly
<u>Sunday 1st March</u> 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time First Sunday of Lent	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Jim Alford/ Dennis Permento Lindsay Wong RIP Arinze Onyebalu Phillip Stebbings Ints

<p><u>Monday 24th February</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 25th February</u> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Wednesday 26th February</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th February</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 28th February</u> 50+ Club 2pm Function Suite Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm	Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm
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Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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