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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2019

The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God's anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his misery with his revenge. In the Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist reminds us of the mercy of God and His compassion which we should practice. Today's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38) gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the golden rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This golden rule is amplified by a string of particular commands: "Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you." For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. "Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate." He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.



What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as grace, i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve, but with love, kindness and mercy. We need to pray for the strength to forgive. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbors etc. who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.



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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 First Book of 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.'

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8**

*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.

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 letter of St Paul to 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.

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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.'

*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



### 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.*

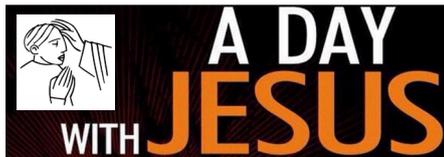
### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*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



**DAY WITH JESUS:** The second Saturday of each month there is Recollection, Mass & Healing Prayers. The next one will be **SATUR-**



**DAY 9th March** starting at **9.15am** with MORNING PRAYER, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a **SPECIAL MASS at 11am** followed by anointing of the sick and prayer over people. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or among friends please bring them with you.

### PARISH SECRETARY

Michael Lobo who has been the parish secretary for the last three years is leaving the office. As he leaves the office, we take this opportunity to say a big thank you to him for his hard work and his gifts & talents to the admin work of the parish.

### NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Parish is looking for a secretary for 15 hours a week. If anyone is interested, please send you CV to Fr Shaju to Parish email. Many thanks.

### USHERS ON DAY WITH JESUS

All those who help on the **Day With Jesus** are requested to come for a meeting on **Tuesday 26th February** at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY: CHANGE OF DATE

The Parish invites everyone to join for the **feast day Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday 16th MARCH**, followed by celebrations in the hall with live music, Irish Dance and lots more. *Tickets are available from the repository and Coffee Shop.*

### INFANTS BAPTISM

Any parents who wish to baptise 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.

### LENTEN RETREAT

The Parish Lenten Retreat **on Friday 15th 7pm-9pm & Saturday 16th 9am-5.30pm, March** led by Fr George Antony, O.P. Please put these dates in your diary.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**RCIA:** Next session this **SATURDAY 2nd March** at 1.30pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:** Please refer to the timetable given to each candidate. Next session is on **SATURDAY 2nd March at 9.50am** in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please refer to the timetable given to each candidate. The next session is on **SATURDAY 2nd March at 11.15am** in the Parish Hall.

## **FLAME**

All those who spoke to Fr Shaju and have expressed interest to go, please see Fr Shaju after the Mass on weekend to get your contact details. You may collect your tickets from Fr Shaju.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN: FRIDAY 1 MARCH LITURGY FOR INFANTS**

There will be live Mass in the New Room which is accessible through the emergency exit on Our Lady's aisle. This room is handy for parents who come with small children. Parents can take their children to the room when they are restless. There will be catechetical materials available in the Room.

### **COFFEE AFTER MASS**

Please join for a Cup of Tea/ Coffee after the Sunday morning masses. It is an opportunity to meet other members of the parish family. Cooked breakfast is available 10am-1pm and after 12:00 Mass a priced lunch is available for those interested.

### **ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAYS**

All the Altar Servers are requested to attend the Training Sessions on Saturdays: *9th March, 4th May, 6th July, 14th September and 2nd November.*

### **ALTAR SERVERS OUTING**

All the Altar servers and their families are invited to their outing to Aylesford on **Monday 6th May.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Parish takes this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the ministers for their service to our Parish family. We need new ministers to join the team. If you can please take a form, fill it and hand it over to a priest or in the Parish office. Many thanks.

### **CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

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 procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is week 4 (Team 4) at 7pm.

### **NEED TO SEE A PRIEST**

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY : SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES**



*To all those who are keeping the anniversary of their gift of life.*

***Wish you all a Blessed Week!***

## PARISH OPEN HOUSE

Next open house is on **Friday 1st March 4.30pm-6pm**. No appointment needed.

### TO BAPTISE A BABY

before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from **4.30pm—6.00pm** in the Parish Office.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Next course will be on **Monday 25th February at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

### HOSPITAL VISITS

For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

**The Sick:** Marie D'Silva, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Cecilia Figueira.

**Recently Deceased:** William Lucid, Anthony ESCRADER, John HARTIGAN and Sandra BUSHELL

**Anniversaries:** 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.**

	23rd & 24th February	2nd & 3rd March
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza	Jim Russell, Agnela Cabral
09.00	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue	Robin Thomas, Sandra Nyakudya
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda	Princess Ikpoh, Rebekka Prabakaran
12.00	Ian Johnston, Mikhaela Dayaday	Tara Butler, Charmaine Fernandes
18.30	Katherine Bennett, Philippa Keeling	Remija Mponzi, Emie Roberts
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Juliana DeSouza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper
10.30	Ann & Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo, Rosemary Kanagaratnam	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Daisy Jughroo	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley
Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 25th Feb @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 4th Mar @ 10am

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection last weekend was £2,178.78 [Loose plate 48%; Gift Aid 52%]  
Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 24th February <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families & H/S Aliyamma Mathew, RIP Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP Cardinal Nichols Intentions
Monday 25th February <b>St Ethelbert</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b> 18.30	Terry McGuigan <b>Funeral: Anthony Cecil ESCRADER</b> Emma Davis's Intentions
Tuesday 26th February <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Kochappu & Annam Eddattukaran Fr Mark Higgin's Intentions
Wednesday 27th February <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18:30	Bridget McDonagh Intentions Maura & Chubby Chhabra
Thursday 28th February <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	People of the Parish Teresa Lavelle
Friday 1st March <b>St. David</b>	09.30 <b>12.00</b> <b>17.15</b> 18.30	Daniel Giallombardo Birthday <b>Funeral: Sandra BUSHELL</b> <b>First Friday Holy Hour Adoration</b> Arinze Onyebalu
Saturday 2nd March <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Mary Prospere Sandra Moore RIP
Sunday 3rd March <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) DAY FOR UNEMPLOYED</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Vareethb& Rosa Mynattyparambil James O'Sullivan RIP A Stan, Norman & Fred Birch Maureen Spooner RIP

<p><b><u>Monday 25th February</u></b> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm 2nd&amp;4th Monday each mth</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 26th February</u></b> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 27th February</u></b> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) SVP (Meet 8.15pm 2nd &amp; 4th Wed in Jan in the Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 28th February</u></b> Knit &amp; Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Legion of Mary</b> (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Tamil Mass</b> (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><b><u>Friday 1st March</u></b> 50+ Club (2pm at St Anselm's Church)</p> <p><b><u>Parish Open House</u></b> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)</p>
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<p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am <b>Holy Hour on First Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am</p>	<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am</p>
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