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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2019

In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. In the second reading St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven and that Christ's Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution. "Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced," because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing.



We need to respond to the challenge of the beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up. God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? We must take care to choose our way wisely. "There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache" a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith.



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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 Prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

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

R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17-20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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

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

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 will be available from the Coffee Shop by next weekend.*



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.

RITE OF ELECTION

All adults who have started their preparation for baptism, reception or confirmation are invited to the Rite of Election at the St George's Cathedral on Saturday 9th March.

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 can collect your tickets next weekend (23/24 February). It is the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK with Music festival, symposium, reflection etc. Parish encourages young people of 18-25 years to participate in it. Parish will sponsor the tickets. If anyone is interested please contact a priest or parish office. More details can be found on the notice board.

PARISH HALLS' BOOKINGS

For bookings please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE

Next open house is on Friday 22nd February 4.30pm-6pm. No appointment needed.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

RCIA: Next session is on SATURDAY 23rd February 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.

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

URDU MASS IN THE PARISH

You are most welcome to join the Urdu Community for the Mass this Sunday, 17th February at 4pm.

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. Also 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

Parents are requested to help the altar servers to hang the Alb and Cottas after the Mass in the working sacristy. Altar Servers can take a set of Alb & Cottas to home for them to use exclusively. All the Altar servers and their families are invited to their outing on Monday 6th May.

EUCCHARISITC 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 3(Team 3) at 10am.

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.**

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.



Wish you all a Blessed Week!

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

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: Anthony ESCRADER, John HARTIGAN and Sandra BUSHELL

Anniversaries: 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.

	16th & 17th February	23rd & 24th February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Doris Cubero, Nancy Biney	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Barri Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue
10.30	Lola Lawrence, Ansshakila Manoharadas	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose	Ian Johnston, Mikhaela Dayaday
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Ivon Kandiah	Katherine Bennett, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Lucinda & Mathew D'Souza Ethna Power	Juliana DeSouza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya
09.00	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier
10.30	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Kasia Zuzewicz	Ann & Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu
12.00	Neves D'Souza, Tharma Kandiah Nellie de los Santos	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo Rosemary Kanagaratnam
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza & Agnes Babu	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell Daisy Jughroo

Church Cleaning:	Wk3: Mon 18th Feb @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 25th Feb @ 7pm
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was **£1,792.63** [Loose plate **54%**; Gift Aid **46%**]
Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 17th February SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) RACIAL JUSTICE DAY	09.00 10.30 12.00 15.00 16.00 18.30	Salomey Antwi-Safee Des Tierney RIP Yvette Hortense, Andrea Taffe & Julie Francois Baptisms Monthly Urdu Chaplaincy Canon John O'Toole Intentions
Monday 18th February Feria	09.30 18.30	Myra & Desmond O'Toole Nina & Peter Kosciolk
Tuesday 19th February Feria	09.30 11.00 18.30	Theresa Lawrence RIP A Funeral: JOHN MICHAEL HARTIGAN Thanksgiving (Muriel Michael)
Wednesday 20th February Feria	09.30 18:30	Carl Williams RIP 4A Canon John O'Toole Intentions
Thursday 21st February St. Peter Damian	09.30 18.30	Dorotea Annunciado RIP People of the Parish
Friday 22nd February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	09.30 18.30	John Warren November Deceased List
Saturday 23rd February St Polycarp	09.30 18.30	Margaret Fitzgerald John & Margaret Thornton
Sunday 24th February SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families & H/S The Holy Souls Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP Cardinal Nichols Intentions

<u>Monday 18th February</u> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm 2nd&4th Monday each mth <u>Tuesday 19th February</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church) <u>Wednesday 20th February</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) SVP (Meet 8.15pm 2nd & 4th Wed in Jan in the Parish Meeting Room)	<u>Thursday 21st February</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church) <u>Friday 22nd February</u> 50+ Club (2pm at St Anselm's Church) <u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm	

Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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