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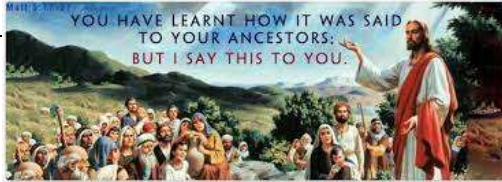
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th/12th February 2023

Year A, Volume 1 (Page 136): Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday 19 February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 139): Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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MATTHEW 5:17-37

Jesus tells his disciples that he is not abolishing the law, but fulfilling what Moses and the prophets taught. However, he makes clear that professional law-keepers have insufficient righteousness to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus further connects his teachings with the teachings of Moses and the Old Testament, here is described as the Law and the Prophets. In Jesus' time, only the Old Testament had been written. The first five books were considered to be written by Moses and much of the rest was written by prophets. We are in the Sermon on the Mount, according to St. Matthew. The lectionary gives us a series of extracts from that to be read over these Sundays before the beginning of Lent. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a description of those who belong to his Kingdom: their behaviour, their prayer. He shows us how to live worthy as sons of God our Father: in other words, how concretely to live his own attitudes to God, and to one another.

If we find ourselves confused when we look to God's law for direction, we must consider Jesus as the living law of God.

If we find ourselves confused when we search to God's law for answers, we must consider Jesus as the exemplar of all creation.

If we find ourselves in pain when we look to God's law for solace, we must consider Jesus as God's answer to the corruption the world gives us.

If we find ourselves anxious about God's law and its consequences, we must consider the integrity and authenticity of Jesus.

If we find ourselves at peace in giving ourselves over completely to God's law. We realize that we have brought Jesus' message into our hearts and we begin to put God's message together.

The picture Jesus paints is beautiful, inspiring, appealing, and noble. If everyone could live like that, just think, how happy the world would be. There would be an end to all wars, all poverty, family dysfunctions, all injustice!

Have a peaceful and blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

PALM CROSSES

If you have your old palm crosses please bring them in so we can prepare ash to be used on Ash Wednesday. Last day for bringing Palms will be Sunday 19th February.

LENTEN PRAYER HOME VISIT BY CLERGY

Would you like one of the Clergy to visit your home in Lent for a time of prayer or reflection? It will be one member of the clergy for one visit in Lent. If so, please put your name on the list in the porch and they will be in touch. Please note it is on a first come, first serve basis and there are only 11 slots left.

FLAME 2023

The biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, as CYMFED organise Flame 2023. Saturday 4 March at Wembley Arena, Arena Square, Engineers Way, London, HA9 0AA.

Tickets/passes on sale at cymfed.org.uk/flame. Age range: 14 years to university. Doors open at 11am for 12noon start and finishes at 5.40pm. Take a packed lunch and drinks in plastic bottles **no** glass or tin cans allowed.

The theme of Flame 2023 takes the World Youth Day Scripture "Mary arose and went in haste" and crystallises it into the theme "Rise Up!". Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith.

OVER 50'S GROUP

The group are taking a break on Wednesday 15th and 22nd February and will resume again on 1st March.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL APPEAL

There will be a talk by some of the Governors at all Masses this weekend 10/11 February regarding raising funds for the new classrooms that were built. A collection will be taken up at all Masses on 18/19 February. Please read the attached leaflet.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WASHING OF SMALL ALTAR LINEN

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest to wash the small linens. Please make yourselves known to Fr John, Fr David or Florie so that they can explain how the cloths are to be washed and ironed.

AN EXCERPT FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to "take care of him" (Lk 10:35). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to "go and do likewise" (Lk 10:37). As I noted in Fratelli Tutti, "The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good" (No. 67). Indeed, "we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering" (No. 68).

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing. FRANCIS Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2023

CAFOD TURKEY/SYRIA APPEAL

Due to generous donations in recent months CAFOD were able to send an initial £100,000 for immediate humanitarian help. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. Please keep them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 11 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Januario Pereira RIP Daniel Lyonette RIP |
| * Sun 12 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Deceased members of the Da Cunha & Mergulhao Families RIP Josephine Jingco & Ching Ellis (Intentions) Simon Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian |
| Mon 13 | 8.15am 9.30am | For the people of Turkey & Syria Ida & Clifton In Thanksgiving |
| Tues 14 | 9.30am 7.00pm | Rita Badejo In Thanksgiving Erlyn Fernandes In Thanksgiving |
| Wed 15 | 9.30am 12noon | World Peace – Pham Family REQUIEM MASS – JOHN HANLON RIP |
| Thurs 16 | 9.30am | Sarah Patricia Trollope RIP |
| Fri 17 | 9.30am | Marie Antoinette & Marcus Jacobs In Thanksgiving – 60 th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sat 18 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Joe Viegas RIP Deceased members of the Furtado Family RIP |
| * Sun 19 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Ivy Venables RIP and her Family Jeremiah Gorman RIP Patrick Maple RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam |
| Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving Bragança Family | | |

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Khang Duc Nguyen RIP, John Hanlon RIP, Seán Tompkins RIP, Patrick Ellis RIP and Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP who have passed away recently.

John Hanlon RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 15th February** at 12 noon.

Seán Tompkins RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Thursday 23rd February** at 11.00am.

Khang Duc Nguyen RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 28th February** at 10.45am.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in eternal peace.

MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the yellow request sheets available in the porch and return with your stipend.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Many of you may not be aware that St. Lawrence's gained Fairtrade status in February 2014. Buying Fairtrade products will support our brothers and sisters in poorer countries and help protect them from exploitation. This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 27th February to Sunday 12th March. Please look out for goods displaying the Fairtrade logo in local shops and supermarkets.

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on Sunday 5th March after the 9.30am and 11am masses. Teas and coffees sold will be using Fairtrade products. There will also be a Tombola stall and if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or anything else suitable please hand them to the Presbytery marked CAFOD. With grateful thanks, *Theresa Butcher*.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

4-5 February 2023

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