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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

timetable this week

MONDAY 18th February
Weekday

10.00 Word & Communion
followed by SVP Meeting

TUESDAY 19th February
Weekday

10.00 MASS followed by Coffee
Morning

WEDNESDAY 20th February
Weekday

10.00 MASS

19.30 UCM meeting

THURSDAY 21st February
Saint Peter Damian

11.00 Pensioners' Club

18.30 MASS

FRIDAY 22nd February
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 23rd February
Saint Polycarp

11.00 MASS

11.30 Confessions and
Exposition

12.00 Benediction

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 24th February
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

17th February 2019



NEWS AND NOTES

Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 17th February, is Racial Justice Sunday and the theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. Please take a prayer card from the Atrium.

A prayer for those facing exploitation

"O God, Gracious God, From your abundance all gifts and skills are bestowed, making us participants in your work of creation. By the word of your Son, confront our greed, challenge us when we treat people as means of profit, or discrimi-

the word this week

Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences - blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

nate unjustly against our fellow human beings. Raise us up to new life in your service that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you we may glorify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Amen."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



We are delighted to announce that The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the

Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster on the noticeboard.

MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Be Who God Created You To Be" Tuesday 26th February, at 7.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale. All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people. Please contact Fr Kevin Mur-

phy if you have any queries about the Mass: kevin.murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"World Day of Prayer" will be held this year at Stand United Reform Church on Friday 1st March at 2.00 pm.

All Welcome.

S.V.P. NATIONAL RAFFLE

Advance notice that raffle tickets for the SCVP National Raffle will be on sale the weekend of 2/3rd March.

WALSINGHAM

Every year a group from our parish make the pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham in Norfolk. It is a relaxing break, with time for walks, quiet, meals together and socialising, as well as Masses and guided reflections. Everyone is welcome. This year's pilgrimage will take place from 30th May - 2nd June. Booking forms are now available from Marie Rawsthorne (0161 723 3634) or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers in Church in memory of a loved one, please place in an envelope with the details and hand into the Parish Office.

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd

March. We have plenty of numbers available if you would like to join, please speak to one of the agents before or after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS

From "Gaudete et Exsultate":
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"
The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace Saint Paul's exhortation: "Weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15). Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness.

Points to ponder: Do I draw near or draw back from those in pain? How do we, as parish, reach out to those in grief?

diocesan vacancy

Two posts: Housekeeper/ Parish Secretary

Appointment Type: 2 roles of 6-7 hours per week each, or 1 composite role of 12-14 hours per week, subject to candidate's skills, abilities and availability. Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive based on skills and experience. Location: Saint Marie, Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 0DR. Closing date for applications: 12.00 noon, Wednesday, 6th March, 2019. For further information on the job description and eligibility criteria or to request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact: The Director of Administration and Personnel Department for Finance and Administration Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Telephone: 0161-817-

2203 Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

in your prayers

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parish of Saint Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale and Kirkholt, with Canon Buckley and for Father Murphy, and for the parish of Saint Joseph, Ramsbottom, with Father Thorpe. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Saint Cuthbert's High School.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS:

We pray especially for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity, The Sick and Those Who Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Unemployed.

OUR SICK: Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough,

Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty, Joan Wardle, Joseph Roantree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget, Noel Moore, Brenda Johnston, David Stott.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Joanne Iris Turner, Kathleen Harris, Clarence Peter Rimmer, John Judge, Reg Lawler, Nora Krafft, Thomas Timothy, Arthur Garvin, Joanne Marie Howarth, John Harding, James Ernest Howarth, Hilda Wilkinson, Neville Patrick Hughes, James Reddington, Thomas Hamer, Pearl Morris, Hilda Wilkinson, Dorothy Tattersall, Robert J. Slater, Margaret Corris, Frances Waite, James S. Walmsley, Peter Rykicki, Joseph Morris Bilsborrow, Ivy Price, Alan Matthew Logan, Emma Tien, George Beeching, Shirley Armanino, Ann Duffy, Alan Cozens, Margaret Lifford, Patricia Bodnarchuk, John Leigh, Cecil Sutterby, D. T. Boyle, Mary Kate Horner, Dominic Christopher Hassall, Steven Foster, Margaret Herron,

sunday gospel wordsearch

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DISEASES DANCE HAPPY
POOR REWARD KINGDOM
HUNGRY ALAS DENOUNCE



welcome—information to help you!

children's liturgy

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary School age (i.e. who have started in Reception): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

childrens' chapel

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take the children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and please leave it tidy for the next Mass. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

the sacraments

BAPTISMS are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

ANointing OF THE SICK please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

MARRIAGE is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)

practical notes

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

WHEELCHAIR spaces are available on the left side of church,

near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end by the emergency exit.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

TOILETS

Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday (08.00-11.00) but please check in advance if you intend to call in. Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency please contact a neighbouring Parish.

SVP CONFRATERNITY

The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and house-bound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.

gospel next week

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.'

