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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
19th February 2022 to
27th February 2022

Welcome to this House of God:

Talk to God before Mass Listen to God during Mass Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

1 Samuel 26: 2-23; Ps 102; 1 Corinthian 15:45-49:

Luke 6:27-38

My dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. All three scriptural passages give us new themes of forgiveness, love of our enemies and being like the heavenly Father. In the first reading we hear that David has a golden chance to kill his enemy Saul who is looking to kill him but he did not do it because revenge is for God and we have no right to take revenge against our enemies. In the second reading St. Paul says that we will be modelled on the heavenly man, Jesus. The Gospel reminds us of the essential virtues and elements of our Christian life: mercy and compassion, love of God and neighbour, awareness of sin and the sense of the sacred. These are marks of our spiritual progress and Christian growth. We must learn to leave vengeance for God so we must not take every opportunity for revenge against those who offend us. Forgiveness heals the wounds and wipes all scars away. At the heart of the teaching of Jesus is forgiveness and acceptance of mistreatment. Jesus tells us "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you". These teachings are so against our modern ways of thinking.

Nowadays we Christians are more influenced by the modern world and it is totally against the teachings of Jesus. Jesus said to his disciples; you are in the world but not of the world. Even though we live in this world we are not moved by this world order but inspired by Gospel values. Pope St. John Paul II once said; you should not accommodate to this world, see the world as it is, change the world but not change into the world. Christians are destined to transform the world. In baptism Christians put on Christ and become a new creature whose deeds and words are in conformity with Christ's mind and words. That is why it is said that to be a Christian is a challenge and it is beyond imagination for a non - believer.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Thomas (Tom) Falveu, Finola Moore, Catherine Lamb, Hannah Leahy and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Kathleen Hennessey, Margaret Floyd, Tom O'Sullivan, Freda Burke, Lynne Campbell, Timothy Donovan, Mary Conery, Denis Coakley, Gerrard Campbell, Alice O'Riordan, Leslie O'Beirnes, Nicholas Kharchoum, Donna Broadbent, Katherine Davies, Mary Clifton, Margaret Sullivan, Stephen Kearns, Harry Bradshaw, Leslie Winston, Nora Miley, Dermot Fetherston, Ellen King, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Finola Moore is on 24th February 2022 at 11:30am here in Church.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Lamb is on Friday 11th March 2022 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:00pm.

Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 10th March at 6:30pm.

Funeral Service for Hannah Leahy is on Thursday 17th March 2022 here in Church at 12:00pm followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery 1:45pm.

MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr. Henry S. Somah from the Society of African Missions (SMA) who will make this year's Mission Appeal this weekend.

This Week Saturday 19th February– Sunday 27th February (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 19th February Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 pm Ints of Pat Poyner	12:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Altar Servers Training
Sunday 20th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS	8:30 am Christina Carroll 10:30 am Barbara Smith	
Monday 21st February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Devine Mercy 11:30am Pat Galvin RIP	
Tuesday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle	10:00am Joe and Agnes O'Sullivan Private Mass	
Wednesday 23rd February Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Jackie Conway RIP	
Thursday 24th February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Requiem Mass for Finola Moore	
Friday 25th February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Albert and Catherine Sillwood	
Saturday 26th February Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 pm Ethna Waldron	
Sunday 27th February EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30 am Kathleen Hennessy RIP 10:30 am Jackie Conway RIP	

Last week's Offertory Collection: £323.64

Gift Aid Envelopes: £166.00 Building Fund: £702.41

Standing Order for the Month of December £1607

Mass Attendance Last Sunday:306

Thank you for supporting your Parish.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Ps 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6: 39-45

COVID UPDATE

- If you have COVID do not come to church.
- The use of face masks is highly recommended in church
- The present seating arrangements in church will continue.
- Good ventilation continues to be important
- Hand sanitising continues to be recommended
- Ministers of the Eucharist should continue to sanitise their hands before distributing Communion
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed to the Faithful in the form of the Sacred Host only
- Mass Books etc can now be used. Please note these are only useful for the readings. Please take a prayer card for the responses in Mass.
- Holy Water stoops may now be refilled
- We no longer need to record names and contact details

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, RECONCILATION AND CONFIRMATION

If your child does not attend a Catholic Primary School and you would like them to receive one of these Sacraments this year, please inform the Parish Office. The deadline for enquiries is 28th February to allow time to prepare for these important Sacraments.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022

We are invited to join in this International service of prayer prepared by women in different countries. This year it has been prepared by women in the UK. This year's theme is that God has a plan for all of us. The service will take place on Friday 4th March at 2pm at the Methodist Church opposite. All are welcome to attend.

LENTEN TALKS

St Nicholas Church, Boldmere, is hosting a series of 3 talks for Lent given by Dr Judith Champ entitled "the Church in England: Then, Now and Next". The talks will take place on Tuesday 8th, 15th and 22nd March from 7.45- 9pm. For more information please see the notice in the Church porch.