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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th/13th February 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 139): Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Week: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 141): 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102;

1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Luke 6:20

Looking at his disciples,
he said: "Blessed are you
who are poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God."

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Protecting your Privacy:

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Racial Justice Sunday

"Jesus came down with the Twelve to where there was a large gathering ... of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon."

Bridge builder leaders are always a great blessing to have in times and places where there is lack of meaningful cooperation among people with diverse thoughts and ways of life, which can sometimes be crippling. Jesus is always a perfect example for humanity to emulate - Christians and non-Christians alike. He walks the talk. He doesn't just tell people, even enemies, to love one another, he loves and shows himself a uniting force.

The culture in which he was brought up forbade him from mingling with people from outside his own culture because they were seen as enemies of his people and 'unclean'. Of course he did not allow himself to become a slave of his culture's preconceived and ill-thoughts about people from outside his Jewish race. He saw himself, not one to give credence and inflame his culture's intolerance of others, but a bridge builder and a uniting force. That we see in the Gospel passage as he reaches out in no less way to people from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon - a non-Jewish territory, as he did his own kinsmen and women.

This inclusivity and character of fairness of Jesus fits well for our reflection on this weekend. It reiterates the fact that we were all made of the same divine stock - "In the Image and Likeness of God" - which is the theme for this year's Racial Justice Sunday. It reminds us that regardless of our different colours, that we have all come from the one Father and therefore, one family (Ephesians 4:6) This inclusive action of Jesus is an invitation to each one of us to re-examine how welcoming we are of other people, especially from different cultures to ours. Do our actions and words help to further cohesion in our communities and uphold the equality of all people before God? Or do they encourage intolerant behaviours, promote discrimination and racial injustice?

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we see in Jesus that truly people from diverse cultures - Jews and non-Jews - can come together; that the same message of redemption and goods of the earth are meant for all peoples to access. He reached out to everyone and saw them as his brothers and sisters. (Matthew 25:40) He gave equal opportunity to all to reach God the Father and access the salvation he brings. Cultural diversity was never a barrier to his mission to save all peoples, but of the richness of God's Kingdom.

The richness of the prayer and the vibrant religious life in our parish community is indeed a blessing and the beauty of God's ingenuity, who has brought us together from diverse cultures. For this, we must give thanks because truly, we are a 'united nations' parish and there is always a place for everyone in this place.

Fr Joseph

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM SIGNING

Please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 for an appointment for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Reception or Nursery.

NEW COVID GUIDANCE - January 2022

- We thank you for wearing a mask in Church and keeping yourself and others safe. Please continue to wear your masks whilst inside Church (covering both nose and mouth) unless you are exempt.
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or Omicron should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving Church.
- Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation, balancing this against the need for church heating, especially at this time.
- There is no need for formal social distancing in Church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are planning on getting married either in this country or abroad a minimum of **SIX MONTHS' NOTICE** is required to process the paperwork. Please do not wait until a month or so before your marriage date, especially those getting married abroad, as the necessary permissions will not reach your destination in time. Please call Fr John to make an appointment.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL – SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

We need to raise £180,000 as 10% of the overall costs to replace condemned Y3 & Y4 classrooms
To raise funds for our school's contribution to the construction of much needed Junior classrooms for St Lawrence Catholic School in Feltham, Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson have decided to attempt to complete the Camiño Inglés. This is a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from Ferrol on the Galician coast in Northern Spain. In order to receive the Compostela, the official certificate issued by the Cathedral of Santiago to confirm that a person has completed their pilgrimage, a minimum walk of 100 km is required. The distance which they will walk will be 118 km over a period of 5 days in May. We're raising £10,000 to help towards our new Junior classrooms.
To donate please go to the Justgiving website @ <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

CURRENT/EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS

You are welcome to come and serve at Mass at the weekend

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

PALM CROSSES

If you have your old palm crosses please bring them in so we can prepare ash to be used on Ash Wednesday

RIVERSIDE VINEYARD CHURCH

...are holding free English Lessons on Wednesdays from 9.45am to 12noon. Here you will meet new friends, have a chance to speak English in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and improve your language skills. Come and join us! More details at riversidevineyard.com/meeting-place.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – WARDEN & CLERK – ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT

Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy
The closing date is Monday, 28th February.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year Racial Justice Sunday is on **13th February**. Our theme *In the Image and Likeness of God* celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures. A series of posters have been produced, which highlight the rich diversity of our Catholic community and encourage reflection upon how all peoples are made in the image of God. To see the posters and more follow <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22>, some are displayed in the porch.

JOINT SERVICE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The theme this year is "I know the plans I have for you". The prayers this year are prepared by the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). Scotland have their own WDP. **Date: Friday 4th March 2022 at 2.30pm, St Dunstan's Church, Feltham TW13 4JY.** All welcome to join.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley is holding a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 13th March** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. She would be grateful for help on the day, donations of cakes and also donations of unwanted Christmas gifts. Helen can be contacted on 07950 681325 for more information. The proceeds of the Coffee Morning will go to the Zimbabwean Orphans.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of John Murray, Maria Simon and David John Coyte, who passed away recently.

David John Coyte RIP - His funeral will take place on **Friday 18th February 3.40pm** at Hanworth Crematorium.

Maria Simon RIP – Her funeral will take place on **Friday 4th March at 12.30pm** at Hanworth Crematorium

John Murray RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 7th March at 11.30am**.

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12	11am 5.00pm	Fredrick (Jock) Cassidy RIP Sean Keaveney RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 13	8am 9.30am 11am	Raphael Arulthas in Thanksgiving Gonsalves Family in Thanksgiving Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 14	10am	Tony & Jill Smith RIP
Tues 15	10am	Lawrence D'Souza RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Wed 16	10am	Denise Holme RIP
Thurs 17	10am	Intentions of the Phan Family
Fri 18	10am	In Thanksgiving Ujenia Family
Sat 19	11am 5.00pm	Maria Nangombe RIP (Anniversary), Sebastiao Fernandes Anjo RIP and Jose Fernandes Anjo RIP Margaret O'Neill RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 20	8am 9.30am 11am	Perpetual Albuquerque RIP In Thanksgiving Francisco Pereira and Family Erlin Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamp: Dias Family Intentions		

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below

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