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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

16th/17th February 2019

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: 7th Sunday of the Year: Page: 141: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38



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Dear Friends

I was in my dentist's waiting room recently and as there was nothing better to do I browsed the large amount of out of date lifestyle magazines on the coffee table. It then occurred to me that we are subconsciously being led to believe that our modern culture is dependent upon having the latest gadgets and gizmos, or the most beautiful house, or the most expensive car, I could go on and on.

Contrast my dental waiting room experience with today's Gospel.

How happy are you who are poor? Yours is the Kingdom of God.

A bold statement. Indeed, it could be argued this is a statement that defies common sense, it defies our expectations and it defies our perceived wisdom about how our world works. How can the poor be happy? Of course the reality is more profound than that. There is a sense in which it means to be held in the providential hands of God, to be on the right track and to know the implicit joy of being in such a state in accordance with its potential and promise. Jesus contrasts this in His sermon on the plain, when he says, *"But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now."* Also in his epistle St. James follows this up with the words,

"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter." James 5:1-9 (New Jerusalem Bible)

Well there are certainly no cosy lifestyle magazines here! Who amongst us wants to be poor, depressed, at war, excluded from society or belittled? Jesus isn't asking us to seek out discomfort, but he is asking us to realise that God always holds a brighter promise for us. If we seek we will find God where we are but we must realise that God calls us further.

God's mercy means doing justice for the poorest and the most humiliated. In his ministry, Jesus met families who were the poorest of the poor. Sadly, we still see poor and powerless people today.

Are we, as his followers, defenders of the poor? What meaningful action could we do either as a community or individually to bring a smile to the lips of someone who is poor or broken? We must accept that unlike the reading of lifestyle magazines Christian living is not an armchair occupation.

It is a true lifestyle choice.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

**Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;
Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am;
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm**

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

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

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 24th February** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 26th February** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 20th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY GROUPS

There will be **no FHC on March 2nd** it has been cancelled due to a clash with the Flame youth event. It will now take place on **March 9th**, 4.30pm, in the school hall.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 28th February** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

MISSED OUT? REGISTRATION for a second Confirmation group will begin after half term from **25th February until 17th March**. Forms will be available at the back of Church or on the website. Once complete please post in the "red letterbox" in Church porch.

PARISH NOTICES

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Classes will resume again on **Monday 18th February** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. All welcome.

FOR THE YOUTH

HOUNSLOW SUMMIT

The Westminster Youth Ministry invite youth groups and Confirmation groups age 14-18 to their next event which will be held at SS Michael & Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH on **Friday 22nd February** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Anyone who is interested please speak to Jordan for details.

BIBLE STUDY DAY

On **Saturday February 23rd**, in the Parish Centre, led by Jordan Pullicino and Alai Naseer. An introduction to the Bible, for adults. From the Old Testament to the New, and as part of the Church today. It is hoped this will launch a course of Bible study in the parish. Even if you can only come for this one day, do come, and be inspired by the word of God! 10am – 3.30pm, bring a packed-lunch.

LENT

The six-week faith sharing resource for Lent 2019 – **Rejoice and be Glad starts from 6th March**. We invite you to share in it to grow in your faith journey and be spiritually refreshed. Please put your name on the list if you would like to join a group. Meetings will take place at different times on different days either here or at a leader's home so there is a wide choice.

PROCLAIM

The Proclaim Spring gathering takes place at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ on **Saturday 16th March** from 9.30am to 3.00pm with Bishop John Wilson. Please see notice board for further details. If interested please speak to Deacon Colin Macken or email colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk.

PALM AND CROSSES

If you have Palms and Crosses from last year or previous years, please bring them to Church the next time you come to Mass and place them in the box in the porch. We will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS??

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

PARKING

Parents/Guardians/Carers – The Green is a private road and is NOT to be used for school runs. You are blocking residents, causing unnecessary traffic jams and generally being a hindrance. Please park at Feltham Leisure West or Tesco and WALK your child to the school gates.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick Goldsmith RIP, Delfino Sanchez Garcia RIP and Sean Keaveney RIP** (brother of Annie Burke) who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

DELFINO SANCHEZ GARCIA RIP – His Funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 18th February at 3.40pm.**

PATRICK GOLDSMITH – His Requiem will now take place here on **Friday 1st March at 11.00am** and **not 27th February** as previously announced.

OTHER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

A special service will take place on **Friday 1st March** at 3pm at the Salvation Army in Bedfont Lane to which all men and women are invited. Refreshments from 2.30pm. The theme this year "Come – Everything is Ready! – come to God's table" has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to St Lawrence's the weekend of **6th/7th April**, so this is an opportunity to gather together your unwanted clothes or bedding (no duvets or pillows).

THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW...

...is currently providing up to fifteen homeless men with a hot evening meal, night shelter and breakfast at Church venues in the Borough and seeking volunteers to help. Please see notice board for details.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 8TH JUNE AT 3PM.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Florie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, name and place of Church of marriage and email address (or telephone number, if no email) by **11th March**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Filomena Fernandes RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Pham Family
Sun 17 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	In Thanksgiving - Magdalena Roma Preston RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Fr Gerry Burke (Intentions)
Mon 18 th	09.30	Eucharistic Service
Tues 19 th	09.30	Sebastiao Floriano Pereira in Thanksgiving
Wed 20 th	09.30	Holy Souls
Thurs 21 st	09.30	In Thanksgiving to Parishioners from Bernardine Doran
Fri 22 nd	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Sat 23 rd	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 16.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rhys Dias - Birthday Thanksgiving Baptism of Samuel Ryan Pereira Mass in Tagalog by Filipino Community Devotions to Our Lady – Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Alan Tovey RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Sun 24 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Patrick McLaughlin RIP Anne & Martin Nicholas in Thanksgiving – 40 th Wedding Anniversary Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Wilson Family (Intentions)		

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