

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C Psalms Wk 2**

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that all who believe in him may not perish.

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17th February 2019

PRAYER IN THE PARISH

Masses

Sunday: 8.00am and 10.00am

Weekdays: 10.00am

Confessions - Saturdays 10.45 - 11.45am in the Priory,
or at any time

The Rosary

Every Wednesday after Mass at the Priory

Christian Meditation Group

Meeting every Wednesday from 7.00 until 8.00pm

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday, after Mass, in the Library

Friday Quiet Prayer

10.45am (after Mass) in the Oratory

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIMES

(Not Sunday)

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass

12.50pm Mid-day Prayer

6.00pm Adoration & Evening Prayer

Beatitudes of the Heart

Blessed are the clean of heart;
they will see God.

Blessed are the humble of heart;
they will find rest for their souls.

Blessed are the warm-hearted;
they will radiate goodness.

Blessed are those who work with the heart;
they will find joy in their work.

Blessed are those who do not lose heart;
they will find the strength to persevere.

And blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of
God; everything else will be given to them.

THOUGHTS FROM ST AUGUSTINE

Blessed the Peacemakers!

Some people are peacemakers in themselves. By conquering and subjecting to reason all the motions of their souls, and taming their carnal desires, they become in themselves, a kingdom of God. They enjoy the peace that is given on earth to persons of goodwill, the life of the consummate and perfect person of wisdom.

Sermon on the Mount 1,2

Prayer: Lord, whatever you give me is too little for me. Be you yourself my inheritance! I love you with all my heart and all my soul and all my mind. Of what value is anything you give me that is not yourself.

Sermon 334,3

Friday 22nd The Chair of St Peter A feast to celebrate the unity of the Church. The 'chair' (the 'cathedra') was thought to be the one on which St Peter sat when he presided at the Eucharist. So when the Pope speaks '*ex cathedra*' he speaks with the authority given to Peter by Jesus.

Saturday 23rd St Polycarp A disciple of St John. He was condemned to death (155) by burning, and when he was tied to the stake he began to proclaim the Eucharistic prayer over himself. That is, he began the prayer of praise and thanksgiving that would transform him into the body of Christ. St Irenaus said of him: '*Polycarp was not only instructed by apostles, and conversed with many who had seen Christ, but...always taught the things which he had learned from the apostles, and which the Church has handed down.*'

R.I.P.

The Requiem Mass for **James Cullen**, son of Larry, will take place on Thursday 21st at 10 a.m. at Clare Priory. Parishioners will not have known James, but all of us have known Larry for all these years and we shall gather on Thursday to pray for James and to support Larry and his family with our prayers. James will be buried in Kedington. Then, afterwards, at 12.30, the family will return to the Priory for refreshments in the Parish Room, to which the members of the congregation are invited.

The Way of Silence

The Way of Silence quiet days begin again on Tuesday 19th February. Chris Gent (of our music group at the 10 o'clock Mass) will introduce the theme of the day

"What has silent prayer got to do with the stress of everyday life?"

The day will follow the usual pattern from 10.30 until 3 p.m., with Mass at 10 o'clock if you can get here in time. There will be tea and coffee available, but do bring your own sandwiches for lunch. The Priory Team will be on hand to introduce and look after the key points of the day. There will be a basket for donations. Come if you can!

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour is planned to take place on Friday 1st March. The time has changed. This time, the Holy Hour begins at 7.15 p.m. and continues until 8.15. Friday 1st March is the First Friday of the month.

The Word of the Lord

This is the phrase used to end the daily First Reading and, on Sundays, the First and Second Readings. As printed in the lectionary the phrase is longer, but it would be very unsightly to scrub out 'This is' on every page. **Readers**, please observe.

Craft Fair Presentation Night

There is an article on the Craft Fair Presentation Night on the Diocesan website at rdea.org.uk And there's a photo too. Once again, well done, everybody, and thanks for all the hard work.

Churches Together

The Churches Together in Clare and Cavendish Committee meets on Tuesday 26th. The Committee meets three times a year to pray together, to provide a forum for an exchange of news about events in the various churches, to prepare for shared activities, and to look back at what we have done together. Each church may field two lay representatives. For a considerable time **George Davy** has been the only representative, always informed, always alert, always sensitive to the different traditions. George has felt that it is time for him to let others carry the baton for the Priory. I express our thanks to George for his years on duty and for his diligence in attending the meetings. In George, we got two for the price of one!

Of course, the consequence is obvious: we need two parishioners to offer their services as members of the Committee. Please treat this request as urgent, and then we can have our full complement for the meeting on Tuesday 26th February.

First Holy Communion

I would like to express our thanks to Rosie Kerr for all the years that she has tutored successive groups of candidates for First Holy Communion. Leading little ones in the ways of faith is a gift that affects all of us, the children who learn about Jesus, the parish whose life is so enriched, and Rosie who, helped by her daughters Lucy and Aisling, gave witness to her faith in the Lord who wishes to share our lives to the full. Thank you,



In next week's newsletter these tufts of grass will have grown into a report on the recent meeting of Garden Volunteers

Day of Renewal Saturday 16th March

In a month's time, on **Saturday 16th March**, there will be a **Day of Renewal**. It will be a day of praise, prayer and reconciliation, from 10 until 4 p.m. There will be Mass, a talk, meditation and individual blessing. It promises to be a lovely day and all our volunteers who do so much for the Priory will be encouraged to come. With such parishioners as ours, who isn't a volunteer? Do come and celebrate together!

Some dates in Lent

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on **March 6th**

CAFOD ENVELOPES will be distributed on **Sunday 10th March.**

The **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** would be held on **Friday 15th March.**

CAFOD ENVELOPES would be collected on **Sunday 17th March**

Lent **Reconciliation Service** will be held after both Masses on **Sunday 31st March**

Lenten Alms 2019

Bishop Alan has nominated **Aid to the Church in Need** and the **Cambridge Nazareth Trust** as the diocesan appointed charities. We are familiar with the first, perhaps less so with the second named. The Cambridge Nazareth Trust aims to support the education of children in the Holy Land. Their schools operate an open door policy, welcoming Christian and Muslim students who, working together, acquire mutual tolerance and understanding. They aspire to be places of safety, protection and refuge.

Racial Justice Sunday February 17th 2019

The theme this year is "Dignity for all workers", recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace.

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. In *Octogesima Adveniens* and *Gaudium et Spes*, St Paul VI teaches that "all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level". We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. "As you did this to the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me..."

In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation.

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 discriminate 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

Prayers for the sick

Father in heaven,
grant our relatives and friends comfort in their suffering.
When they are afraid, give them courage,
when afflicted give them patience,
when dejected, afford them hope,
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Prayer adapted from the Liturgy of Anointing)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(FORMERLY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER)

FRIDAY 1st MARCH AT CLARE BAPTIST CHURCH 2.00 pm

"COME - EVERYTHING IS READY!"

PREPARED BY CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF SLOVENIA

In preparation there will be 2 Bible Reflections

led by Rev. Paul Graham

on Wednesday 20th February

at Clare Baptist Church hall 10.30-11.30 with coffee from 10.15.

Come and meet friends from the churches of Clare and Cavendish

Catholicism

On Thursday evening, the 21st, the course enters its seventh week with a presentation on 'The Eucharist'. On U-Tube I have seen various items by Robert Barron on the Eucharist, all of them good. If you can't manage this Thursday night, why not try to make it for the following Wednesday, the 27th, in the morning, for the repeat showing?

Interest in the course is obvious. Our numbers are steady on both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening. Three days ago a visitor travelled all the way from Gt Yarmouth to be part of Thursday evening's presentation. And he promised to be back

Collection

11th February - £463.76

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The precise figure for the Aid to the Church in Need collection was £617.68

Thank you for your continued generosity