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"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long. Psalm 25: 4-5

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>A Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</i></p> <p>Sat. 14th Feb. 06:30pm. Sr Annette <i>Special Intention</i> Sun. 15th Feb. 09:30am. A. E. <i>Special Intention</i> Olive Edward <i>12th Anniversary RIP</i> 11:00am. Breda Morrisey <i>For the Welfare of</i></p> <p>Mon. 16th Feb. NO MASS Tues. 17th Feb. 10:00am. Pedro Gabitan <i>RIP</i> Wed. 18th Feb. 10:00am. ASH WEDNESDAY The Departed Souls of the D'Souza Family <i>RIP</i> 7.30pm All the Holy Souls of the Parish <i>RIP</i> Thur. 19th Feb. 10.00am. Kathy Doran Almeida <i>RIP</i> Recently deceased Fri. 20th Feb. 06.00pm <i>Adoration and Benediction</i> 07.00pm A. Hallett <i>Good Health and Wellbeing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>Sat. 21st Feb. 06:30pm. Teresa McGowan <i>RIP</i> Patricia Starsmeare <i>RIP</i> (Recently deceased) Sun. 22nd Feb. 09:30am. Mary & David Hughes <i>Special Intention</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">We also pray for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vibert and Hazel Cornwall <i>for their Wellbeing and Good Health</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Shanahan (RIP) 14th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayers for the Sick & Housebound: Please pray for the wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee McKenzie), Marie Goti Michael Christou John Rosenow Mary Silva Michael Hoskins</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Saints of the Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14th SS. Cyril & Methodius 14th St Valentine 15th St Claude de la Combière 17th The Seven Holy founders of the Servite Order 20th SS. Jacinta & Francisco Marta 21st St Peter Damian 21st Robert Southwell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.</p> |
| <p> Mass Intentions are usually published in the newsletter and announced during the Mass. We endeavor to accommodate intentions on the date requested, as far as possible. The amount to give is up to you, £10 is a recommended donation.</p> <p>Mass Offertories based on the recent appeal by Fr Ben for Mass Offertories you can now also donate via the QR code. Thank you for your kind generosity which is very much appreciated in providing support to keep our parish running. Thank you for all that you give.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>The Second Offertory this weekend is for the Clergy Support Fund that provides essential care for our sick and retired clergy.</p> <p>CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day is Friday 27th February.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Repose of the Soul Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Quirke and pray for her loved ones left behind. <i>Raise her up to eternal life O Lord and hold her in the palm of your hand.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Almighty Father be a comforting presence to those who mourn, assure them of Your love, and eternal peace.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">New to the Parish</p> <p>If you recently moved into the parish please complete a Registration Form so we know you wish to be part of the St Cecilia's parish family. Pick up the Registration Form at the back of the church. The form can be returned at the Sacristy or pop it through the Presbytery letter box, next door. Also do introduce yourself to Fr Ben.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All are welcome!</p> |
| <p>PARISH LIFE</p> <p>The Thursday Club gathers after Mass, at 10am. Knit and Natter follows on from the Thursday Club. Share a craft. Little Church (Children's Liturgy) is Sundays at 9.30am and 11am The Youth Group meets on Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm. Open to Years 7 to 11 for faith, fun and food. Mothers Prayer Group come together on Saturdays at 5.30pm in the Family Chapel. Not registered? Come along anyway. Devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary: If you want Our Lady's statue to visit your home, add your name to the list at the back of the church. IT Workshop if in need of technology support contact Marie Toomey.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Private Prayer Spend some quiet time with Jesus. The Church is open for private prayer every Monday from 10am and after Mass each day, until 7pm. Fridays private prayer is until Benediction at 6pm.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">A DAY WITH MARY</p> <p>Here on Saturday 21st February beginning with Mass at 10am. Bring a packed lunch. Finishes 5.40pm. Stay as long as you like. See Posters.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Every Wednesdays at 7.30pm throughout Lent.</p> | | |

SUNDAY *Plus*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Day for the Unemployed

Bearing the image of God



Dorothy [Day], who never seemed to be overly anxious about how little money there was in the community bank account, frequently set an example of passing on what was given as quickly as possible. In one memorable instance, a well-dressed woman visiting the Worker house one day gave Dorothy a diamond ring. Dorothy thanked the visitor, slipped the ring in her pocket, and later in the day gave it to an unpleasant old woman, Catherine. Catherine, a bitter complainer

second to none, was known in the community as "the weasel". She lived with her handicapped son and often ate meals at St Joseph's. We paid her rent each month. One of the staff suggested to Dorothy that the ring might better have been sold at the Diamond Exchange on West 47th Street and the money used for paying Catherine's rent. Dorothy replied that the woman had her dignity and could do as she liked with the ring. She could sell and buy whatever she wanted

or take a trip to the Bahamas or she could enjoy having a diamond ring on her hand just like the woman who had given it to the Worker. "Do you suppose," Dorothy asked, "that God created diamonds only for the rich?..."

Dorothy has helped us better understand one of the primary biblical truths: that each person, no

matter how damaged or battered by the events and circumstances of life, is a bearer of the image of God and deserves to be recognised and treated as such. She has reminded us of the real presence of Christ in the least person.

Jim Forest, All is Grace: a biography of Dorothy Day

Lord of hope, we remember those who are unemployed, the job seekers and their families. Give them the dignity, hope and courage that they need in the uncertainty of their lives.

✚ Amen.

The fragrance of love

Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet of God, first fill your own house with the fragrance of love. Go not to the temple to light candles before the altar of God, first remove the darkness of sin from your

heart. Go not to the temple to bow down your head in prayer, first learn to bow in humility before your fellow men [and women]. Go not to the temple to pray on bended knees, first bend down to lift someone who is downtrodden. Go not to the temple to ask for forgiveness for your sins, first forgive from your heart those who have sinned against you.

Rabindranath Tagore

There are settings where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth and contexts where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied.

Pope Leo



St Joseph: fatherhood

By Sr Thérèse Garman OLP

God called Joseph to serve the person and mission of Jesus through fatherhood. He found himself at the heart of the Incarnation and was reminded of this by Jesus' reply when questioned about staying behind in the Temple. With Jesus' humanity, work, too, has been assumed into the mystery of the Incarnation. At the workbench with Jesus, Joseph humbly brought work into the mystery of redemption. In his obedience to God, he showed that fatherhood involved service, sacrifice, and fidelity. His vocation was more important than his career. He had much to lose, when warned by an angel in a dream to escape with Jesus and Mary to Egypt. He supported his family through his work, but when his child was threatened, his first obligation was to him. A father plays a singularly important role in family life, with a God-given responsibility for his children. Through this sacred vocation, we celebrate God's gift of life and love.

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READINGS

Today:
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Monday:
James 1:1-11
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday:
James 1:12-18
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday:
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday:
Isaiah 58:1-9
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday:
Isaiah 58:9-14
Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11