

Sunday 5th February 2017
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15–20

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

Matthew 5:17–37

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Matthew 5:13-16

We heard in last Sunday's Gospel the 'beatitudes', in which our Lord seems to set the values of the Kingdom of this world on their head, a promise that is extended to those who are in the Kingdom of God. Today's passage follows directly on from the beatitudes and addresses directly the problem of how the children of the Kingdom of God are to live in the Kingdom of this world. Clearly the values that we aspire to are not those of the world around us, but this doesn't mean that we should stand aloof from the world; rather we should seek to permeate it and in this way expose people to the values of the Kingdom of God where before they have only had examples of the values of the Kingdom of this world.

That we have been failing to do our duty in this respect is only too apparent in recent years. The whole system of Christian values is almost unknown now in this country at large, and even the state has had to take notice of the absence of a system of morals and its consequent harmful effect on law and order. Schools are now obliged to teach 'Citizenship' as part of the syllabus in an effort to fill the hole left by the decline in or complete absence of Christian observance.

With Lent beginning to loom on the horizon, it would be good to make a resolution to live according to Christian values, especially when these will have a good effect on others, observing ethics and decency, for instance, where we work. It really does no good to be a Catholic on Sunday, and live the rest of the week just like anyone else, as if our Christianity were a weekend hobby like golf or gardening. Children of God is what we *are*, not something we do from time to time, whenever it suits us. (cf 1John 3:1-2)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 5th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9 & 10:45am Mass
- Mon 6th: 7:30pm Justice & Peace meeting (Old Hall)
Teas & coffee after Mass
- Tues 7th: 9:15-11:15am Toddler group (St T hall)
- Wed 8th: 8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Sat 11th: Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers
Booking essential.
Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard (youth). Booking essential.
- Sun 12th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound:

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy; Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

NB. No changes to Mass times this week.



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SWIMATHON

Would you like to raise money for a charity or cause close to your heart whilst also helping your local community? Can you and up to 5 friends or colleagues swim for up to 25 minutes in relay?

COG Lions do all the organising, leaving you to arrange sponsorship from friends and relatives and just turn up at your time slot ready to swim.

All we ask is that 50% of your total sponsorship is donated to the Lions, which is used to support LOCAL causes and charities.

2017 is the 100th year of Lions International and we wish to celebrate it by giving even more assistance to those in need. Saturday 20th May 2017 5pm – 7pm de Stafford Sports Centre. If you would like to take part or for further information please contact Ian on ian_rm@blueyonder.co.uk

TODAY Sunday there will be a second collection for the St Barnabas Society (more information on next page). This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard.

Bishop Richard is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact Jack directly.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Saturday 11 February

This day will be led by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral Centre from 11am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. To book and for more information contact Ruth Gerun: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293 651164.

Ministers of Communion

As we are now travelling by car for The Day for Ministers - with Bishop Richard on 11th Feb in Arundel. There are some spaces still available. There is a list of drivers and passengers in the porch. Contact Eliz Wood 01883 348081



This week – A deeper look at Baptism and Confirmation.

– and also for our consideration of the readings for next

Sunday **All welcome!**

Join us at 8.00p.m. Wednesday 8th February, in the Old Hall

Cake Sale

Sunday 19th February

In aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital

Amelia & Anne Ford will be walking to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Hospital. March 19

Can you help?

Support them by buying cakes!

Making cakes! Small and large, all donations welcome.

On sale after 9am, 10.45am and 5.15 Masses (if any are left!)

For anyone interested in contributing cakes please contact Anna on 07765106784.



Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting:

The Diocese invites you to a Formation Day on Saturday 11 February 2017 Christian Education Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP with Austen Ivereigh, Papal Biographer, Coordinator and Co-Founder of Catholic Voices and a contributing editor for Crux. The day begins at 9.30am (coffee and registration from 9am). Ends at 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome to attend. You can book online or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or email: communications@dabnet.org

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VACANCY - EXAM INVIGILATORS

Part time: periodically throughout the year

Coloma requires invigilators to invigilate both public and internal examinations. You will need to be well organised, have a professional approach and work well as a member of a team to ensure that examination regulations are adhered to.

An application form and job description are available from our website www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk or via Sallie Trembath: strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk / 020 8654 6228 ext. 222.

Closing Date: 26th February 2017

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £947.26 (Gift Aid: £344.50)

Second collection - Madaba: £2692.74 the Parish will match this £ for £ and send to the refugees.

Iraqi Christian Refugees

The collections after Masses last Sunday raised an amazing £2600. Fr Sean and the parish council decided to match the collection from parish funds so over £5000 is now available.

This is a remarkable start to our partnership with St John the Baptist parish in Madaba. News received this morning (Fri 3rd) is even better.

£800 from the funds collected are already in the hands of the Madaba parish priest, Fr. Eyad. A small group from Weybridge, visiting Jordan, met Fr. Eyad on Thursday and gave him our £800 donation and a letter of support. This money is earmarked for immediate needs such as food and medical assistance. We'll wait to hear from Fr Eyad about further needs.

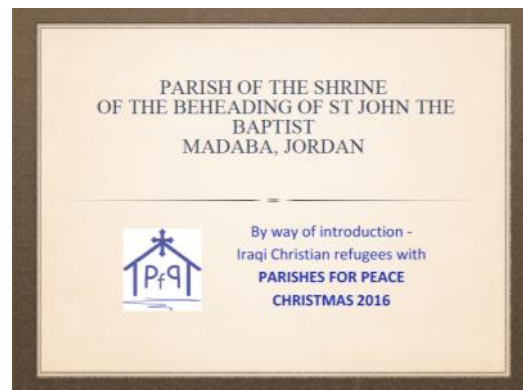
This is an ongoing commitment and further fundraising will be needed.

A parish lunch in the Centenary Hall is planned for Sunday March 12th with profits allocated to the Madaba fund. More details will be available in next week's newsletter.

Most importantly please remember the refugees and the parishioners of St John the Baptist in your prayers.

Many thanks again for your generous support.

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CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Required Spring Term 2017

Closing date for applications: 21st February

Date for interview: 24th February

Core hours 120 per year

Salary S6/7 £20,628-£27,814 pro rata

The role requires attendance at all Governing Body meetings (flexibility to attend during the day and evening required) including preparation and distribution of documentation. Excellent written and oral communication skills essential. Please email school office to obtain an application pack. *St. Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.*



Ecumenical morning prayer will be at the URC Church (for the whole month of February) on Wednesday at 8.30am. All are welcome to join.

SVP Cash4Coins Scheme



A big 'thank you' to all those who donated their leftover holiday foreign currency, or old obsolete coins to this scheme over the last few months.

The donations were turned into cash and raised £107.01 for SVP funds. The money will be used to support SVP projects at home and abroad. Thank you for your support.

We have stopped collecting coins now, but please keep safely any that you may collect over the coming months. We will start up again after the summer holiday period!

Fr Richard Biggerstaff, the director of the St Barnabas Society is visiting our parish this weekend.

Fr Richard will appeal for the work of the Society which seeks to provide pastoral, financial and practical support to clergy and ministers of other Christian communities who seek full communion with the Catholic Church. In doing this many lose their livelihood and their home. Some of those who make this step eventually go on to be priests in the Catholic Church. In our own diocese of Arundel & Brighton we have benefitted from many priests who were once Anglican clergy. Fr Richard will celebrate our Sunday Masses and looks forward to being with us.

Health & Safety - Snow planning

With the threat of snow coming and going, the Parish needs to ensure that we can all get to Mass. If you are within walking distance of the Church, would you be willing to add your name to an emergency contact list to be called upon should we need help to clear a path to the Church (weekdays and/or weekends)? Please contact the office if you would be willing to be called upon.

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts:

People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the website www.ablourdes.org/contact

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Giuseppe Nelli (Anna)
10:45am Mass	Robert, Eamon & Liam Halpin RIP (D Hall)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 6th	<i>Sts Paul Miki & Companions</i>
10am Mass	Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Jean)
Tuesday 7th	
10am Mass	Fr Jim Maguire RIP
Wednesday 8th	<i>St Cuthman of Steyning</i>
10am Latin Mass	Isabella Di Falco (C Linton)
Thursday 9th	
10am Mass	Amy Fernando RIP (Moyra & Rienzie)
Friday 10th	<i>St Scholastica</i>
7pm Mass	Michael Fahy RIP
Saturday 11th	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
10am Mass	Ruby's Intentions (J&B Gilford)
Sunday 12th	<i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00am Mass	Madalena RIP (Anna)
10:45am Mass	Bridget Carroll RIP (T Moss)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer every Monday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

every Tuesday 9am to 10am (cancelled this week)

Rosary -every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour -

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

