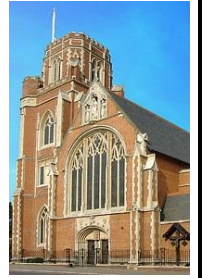




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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd February 2020

How happy are the poor in spirit

Mass Times

- 1st Sat Feria**
9.30 Holy Souls
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Pat Brugnoli +
- 2nd Sun Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**
10.00 Jules Lobo +
15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish
- 3rd Mon Feria**
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 4th Tue Feria**
11.30 Funeral for Nora Haugh
- 5th Wed St Agatha**
9.30 Michael Lamb +
- 6th Thu St Paul Miki & Companions**
9.30 Reynaldo Delos Santos +
- 7th Fri Feria**
9.30 Anne & Patrick Boyle +
- 8th Sat St Josephine Bakhita**
9.30
10.00 Confessions
17.30 Alfredo Vanotti +
- 9th Sun Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10.00
15.00 (Royal Hospital) People of the Parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time before Lent:

Peace on Earth, Justice and Peace in the World, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat It, The Sick and Those who Care for Them, The Unemployed

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Sermon on the Mount, Karoly Ferenczy 1896

The Beatitudes

The Beatitudes must be in everyone's top ten list of scripture texts. This reading remains a popular choice at both weddings and funerals because in very beautiful and poetic words it sums up the kind of person every Christian wants to be.

However on carefully looking at it we might start to think that we don't want to be poor or to mourn or to be persecuted. However we would be happy enough if we were gentle, if we had a hunger and thirst for what is right, if we were merciful or if we were peacemakers.

But maybe this mix of seemingly positive and negative qualities is an accurate picture of our lives here on earth. What we should remember though is that in the Kingdom of God everything is turned to a good purpose even that which is outwardly negative.

Perhaps then we should therefore look on being poor in a positive light and interpret it as living simply. Maybe mourning could be seen as the result of loving the friends we have lost very deeply and perhaps persecution as the consequence for standing up for what is right and true.

Father Alex



A Celebration of Parish Life

We are holding a special evening of entertainment provided by Parishioners for the enjoyment of the whole Parish. It takes place next **Saturday 8th February** at 19.00 in the Church. The programme has now been drawn up and a wide range of talents will be on show. There will be a light buffet and wine afterwards in the Corry Hall. Any money raised that night will go towards our Organ Repair Fund. **Tickets are now on sale after masses: £10 per adult, children free.**

**Judas was not the first
or last person to betray Jesus,
merely the most famous.**



First Communion Classes

The next First Communion classes take place on 8th February, 7th March, 21st March, 25th April (First Confession) 2nd May, 16th May, 6th June (Practice) and the First Holy Communion will be on 13th June. Please note there have been some date changes. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass on the day of the classes so that the priest can address them.

Movie Show

The Painted Veil will be shown on Wednesday 12th February at 10.30. All welcome.

**There are two lasting bequests
we can give our children:
one is roots, the other is wings**

Forthcoming Dates

Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February
Ash Wednesday..... 26th February
Concert 29th March
Concert29th April
Easter Sunday12th April

**The Feast of
Our Lady of Lourdes**



The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered here at St Thomas à Becket on Tuesday 11th February at the 9.30 mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. As it is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick we will also offer the Sacrament of the Sick at mass in the Royal Hospital at 15.00 on 9th February.

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Sunday 16th February.

Marriage in 2020

If you are considering getting married in 2020 it is important that you contact Father Alex urgently so that the preparation process can be started in good time. Six months' notice is normally required.

Converts

Anyone interested in being instructed in the Catholic Faith please speak to Father Alex. Classes begin on Tuesday 4th February at 14.00.

Please Note

Mass on Tuesday 4th February will be at 11.30 for the funeral of Nora Hough.

**The rain it raineth on the just
and on the unjust fella
But chiefly on the just, because
the unjust steals the just's umbrella**

Lord Bowen

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £565, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 12th January Organ Fund, 19th February Organ Fund, 26th January Salvatorian Missions, 2nd February Organ Fund, 9th February Racial Justice Sunday.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: F Azevado, M Figueiredo n/w E Chavez. R Martella

Readers: Sat: E De Souza, M Slade Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

Little Church: A Kane Blanes, C Webb n/w A Kilcawley, A Stacey

Tiny Church: J. Bronicka Anderson n/w E Lueth

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 8th February