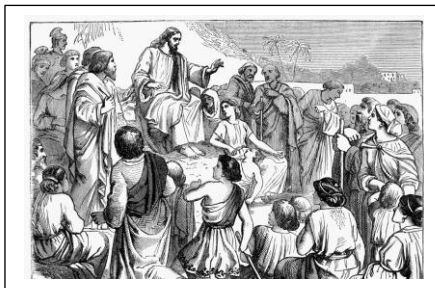


**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle C  
 Page 139 in the New Mass Book  
 Psalter Week 2  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	15 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson R.I.P
SUN	16 <sup>TH</sup> FEB		10.00am	Magdalena Klos R.I.P In Thanksgiving – the Solomon Family
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	18 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Maria Young R.IP
WED	19 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	NO MASS TODAY	.....	.....
THURS	20 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family
FRI	21 <sup>ST</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	22 <sup>ND</sup> FEB	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Teresa + Josef Walkowsky R.I.P
SUN	23 <sup>RD</sup> FEB		10.00am	Brian Seignott R.I.P Antonio Cicillini R.I.P

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Tanti. May she rest in peace**

We also pray for Chris Stevens, Zeida Ugarte, Patricia Luxton, Emily Pine, Carol Ann McCarthy, Juan Antonio Laventure, Maria Young, Neil Boyle, Bernard Doolan, Bozena Vargova, Mary Thompson, Emil Coponai, Arthur Straughan, Harold Osmond, Michael O'Donovan, Thomas Stevens, Terry O'Reilly, Thomas Thomas, Katherine Taylor, Terence Manders, Winifred Conway, James Hall, Daniel Allsopp, Stanley Jeffries, Helen Lopategui, Paolina Iannucci, Sheila Kowalewska and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CANDLES** You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for a Baby Freddie Greenslade and Antonio Cicillini**

**MOVING ON:** Sadly we learned that Fr Malachy will be leaving us to go to the Parish of Aberystwyth. The date of his leaving has yet to be arranged. Hopefully it will be some weeks away. Though he has been with us for only eighteen months, he has made a great impression on us all and he will be a significant loss to our Parish. More details to come. In his place we will welcome Fr Peter Okafor, who is a contemporary of Fr Valentine.

**PREPARATION OF THE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** We will be burning the palms from last year to create the ashes which will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms which you would like to donate please put them in the basket at the back of the Church.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC):** The Annual Student Conference will take place at Yarnfield Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. The local SPUC are able to sponsor 6 students to attend the Conference (first come, first served). Please see the Brochure on the Events Noticeboard at the back of the Church. Students from 16-35 can attend. Interested parties please telephone Paul Botto at -02920- 405942

**SYNOD FINAL REPORT:** This document (which is quite lengthy) is on the Parish Website. There is also a short summary which is easy to read and talks about the ways in which we might move forward.

**FLAME YOUTH EVENT IN WEMBLY :** Calling anyone from Year 9 - University age, Please see the Events Noticeboard at the back of the Church for details.

**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS'** videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

**PIETY STALL SALE:** New display of items for Mothers' Day, and Easter. Lots of lovely things.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady's Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German [Cge7618946@aol.com](mailto:Cge7618946@aol.com) or through the Parish Website. All candidates will be sent an e-mail shortly with the dates of the sessions of preparation for the Sacrament.

**OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES:** **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members.

**MASS INTENTIONS** At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine or Malachy

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY £565.30

### **WEEKLY MESSAGE**

When God created our world He gave us a path to follow, a path that would be filled with joy, and that would lead us to His Heavenly Kingdom. Sadly we strayed from that path, choosing instead to go our own way and that in the main is how humanity has continued. Every day we see around us violence, unrest, and unhappiness. But God does not want us to continue in this way. In the Old Testament we hear how God gave Moses a set of rules, Commandments which would give us a framework on which to live our lives. Our very legal system is based on these Commandments. When Jesus came to us He gave us the Beatitudes, which tell us that even though we may be in difficult circumstances there is the opportunity to reach God's Heavenly Kingdom at the end of our lives. Each of Jesus' Beatitudes contains an invitation to those seemingly unworthy of the kingdom. These invitations are followed by condemnations on those who think themselves to be worthy but are not.

Picture a series of seven rings, each suspended on a short rope such that you might see in a child's playground. The goal is to get from one end to the other by swinging from ring to ring. The first ring is within your reach, so if you grab it and swing on it, your momentum will bring you within reach of the second ring, and swinging on the second ring will bring you within reach of the third, and so on.

The Beatitudes are like a series of rings. In order to move to the next ring, we have to grab each one in order. The only way to get to the fifth ring of forgiveness, the sixth ring of purity, or the seventh ring of peace is by means of the rings that come before. We can't start from the fifth, sixth, or seventh ring. They have to be reached, and the Beatitudes show us how. The good news is that the first ring is within our reach. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Mat. 2:3). This means that blessing begins when we acknowledge that we can't do it alone, that we need God's help. In the kindness of God, the need that we feel for forgiveness, purity, and peace in our lives is what gets us onto the first ring. Moving from ring to ring is not easy, we will be discouraged, we might be tempted to give up. But God is there ready to give us extra strength if we seek Him.

*Thank You God  
for everything in my life.  
The good & bad.  
Some were  
Blessings  
& some were 😊  
Lessons!*

SEEK YE FIRST  
THE  
Kingdom  
OF  
God  
AND  
His righteousness;  
AND ALL THESE THINGS  
shall be added unto you.  
MATTHEW 6:33