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## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C – 15/16 FEBRUARY 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

A common criticism of our Christian faith is that it involves the surrendering of our intelligence, accepting things just because someone else says so. At first glance, the Gospel reading we've just heard might seem to bear this out. Several times, Jesus prefaces his moral teaching with the words: 'I say to you...'

Jesus, however, is not taking an authoritarian, because-I-say-so approach. He is rather, going to the root of moral teaching, explaining it in a way that enables us to understand it more deeply. Jesus takes the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' and then adds: 'But I say to you that you must not be angry.' In doing so, the Lord is telling us that uncontrolled anger is like a root that can grow murderously large.

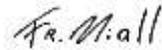
Or again, Jesus takes the commandment, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' and adds to it the need to avoid a lustful heart and imagination. Again, the reason is clear: unchecked lust can be the root of very concrete consequences in life and in relationships. Far from inviting unthinking obedience, Jesus is inviting us to go to the root of the truth.

In point of fact, the Christian moral code is open to investigation by every thinking person, be they believer or non-believer. Furthermore, we hold moral beliefs with what has been called 'public intent.' When, for instance, the Church engages in public advocacy on behalf of the vulnerable unborn and the vulnerable aged, it is not engaging in a because-I-say-so approach to morality. Rather, the Church presents reasons to men and women of reason. Far from being a demand that believers surrender their intellects, it calls believers and non-believers alike to engage intellectually, as thinking people, with what is understood and taught.

Let us not buy into the authoritarian, dogmatic insistence that faith-and the moral life that goes with it-are a matter of swallowing stuff on the say-so of others. If we accept

that view, then maybe we're merely swallowing it on the say-so of others! Wouldn't it be so much better to take responsibility for what we believe, and to get to know the reason, the good sense, behind the moral vision our faith presents to us?

**Have A Blessed Week**

 (Fr. Niall)

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information. The next marriage preparation course Monday and Tuesday 17th and 18th of February 6:50pm to 9:00pm in the parish hall. To book your place email : marinaandvincenzoolsg@gmail.com

Parish Baptism Course The next session of the parish baptism course will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Dates for your diary.....Ash Wednesday 26th of February. Mass times with distribution of ash 9:15a.m. and 7:30p.m. Stations of the Cross every Friday evening of lent at 6:45p.m.

Please pray for the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Training for the Sacristans will be on Thursday 20th February at 7p.m.

This week we welcome into the Community of Faith: Aiden-Kofi Frimpong and Jayden Kofi Frimpong. May God bless them and their family.

Next weekend there is the annual Mission Appeal. This year the appeal will be given on behalf of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On Sunday 29th of March, 2020 England will be rededicated as the "**Dowry of Mary**" This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish church and in as many homes as possible. Bishop Alan will celebrate the 11:30a.m. Mass on that Sunday in Brentwood Cathedral.

**Bible Study For Lent** - Will be going through Journeying with Jesus: A Companion's Guide for Groups by Denis McBride during lent it has seven 'journeys' In the wilderness, At the well, On the mountain, Along the road, At table, On the cross and On the road, again. We will do it over 7 weeks starting Tues 25 Feb than back to Mondays 2, 9,16, 23. 30 March finishing 9 April from 7-9 pm in the meeting room. Journeying with Jesus is a deeply spiritual and lavishly resourced programme of study for those who want to journey side by side with our Lord during Lent. If you want to join us for all or some of the journeys please sign up on the journeys you will come to, so that there are enough resources available.

**Ash Wednesday** It has become the practice in preparation for Ash Wednesday for parishioners to return the palms for burning. A basket is in the porch marked "Returned Palms" from this Sunday onwards. Thank you.

**Mary Queen of Peace Day of Prayer:** Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer on Saturday 22nd February 10.00am-4.00pm. Rosary, Adoration and a talk given by Fr Svetozar, Franciscan Priest from Medugorje. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone welcome.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

Alcoholics Anonymous meet on two occasions each week in the church meeting room Thursdays 12 noon to 1p.m. and Saturday evenings 8:00 to 9:30p.m. Anyone with an alcohol problem will receive a warm welcome.

**Coffee Morning** - HCPT. Ghanaian Catholics, SVP, Knights of St Columbus and Altar Servers groups running coffee mornings after Sunday's 10 am Mass. Thanks those to parishioners who have donated items, helped and those who have come to enjoy each other's company. It is an ideal way for those new to the parish to get to know other families or those who attend other Masses to come to the 10 am Sunday Mass to meet each other.

**Patricia McKenna, Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia 'Pat' McKenna, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Patricia's soul will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am at St. George Church.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maura Stone, wife of Dr Stone, head of Holy Family School. Our condolences to Dr Stone and son Sean.

Mass attendance last weekend 518. Syro Malabar 160. The collection last week was £1110.65p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Lourdes Fund £97.70. Thank you.

<b>counting Rota</b>	16/02E	23/02B	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F
<b>Hospital Rota</b>	15/02B	20/02D	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F



Joke of the Week: Have you tried the new 007 glue.....Bonds in seconds !  
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Gertrude Charles (Intentions)
<b>Sun 16 February</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Demetrio Flores (Rest in Peace)
<b>10:00am</b>	John Mills (Rest in Peace) (McKenna)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Mary Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Veronica)
<b>02:30noon</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>Mon 17 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	John Rice (Rest in Peace) (Brida)
<b>04:00pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital- Mass-(Parishioners)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Intentions of the Rice Family (Brida)
<b>Tue 18 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Margaret Allman (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Joan)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Renee)
<b>Wed 19 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15pm</b>	John Mills (Rest in Peace) (G. Hoban)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Adele Bouttle (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>Thu 20 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Immacolata)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Selma Ada Nowling (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>Fri 21 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Peter McGarry (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Alice (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
<b>Sat 22 February</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Pietro Tudda (Intentions) (Marina)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 23 February</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:00 am</b>	Alan Beer (Rest in Peace 1st Anniversary) (Family)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>02:30 pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Ted and Pat Howland, Brian Hames

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

**Bible Study:** Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room