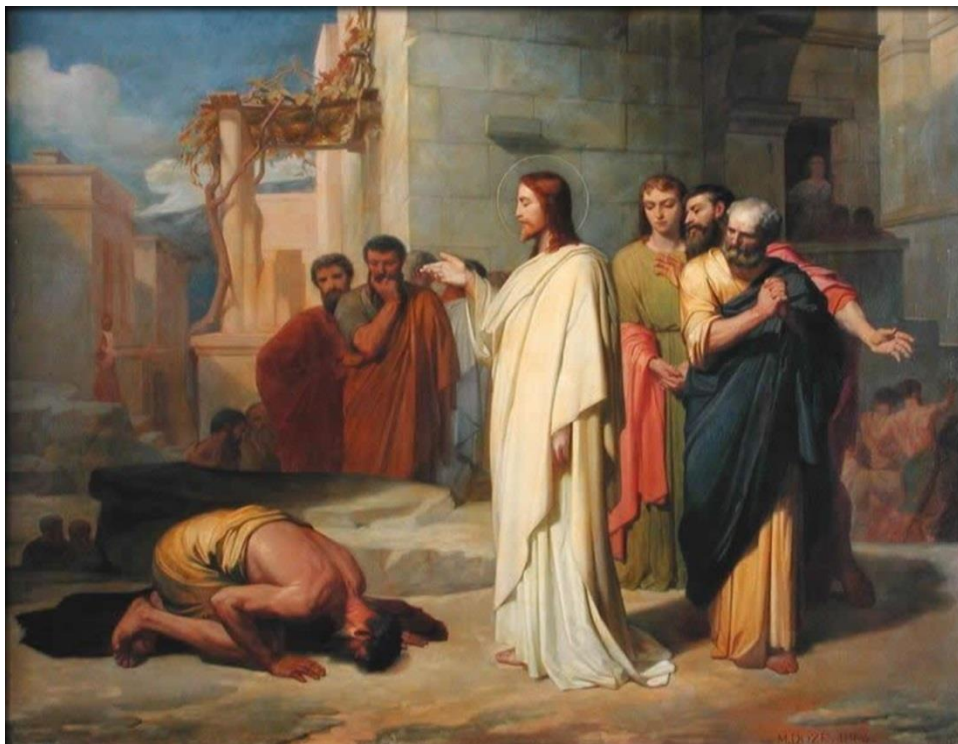


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 February 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11 February, is also the occasion of the annual **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**. This is an observation that was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer their prayers for those suffering from illnesses. As we established last year, this means that **the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the conclusion of all our Masses this weekend.**

Ash Wednesday, 14 February, is a Day of Fasting & Abstinence: everyone aged 14 years and older must abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age, everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance; Masses are at 10.00am & 7.00pm.

The Season of Lent

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, *e.g.* the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour. Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

- **From 17 February**, On the Saturdays of Lent there will be **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from 10.00am to 11.00am, with Benediction at 10.50am. There will **also** be **Stations of the Cross** at 4.15pm.

- **From 18 February**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass.

- **From 19 February**, for the **Mondays of Lent Mass** will be at **7.15am**.

Stations of the Cross: I would like to encourage people to feel free to pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (although the traditional format is very popular there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say).

The Piety Stall has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.

First Holy Communion preparation

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. Listed here is only that formal or direct parish preparation that will hopefully support them in this task. Classes will take place in the undercroft from 9.30am until 12 noon:

Saturday, 24 February,

Saturday, 23 March,

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

Following the success of the UCM's Advent appeal for Baby Basics they have decided to renew their **support for the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge**. The Sisters have written with a request of items they would find most useful, **mostly toiletries and cleaning products**, and the UCM would like to invite the parish to help them with this wish list. Mother has invited the UCM to visit after Easter and they will take the collected items to them then. In order to prevent duplication a tear-off list will be available to help with managing the donations at the back of church during Lent.

A Prayer for Families by St Teresa of Kolkata

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy. Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, *pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 11 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Patrick & Brendan Lynch</p>
<p>Monday 12 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am David Staniland</p>
<p>Tuesday 13 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am The Health of HM King Charles III</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday 14 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Fred Butler 7.00pm For a fruitful Lent</p>
<p>Thursday 15 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Friday 16 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 -9.55am Exposition 10.00am</p>
<p>Saturday 17 February <i>Bl William Richardson Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">10 to 10.50am Exposition & Confessions 10.50am Benediction 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People</p>
<p>Sunday 18 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Intentions of Toby Isko Emmitt 10.00am Leonard & Mary Cooper <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>

Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £643.06 (£297.00 in offertory envelopes, £346.06 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

This Monday sees the SVP celebrate its 190th year of foundation in England. To mark it, **members of our parish SVP will be serving tea & coffee after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday.** The SVP next meet in the undercroft on Wednesday, 21 February, at 7.30pm, why not come along?