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**MASS TIMES**

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

**Sat Eve 16<sup>th</sup> February** (White) **Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)**  
6.00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February** (Green) **Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)**  
Racial Justice Sunday

9.30am Joe & Jayne Flannery's Wellbeing  
11.00am Chris & Catherine Neal & Choir's Intention (B.F.)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February** (Green) **Mass of the Day**  
9.30am Ron Kelly's Welfare

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** (Green) **Mass of the Day**  
9.30am Deceased Members of the Douglas Family

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** (Green) **Mass of the Day**  
9.30am Mary Wooten R.I.P.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February** (Green) **Mass of the Day**  
9.30am Tom & Sheila McNiff R.I.P. (B.L.)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** (White) **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
8-9.25am Exposition ("Adoramus") (Feast)  
9.30am The Nicholls Family Living & Deceased  
10am-7.55pm Exposition ("Adoramus")  
8.00pm Mary McDowell R.I.P. (A.F.)

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> February** (Red) **St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**  
10.00am In Thanksgiving (K.H.)  
10.30am-11.20am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10.30am-11am Confessions

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

**Sat Eve 23<sup>rd</sup> February** (Green) **Seventh Sunday of the Yr (C)**  
6.00pm Priests of the World Welfare (C.M.)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** (Green) **Seventh Sunday of the Yr (C)**  
9.30am Rick Gibson R.I.P.  
11.00am Noel Mooney & Family's Intention

**Collections:**

Gift Aid: £363.05

Loose: £212.22 Att: 220

Bankers Orders for January: £1,228.00

Today is Racial Justice Day. There is a Second Collection for Racial Justice – to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St. Paul VI teaches that *"all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level"*. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. *"As you did this for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me ..."*

In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation.

News and information regarding Racial Justice Sunday is available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019).

**Prayer: For those facing exploitation**

O God, Gracious God,

From your abundance all gifts and skills are bestowed,  
Making us participants in your work of creation.

By the word of your Son,  
Confront our greed,

Challenge us when we treat people as means of profit,  
Or discriminate unjustly against our fellow human beings.

Raise us up to new life in your service

That in all our works

Begun, continued and ended in you

We may glorify your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**INTERCOM:**

**The Deep End \* How happy** by Triona Doherty

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Frances Wheeler, Gary Alger, Margaret Fuller, Jill & Walter Murray, George Lea, Meriel Barry & Harry Howard, and all who care for them.

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Benjamin Baines, Alice Dainesi, Kevin Ketchen, Jan Mroczkowski, Edith Mullins, Geoffrey D'Costa, Oliver Edlin & Patrick Doyle

**First Holy Communion** The class for the children making their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confession is on Thursday at 3.30pm in the Narthex.