

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

Sirach tries to show the superiority of Jewish wisdom to both Jews and the pagans living among them. Here he takes on the questions of human freedom and the origins of sin.

Psalm (118) Response

They are happy who follow God's law!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

For Christians in a metropolis of Greeks, Romans and Jews, Saint Paul describes the authority behind the Christians' distinctive wisdom and way of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Many laws of the Jews were meant to control shame, to prevent vengeance, to keep extended families from feuding and splitting. Jesus considers those standards and announces other standards for his followers.

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Christopher Browl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

Pope Francis February Prayer Intention: that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Edmund, Calne and St Anthony of Padua, Melksham

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Aldhelm's URC/Methodist

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Sunday Readings: Of the Feast

Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 17 February	No Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 18 February	6.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 19 February	2.00pm Mass <i>With a special welcome to Senior members of the Church followed by tea in the hall.</i>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 20 February	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 21 February	12.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 22 February	10.00am Mass	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5.30pm Sung Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 23 February	9.30am Solemn Mass <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent 2020 The Season of Lent will soon be upon us. (Ash Wednesday – 26 February). There will be two Masses for **Ash Wednesday** – 9.30am in St Patrick's School and 7pm in the Church both with the giving of ashes. All welcome at either Mass. Our ecumenical friends are invited to join us for the ashing in Church. We continue to pray that one day we may all be able to share together at the Lord's table, the perfect sign of our unity.

Liturgical Ministries in the Parish Thank you to all CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) leaders who gathered on Saturday and we thank them for their ministry to our young people at St Patrick's. Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were unable to make our last gathering will have the opportunity to come along to a re-run before we re-commission our ministers.

Ecumenical Lent Course A six week Course entitled 'Saying Yes to Life' will commence on Thurs 27 February (tea/coffee from 10am) at St Patrick's. Each session is repeated on Mondays at St Aldhelm's at 7.30pm (tea/coffee from 7.15pm) See poster for details. There is a notice-board list for volunteers to help with refreshments on Thursdays - 2 for each session please.

Lenten Formation - Preparing for Holy Week We are gathering for a series of three evenings in the hall to help us celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Three days) as a community with understanding and richness. Thursday 12 March 'Celebrating Holy Thursday'. 19 March 'Celebrating Good Friday'. Thursday 2 April 'Celebrating the Great Easter Vigil'. We will look at what we celebrate, its background and why and how we celebrate this wonderful season of our redemption. Do come along!

World Day of Prayer 2020 This Ecumenical service, written by the women of Zimbabwe, will take place at St Patrick's Church on Friday 6 March at 1.30pm. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service. See poster for details.

Singers and Musicians meet at 6.15pm on Wednesdays in Church (excluding Ash Wednesday) All welcome as we begin to prepare our music for Lent and Holy Week.

NEWS THIS WEEK

Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' film series continues in St Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday 20 February 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Popcorn & other cinema snacks & drinks provided. 2.7m x 1.5m screen. All free, no pressure: attend as many or as few dates as you like. Please arrive in good time for a 7.30pm showing. See poster for full details. Do come along!

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham The Bishops are inviting us to prepare for the rededication of our country and its people as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be 'visiting' Clifton Cathedral on **20–22 Feb** and there is a full itinerary for the two days. See the notice board or go to **behold2020.com** for more information. We are grateful to Christine Harvey for the loan of the beautiful statue of **Our Lady of Walsingham** at this time.

Tradecraft Sales at the w/e of 1/2Feb : £120.00 (*before stock costs*) Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank. The next 'shop' will be on the weekend of March 7/8 which is at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Holy Communion by Self-Intinction At our recent gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the question was raised about people bringing the host to the chalice for them to self-intinct. The Church teaches that intinction should **never** be self-administered and communion is always given and received. At a time when viruses are prevalent, please consider that our hands can be as much a source of pathogens as lips. We are informed that intinction is no safer than drinking and can introduce germs into the chalice. Dipping the host into the chalice can also threaten those with certain immune or allergic conditions, eg those with gluten intolerance for whom traces of gluten can be hazardous and are at greater risk when other communicants have dipped the host into the chalice. Kindly refrain from self-intinction and receive in one kind if you do not wish to receive from the chalice. Thank you for your understanding.

And finally...Real Bulletin Bloopers. "Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa" :-)