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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 February 2019
“Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in heaven.”

Luke 6, 23

RIP

Please continue to pray for the soul of:

- ❖ **Ruby Mason** - Requiem Mass **Tuesday 26th February** at **11.00hrs.** Her body will be received into the church the day before on **Monday 25th February** at **16:00.**

May she rest in peace and the family and friends who mourn her find comfort and solace.

PLEASE NOTE CONT'D CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR WEDNESDAY

Mass will still be at 08:00 on Wednesday this week. Back to normal next week.

TAIZE PRAYER AND SOCIAL

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up, together with a parent or guardian, are invited to join us for a pre-Lent gathering in the cenacle at 7pm on 4th March. For details & RSVP contact simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com

HALF TERM 18th–22nd Feb.

Have a good week and return refreshed.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE INFO EVENING

Have you always wanted to walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela? Go to St James' on Friday, 15th February at 7.30 pm to hear the plans for September 2019.

NO MASS AT MAPLEDURHAM

at the end of February due to repairs on the roof.

World Day of Prayer

Our Lady & St Anne's is hosting the service for the World Day of Prayer here on **Friday 1st March.** The service begins at 7pm and will be followed by refreshments in the Cenacle.

Men, women and children of all ages are invited to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service as they share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading is seeking a new Executive Headteacher. For more information please contact Jacqueline Campbell at bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or view the advert in the Catholic Teachers Gazette.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£165.62	Loose	£496.15
Standing Orders			£484.00

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): The German playwright Berthold Brecht (1898 – 1956) claimed that the words in the Bible that caused him a headache were not those he did not comprehend but the words he did. The experience of Brecht is one shared by many who read the scriptures and take the words of the Bible seriously. Today's gospel extract, Luke's version of the more famous Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's Gospel, transferred from the mount to the plain, and a little bit shorter. An earlier German poet, Goethe, said that these were words he liked to hear, they pleased him. One can only have imagined that they also received a welcome from the "great crowd of people" that gathered around Jesus. Jesus speaks clearly, he does not mince his words. The words arrest our attention because they could not be in starker contrast with the dominant ideas of our own day and the values of contemporary society. Where in our world, with its emphasis on living-standards, on well-being and welfare, are the poor, the hungry and those who mourn or are sad considered "blessed"? This short address by Jesus to his disciples and to those who came in such large numbers to hear him turn the world up-side-down. We might think of how we can adjust the standards we set and the priorities we opt for to that vision put with such clarity by Jesus to those who listened to him with, it would seem, such enthusiasm.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 17, 5 – 8: Here we have presented to us a sharp contrast between a curse and a blessing. A covenant had been established between God and his people in the days of Moses, but now they have turned their backs on it and are cursed accordingly. They had been warned that unless they kept to the covenant they would indeed be cursed. And yet the prophet Jeremiah does not despair. He does not give up on God's saving intent and he outlines how those whose lives are rooted in God, like the tree that thrusts its roots deep into the stream of living water, will produce rich fruit in their lives.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 12. 16 – 20: Paul was familiar with the world inhabited by the people of Corinth and in tune with their way of thinking. Yet the good news he came to announce to them turned their world and their outlook on life upside-down. He proclaimed to them the news that Jesus had risen from the dead – the very foundation stone of the Christian faith – and as a result we too can hope for resurrection. It was news that changed everything.

Gospel: Luke 6, 17. 20 – 26: The same contrast we saw in the words of Jeremiah is to be found here in the Sermon on the Plain. Those who one might least expect to be blessed with good fortune are considered by Jesus "blessed", while those esteemed by the world and who have been satisfied by what the world has to offer he dismisses with a sad "Alas." Jesus is focusing here on the inner movements of the human heart, on the values we can cherish and which, once embraced, can also alter our outward actions. Coming early on in Luke's Gospel, just as the Sermon on the Mount occurs early in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Plain sets the tone for all that is to follow.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 139-141

Masses and Intentions

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th February 10:00 Stephen Chia RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 16th February 17:30

Dr Paul Koeck

Sunday 17th February 10:00

Members of the choir

18:30

Catriona Finan

Monday 18th February 09:15

Joan Puckett RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 19th February No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 20th February 08:00

Jean Davison RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 21st February 08:00

Health/blessings Alojzia &

Feria in Ordinary Time

Jan Grestiakova

Friday 22nd February 12:00

Pamela Ploszynska RIP

Feast of the Chair of St Peter

Saturday 23rd February 10:00

Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Memorial: St Polycarp

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 23rd February 17:30

Chris Gaughan RIP

Sunday 24th February 10:00

Albina Bugajova RIP

18:30

People of the parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

16.45 - 17.15

Exposition

& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45