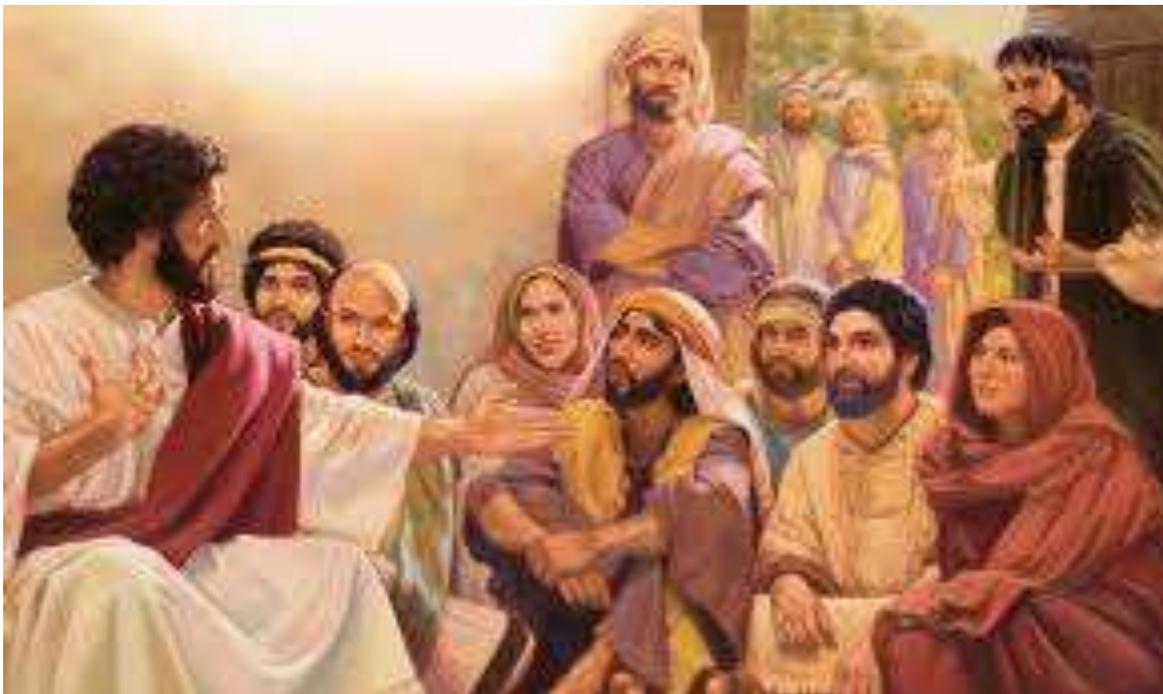


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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24 February 2019**

“You will have a great reward, and you will be the sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.”

Luke 6, 35

## THE SEASON OF LENT

commences on Ash Wednesday 6 March.

The diocese has provided us with Walk with Me, a prayer booklet to accompany us on our Lenten journey. Father Patrick is also preparing a Lenten booklet made up of thought-provoking quotations, biographical sketches, prayers and prayer intentions, which can be used in combination with Walk with Me. The latter booklet is entitled Forty Days and Forty Nights: Journey through Lent 2019. Both will be available on the weekend of 2/3 March and will have a purchase price of £1.

The parish Lent Course on The Creed commences on Monday 11 March at 19.30 in the Cenacle.

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The 10.00 Mass on Sunday 3 March will include the enrolment of all candidates for Confirmation in 2019 Wednesday 27 March at 19.00 hrs.

## RIP

Please continue to pray for the soul of:  
**Ruby Mason** - Requiem Mass **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at **11.00hrs**. Her body will be received into the church the day before on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at **16:00**.

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March**. The service begins at **7.30pm** with refreshments beforehand from 6.45pm. (**please note correction of time of service and refreshments**).

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](mailto:bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk) or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or view the advert in the Catholic Teachers Gazette.

## 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](mailto:simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£167.41	Loose	£436.96
Standing Orders			£484.00

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** In the day-to-day business of living, talk of the resurrection may seem somewhat far removed from the concerns of most people and too difficult to comprehend anyway. This was the problem Paul faced in Corinth, and with a passion that is typical of the man he sought to show that our faith in the resurrection is central not just to how we see the next life but also to how we live this life. The resurrection of Jesus is a pointer to the unique dignity of every human being and so any action which demeans the dignity of another must be opposed. The compassion of mercy that is asked of us in the gospel is only possible if we are open to the Spirit of the risen Jesus at work in us.

**First Reading (OT): 1 Samuel 26, 2, 7 – 9, 12 – 13, 22 – 23:** This reading summarises a dramatic incident which takes place towards the end of the reign of Saul, the first king of Israel. By this stage Saul was already aware that God had chosen David to be king in his place and, driven by jealousy, he pursued David and his followers with a large force of soldiers. In this story David succeeds in creeping into Saul's camp in the dead of night and in stealing his spear which lay beside his bed. Abishai, David's companion, sees this as a God-given opportunity for David to be rid of Saul but David rather chooses to use the spear to show Saul that he means him no harm. The next day, when he makes it known to the king that he had crept into the camp and stolen his spear, Saul repents of his anger and lets David go free. The story highlights both David's ingenuity and his sense of honour while also indicating that Saul's days as king of Israel are numbered.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 45 – 49:** In this section of his letter to the Christians of the port city of Corinth, Paul has moved on from speaking about the resurrection of the dead in general to the manner of that resurrection, and how it might be. In the verses we read today he draws a comparison between Adam and Christ building on a comment made earlier: "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life" (vv. 21 – 22). Playing on the fact that in Hebrew the word adam means 'man' and is also a proper name, he shows that if Adam is considered the first man then Christ is the last man or Adam. So just as we have shared in the earthly nature of the first Adam so now we share in the spiritual nature of the last Adam, a nature which has been fully revealed in the resurrection. By using this analogy Paul shows that the resurrection of Jesus is not simply a one-off event revealing Jesus as the Son of God but is in fact a manifestation of the destiny which is ours as children of God, created in his image and likeness.

**Gospel: Luke 6, 27 – 38:** These verses follow on from the Beatitudes and could be said to put flesh on the bones of that teaching. They make it clear that the demands of the kingdom of God which Jesus came to preach are indeed very challenging and go way beyond ordinary standards of decent behaviour. Humanly speaking it is probably true to say they are unreasonable, if not impossible. However, the last verses of today's text make it clear that the demands of the kingdom can only be understood in the light of our relationship with God.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 142-144*

# Masses and Intentions

## Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10:00 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP  
*Memorial: St Polycarp*

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	17:30	Chris Gaughan RIP
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00	Albina Bugajova RIP
		18:30	People of the parish
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	09:15	Isabelle Phelan RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	16:00	Reception of Ruby Mason RIP
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00	Requiem Mass - Ruby Mason
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>No Mass</u>	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>No Mass</u>	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	12:30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
	<i>Feast of St David</i>	19:30	World Day of Prayer Service
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:00	Repose of Holy Souls
	<i>Feast of St Chad</i>		

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	17:30	Kath Turner RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10:00	Deceased of Finan family
		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