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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Sunday 16th/17th February 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Michael O'Reilly People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Maura Lawrence
Monday		9.30 am	Sir Harold & Lady Hood
Tuesday	7.00 pm		No Mass
Wednesday		9.30 am	Fr. Edmund Motherway
Thursday	9.10 am		Maureen Teague
Friday Chair of Peter Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament People of Parish Eucharistic Service

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd/24th February 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Maureen Teague Rita Rogers with Baptism of Kataryna Kelly
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Michael O'Reilly

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh.

The collection last weekend came to £234.44

This weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR FAITH The next meeting will be on Friday 1st March at 7.30 pm. We shall see some videos about Kibele in Rwanda where Our Lady appeared to some visionaries in the 1980s and the profound affect this has had on bringing forgiveness and reconciliation following the genocide. It is very powerful.

Baby Loss Matters Our parish is participating in this to create a memorial space in our church to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space which is at Our Lady's altar includes prayer cards, as well as support services if you feel you need them. The memorial is for anyone who wishes to make use of them.

COUNTERS We need some people to help with counting the collections after the Sunday Mass. Please see Fr. Stephen or Mary Crotty if you can help.

TAIZÉ PRAYER You are invited to pray in the Taizé style at the Saltley Methodist Church in Alum Rock Road at 6 pm this Sunday. They meet once a month in different churches around Birmingham including St. Joseph's.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This is a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

Flame is the largest National Catholic Youth event of 2019, we encourage all young people aged 14-30 in our parishes to take part. An opportunity to join 10,000 young people from across the country, to receive faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Robert Madu and MOBO award winner Guvna B plus worship led by International Christian Recording Artist, Tim Hughes. Flame19 is Dance! Drama! Encounter! Laughter! Presence! and Prayer! We are asking each parish to invite a minimum of 2 young people to join a Diocesan delegate heading to Wembley for this National Catholic event which is on **Saturday 2nd March**. Please email kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk with your thoughts. Tickets are £39 pp includes ticket entrance, transport with a pick up local to your parish, insurance and a Diocesan T-Shirt.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts again on Ash Wednesday 6th March. The **Kick-off** event will be on Sunday 3rd March. Bishop John Keenan will be speaking on 'Abortion – The Need for Public Witness' and Pastor Darnell Starks will be sharing his moving personal testimony. Join us at the 40 Days for Life Kick-off event on Sunday 3rd March at 2.00 pm, Upper Cloister, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE.

The Catholic Times author **Chris McDonnell** is giving a talk on **THOMAS MERTON**, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. On Sunday 24th February 2019 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. No charge.

2019 MISSION APPEAL will be on 2nd/3rd March for the Society of St. Columban which is an organisation working in fifteen countries with a special commitment to Asia and Latin America. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments. They engage in Reconciliation, Dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local churches. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor. The appeal will be conducted by Fr. Gerry Markey SSC who has worked on Missions around the globe in the Philippines, on the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.

As you will be aware, **Brexit** is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Both clergy and laity alike share this uncertainty and concern. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably in a state of ignorance and unaware that Brexit will affect their immigration status. In March 2019, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after Brexit. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. Many parishioners, priests and religious leaders in our Dioceses will be affected.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN MAY If there is anyone who is sick who would like to go on the pilgrimage, there may be some funding to help towards it. Please ask Fr. Stephen.

CLICK TO PRAY is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray.

First reading
Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 1:1-4,6

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
for the Lord guards the way of the just

but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Mt11:25**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.*

Alleluia!**Gospel****Luke 6:17,20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'