



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Choosing a New Way of Life**

The reading from Sirach sets the scene for all of today's readings. Sirach offers practical wisdom on how to live according to God's instructions. The writer reminds us that God has gifted us with the power to choose freely: "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him" (Sir 15:17).

Paul's letter to the Corinthians shows what the call to choose life means. Embrace God's love by living according to God's wisdom, a plan hidden until now, a plan of love for the salvation of all humanity. Jesus Christ, the crucified "Lord of glory" (1 Cor 2:8), accomplished the Father's plan through his death and resurrection.

During the Gospel reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount as he illustrates how his message fulfils the law and the prophets, he selects the fifth, sixth and eighth commandments to indicate the heart of his new way of life: "You have heard how it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill.....* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement" (Mt 5:21-22). Jesus demonstrates that murder stems from within the human heart. The out-of-control emotion of anger within us, if left unchecked, leads to murder. To choose life in Christ means to pay attention not only to one's actions but, more important, to their roots within our inner being, to the emotions within us. While this is true of the fifth commandment, it also applies to all other commandments. Life in Christ implies that our whole being needs transformation, starting within our very depths.



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February (Cycle A)**

**Parish Diary**

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30am & 7.30pm
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

**Liturgical Calendar**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop – European Feast
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Day for the unemployed)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am	Anne Pitt – RIP (donor – Maria Harris) For Parishioners
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 pm 9.00 am	Margaret Squire RIP – Recently deceased (donor – May Shanahan)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Richard & Margaret Newman RIP/Anni (donor – Mary Fant)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Gabriel Carey – Sick/6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (donor – Joan Carey)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Shanahan Family Ireland – Intentions (donor – May Shanahan)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Rosaleen Grimwood – RIP (donor – Frances & Terry Bethell) For Parishioners

*Let us pray together for the people of turkey and Syria who have been hard hit by the earthquakes. May we continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy. Amen*

**Parish Notice Board**

**Bishop's Pastoral Letter:**

An important pastoral letter will be read out at the Masses this weekend. If you require copies of the Bishop's letter, you may collect it from the back of the church.

## RIP - Funerals

The forthcoming funerals for our recently Deceased: -

Mr Jean Narayna RIP	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm
Rosaleen Grimwood RIP	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 11am
Mary Thurgood RIP	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 11am

All here at English Martyrs.

*Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Today's second collection is for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

## CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## Painting of the Church Ceiling – Financial Help Needed

Following on from the voluntary help we received to paint the church, we would now like to complete the painting of the ceiling professionally. We would therefore ask for your kind help to contribute to the cost (£4,500-£5,000). Kindly meet Father personally to discuss your donation.

## Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy is now up and running during 10am mass every Sunday. Please encourage your children to join this group which is open to children aged 4 and above. It is a very relaxed and fun group to help your child along their path of faith.

## The Catholic Post

We have at the back of the church some copies of the Catholic Post. Please feel free to take a copy which is £1, please put in the usual place. In order for this subscription to be kept active depends solely on your uptake. If in the future we feel it is not financially viable to continue, we may have to cancel our order. Thank you.

## Parish Finance:

### Weekly Collection

**29.1.23 - Main collection: (Gift Aid: £50, Loose Plate: £241.54) Total: £291.54**

Repository: £30 Candles: £13.20

**Total: £334.83**

**5.2.23 - Main collection: (Gift Aid: £74, Loose Plate: 271.77) Total: £345.77**

Second collection - Pax Christi: £5 (GA)

- Racial Justice: £144.04 (GA: £47, LP: £97.04)

Hall booking: £150 (cheque - The Riverside Women's Club)

**Total: £644.81**

The Standing Orders for the above period was as follows:

Main Collection: £1403.40 (GA: £668.40, Non-GA: £735.00)  
Hall Bookings: £1,805

Total: £3,208.40

## Communication Desk

### CYMFed Flame, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at OVO Arena, Wembley

With incredible speakers Cardinal Tagle, Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne, Tim Costelloe, SDB, Robert Billot, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film Dark Waters; Jenny Garzón Saavedra a young advocate from the Amazon rainforest and David Wells, musicians including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – a Finalist on The Voice, as well as Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices introducing Adoration, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols this promises to be an incredible and inspiring day for young people! Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31<sup>st</sup> January, and the BCYS has a limited number left so please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) to reserve yours! All information at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

John Buckley, Maureen Chaliss, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Margaret, Eileen McCaffery, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Mary O'Hagan, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Vonni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

### Anniversaries Occurring at this time – February/March

Michael Butler, Oliver Carey, Pauline Carroll, May Coleman, Nancy Cronin, Oliver Fant, Kathy Forsythe, Donal Hayes, Sue Jones, Kathleen Keane, Pat Kivneen, Agatha Linton, Maura Meadway, James Medlin, Peter Murray, Margaret O'Connell, Ann O'Leary, Bridget O'Leary, John Passet, Ann Russell, Eamonn Shanahan, James Smith, Anthony Soares, Grace Walsh, David Ward, Vincent Wright

<b>Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)</b>
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