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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

**Confessions**

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



**A blessing on those...who put their trust in the Lord!** Today, Jeremiah presents us with the stark difference between relying in God and trusting in man: trusting in God brings enormous blessings, but trusting in man brings nothing. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus completely flips everything on its head and goes into surprising detail. He declares the poor, the hungry, the crying, and the despised to be blessed. There is an emptiness among them that God desires to fill. Meanwhile, those who appear to have it all, wealth, comfort, laughter, and popularity, get a severe warning. It's not the message we were expecting, but that's the whole point. God's kingdom doesn't work the way the world does. Jesus isn't saying that suffering itself is good or that wealth is automatically bad. Instead, He asks, Where's your trust? We may feel safe right now if we rely on money, comfort, or popularity, but those things won't last. A distraction from God's genuinely significant and transformative love and mercy is to put your trust in man, that is, the world and its norms. However, we are on firm foundation if we rely on God, especially during difficult times. This passage in the Gospel is both a comfort and a challenge. It reassures those who are struggling that their pain is not the end of the story; God sees them, loves them, and has a greater reward in store. But it also pushes us to examine our priorities. Is God's kingdom our goal, or are we pursuing the world's idea of success? Jesus reminds us that real joy, real fulfilment, comes not from what we have, but from who we follow.

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Annetta Quigley RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Puro & Florence (Anniversary) Vocations
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Eithne Dunmore William Keaney RIP
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Jimmie (Thanksgiving) Deceased members of the Veliath & Chittilappilly Family
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Maria L Faro Anthony Hodgetts (Wellbeing)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 11:30 AM 19.00 PM	Teresa Summersgill RIP Requiem Mass of William Keaney RIP Brain Kelly RIP
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Maureen Borg RIP Tony Underwood RIP
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025	Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	James K Ozhavor Private (Thanksgiving)

**This Week's Gospel – Luke 6:17, 20-26**  
**'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

**Catechism Class for Children**

Starting from March 2025, the Catechism class for children will be held on **Sundays after the 10 AM Mass, in Coach House**. Parents are requested to return the filled-out registration form. If you were unable to attend the meeting last Sunday, please collect the registration forms during the **follow-up meeting after the 10 AM Mass on this Sunday** (16<sup>th</sup> Feb).

**UCM Meeting**

The next meeting of the UCM will be held on **Mon, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, following the 10 AM Mass**. It will take place in Hibberts Hall. Looking forward to seeing all!

**Visit to Our Lady of Knock Shrine**

A visit to Our Lady of Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo, Ireland, is planned for later this year. If you're interested, please attend the meeting in the **Coach House after the 10 AM Mass on Wed, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** to decide on suitable dates. If you cannot attend the meeting, please reach out to Elaine Jeffrey at **07704711196** for more information.

**Young Discerners Group**

**Are you a young man in Years 9-13, who wants to explore a vocation to the Catholic priesthood?** Join us at **St. Mary's College, Oscott** in Birmingham on **Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025** from **10:30 AM to 4 PM**. Meet Fr. Craig Szmids (Vocation Director) and spend time in discussion and prayer with others who are also considering vocation. Speak with seminarians and join for the Holy Mass and lunch. Contact Deacon Owen Gresty **01213215135/deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk** to book place.

**Recruitment Announcement**

The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: **Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer**. Full details and closing dates can be found at **[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)**.

**St. Marie's Parish Foodbank**

We kindly request donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries for our parish foodbank. **Please leave your contributions in the basket placed in the porch**. Thank you for your generosity! If you or someone you know needs support, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

**Racial Justice Sunday**

This Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) is celebrated as Racial Justice Sunday. The theme '**Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice**' invites all to reflect on the journey towards racial justice in the society. For resources and prayers visit **[www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs25-resources/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs25-resources/)**

**Evangelisation & Culture Conference**

Discover a profound opportunity to uncover the spiritual and theological meaning of the Bible with the Catholic approach, at the Bible conference hosted by **Word on Fire at Excel London**, London on **Fri, 21<sup>st</sup> to Sat, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2025**. The speakers include **Bishop Robert Barron, Prof N.T. Wright, Prof Tracey Rowland** and many others. Book tickets at **[events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event](http://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event)**

**Retrouaille**

Retrouaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty, helping couples whose relationships '*need a little help*' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. The next program runs online on **Thu, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2025**. Register at **[www.retrouaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouaille.org.uk)**

**FEARLESS/LIMITLESS Open Retreat 2025**

The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) is offering two exciting retreats on **Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2025** at Staffordshire. The Fearless Retreat (£99 pp) features adventure, prayer, and outdoor activities for youth groups and leaders in Years 5-9. The Limitless Retreat (£69 pp) is for young people in Years 10-13, focusing on growing leadership skills through workshops, outdoor activities etc. For details and to register, visit **[www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/fearlesslimitless-2025.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/fearlesslimitless-2025.html)**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Brian Cystal, Jamie Morris, William Keaney, Tom Donnelly, Teresa Summersgill

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME**

Alfons Linden, Indiana Ward, Jan Sliwa, Patricia Roden, Rev Antony Primavesi, Maria Krause, Margaret Jones, Sheila Rowlands, David Hipwell, Antonia Kowhan, Patricia Hughes

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Philomena Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Joseph Deery,