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### SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	12тн	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	Clare Leonard RIP
SATURDAY	12тн	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	13тн	08:30	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	
	13тн	10:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	13тн	12:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Welfare of David Tie
	13тн	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	
MONDAY	14тн	10:00	St Cyril	Memorial	Hugh McBride RIP
TUESDAY	15тн	10:00		Memorial	Josie Curtain RIP
WEDNESDAY	16тн	10:00		Feria	For peace in my family
THURSDAY	17тн	10:00		Feria	Kate Maynell RIP
FRIDAY	18тн	10:00		Feria	
SATURDAY	19тн	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	Antonina RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS



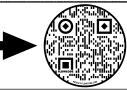
We pray for Christina Woodward, Rosa Sagona, Antonio Lanzon, Evelyn Drisdale who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ellen McEntaggart, Claris Wray, John O'Shea, Bridget Carey, Patrick Lynch, Josephine Sciberras, Winifred Shuttlworth, Carmen Spiteri, James Mullins and Betty Irving. As the cost of living crisis is experienced by many we remember those who are anxious. May Our Lady intercede for them; may She - who knew anxiety herself - bring them peace!

Archbishop John's recent reflection on the theme of Racial Justice - this Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday - is illustrated by one of the beautiful photographs taken from last Sunday's Mass in our parish. The Archbishop wrote to me after his visit saying "it was wonderful to see so many people involved [in last Sunday's Mass] from different nationalities and cultures." I am so proud that we champion the representation of all communities within our parish: in our Parish Council, Finance Committee, Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers. At our recent AGM, however, it was sad to hear one contributor speak of not seeing enough representation in certain sectors of the local community. Within Archbishop John's reflection he speaks of our appreciation of each other in our diversity "not being only in the heart but in the mind" and in this statement is the seed of a positive response to a lack of representation (wherever it exists). Do I think - as an individual - about representation? Or do I - in the words of Archbishop John - "live with a very narrow focus, that the world is about 'me' and where I live, my town, my country - it's not - the world is about all of us." These words are a powerful challenge to begin to see the world in a selfless and Christian way: we start to empathise with others' experiences and become sensitive to their perceptions: it's only when we do this that we can begin to include everyone.

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## **PARISH NEWS**

THE JOY OF LAST SUNDAY: I'm so grateful to all of you who came and contributed to the celebration of Mass with Archbishop John. It filled me with joy to celebrate being your parish priest with all of you as we emerge from the pandemic and to see so many of you join with the Archbishop in prayer and thanksgiving to God. Let us pray that we can build upon the atmosphere of faith that we experienced together. May we continue to grow as a parish and bring God's love to those around us in all our events that are to come. Congratulations to Yogi Sutton for receiving the medal of Faithful Service from the Archbishop and to the members of our Youth Group for the presentation of their art work. You can see a great selection of photos from the Mass and reception afterwards by clicking on this link. Our Facebook post about Archbishop John's visit to us last Sunday is here too.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** We pray for all our delegates who will attend the Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral this weekend. Archbishop John has produced a reflection on the subject which you can listen to by clicking this link. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ).

**OUR CHURCH BOILERS:** A gas leak was reported on our property this past week which highlighted a fault with our boiler system. The flu needs to be replaced and a full strip and service of the existing boiler modules. Sadly, this means that the gas remains switched off and there will be no heating in our Church and Hall for at least the next two weeks! Supply chain issues for necessary materials is the reason given and I can only apologise and advise that - when coming to Church - **please wrap up warm!** I will update you on progress with the boiler service in next week's Newsletter.

**SENIORS' TALK WITH LUNCH:** On <u>Monday 28th February</u> there will be a talk by one of our parishioners - Dan Howarth - who is Head of Care at Diabetes UK and a qualified nurse. It will be followed by a simple lunch and all Seniors are welcome to attend. Do save the date!

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth since it is prayed by Jesus Himself as He offers Himself up on our behalf to the Father. Each Mass is offered for a particular intention and - you will notice from this Newsletter - that they are listed there each week: you'll also notice that we don't have many at present! You can arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention by taking an envelope from the Church porch in which you can place a donation which forms a significant part of a priest's annual income. Mass cards can be purchased from the office which are signed by the priest and can be sent to relatives who are in mourning.

**RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS:** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued guidance - approved by public health officials - last week which acknowledges the tension that exists as we move from a pandemic to a virus becoming endemic within the population. That tension is between the risk of infection and the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle. With this in mind they remind us that the best mitigation against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated: all are encouraged to get vaccinated. If someone is displaying symptoms of COVID they are encouraged to stay at home and follow government guidance on testing and isolation. The main practical implications for our parish are as follows:

- Holy Communion is still to be distributed under one kind only and the sign of peace omitted.
- Those attending Church may wear face coverings but it is no longer a legal requirement to do so.
- Holy Water is now available in the stoups which can be used upon entering and leaving Church.