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**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**  
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**Sunday 13th February 2022**

**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Beatitudes (Luke 6:17. 20-26), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount and Luke's Sermon on the Plain are both collections of sayings of Jesus about the basic conditions of Christian living.

Each begins with a set of 'Beatitudes', announcing who is specially blessed by the Lord. One frisky modern translation renders them, 'Congratulations to you who are...!' Matthew's set of eight Beatitudes focuses more on spiritual qualities, poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice, whereas Luke's four are more directly on the circumstances of life. The stress is therefore on the reversal of values which Jesus brings.

Jesus turns the world upside-down. His gospel or 'good news' comes to the poor, the neglected, the oppressed. True blessedness does not consist in wealth, fame or festivities. It is those who struggle now who will receive a lasting reward. Are the four negatives which follow too hard on the rich, the contented, the frivolous, the famous?

Through this gospel runs a thread of warning about the dangers of contentment, and we seldom pay attention to warnings unless they are overstated! The worry of those who have plenty (about how they should use their advantages responsibly for others) must be at least as great as those who worry to survive.

Is money a positive bar to eternal happiness, or a challenge?

Find more activities and prayers at [cafod.org.uk/families](http://cafod.org.uk/families)

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP**

On Thursday 17th Feb 7pm until 8pm in St Aidan's Church Hall. To join us virtually visit [www.stmaryforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmaryforesthall.co.uk) for the zoom link.

### **ST MARY'S MEMORIAL BOOK**

If you wish a loved one's name to be included in our Parish Memorial Book when they will be remembered during Mass on the anniversary of their death, please complete a form in the hall & leave in the box provided.

### **FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**

Fr Hall has recorded a video reflecting on the story of Peter & Cornelius to guide our preparations for the Synod. See [www.stmaryforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmaryforesthall.co.uk)

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Our parishes are taking part in the local service at St John's Church in Killingworth Village on Fri, 4th March at 10:30am. Two volunteers are needed to read a short part of the service, with other parts read by people from other local churches. Please see Fr Hall this weekend.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT**

Please help the ongoing appeal where you can. Tinned food (no pork please), shoes, boots and winter coats are all desperately needed for those who have nothing. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

### **COLLECTIONS: W/C 6th February 2022**

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £96.00 // Envelopes: £27.00 // Hall Hire: £127.00  
Candles: £20.00

St. Mary's w/c 30th January

Loose Plate: £122.60 // Envelopes: £224.50

St Mary's w/c 6th February

Loose Plate: £128.50 // Envelopes: £139.50

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING:** 13th February 2022

Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Geoffrey Brattle
Sun. 13th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. Richard Harriot
Sun. 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 14th	***	***
Tues. 15th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Thanksgiving for Diaconate of Mark Wharton
Wed. 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass George Todhunter
Thurs. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. John F. Brady
Fri. 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Christine Quin
Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett and Tierney families
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Charles Urie

***We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.***

***You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.***

**Please pray for all those who are sick:**

Sylvia Keilty, Dorothy Noble.

**And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:**

James Ward, Joyce Ambasama, Georgina Wears, Elizabeth Brogan, James King, William Chaffle, John Carney, Patrick Menaghan, Emily Taylor, Josephine Blewitt, Bernard Hornsby, Thomas Welsh, Anne Nicholson, John McNulty, Ellen Harris, Alain Florentine, Karen Gent, Mary McBay, Margaret Bryan, Anne Shields, Fred Gouldsbrough, Sheila Parker, Anthony Mullen, Joseph Vivian, Violet Dixon, Francis Niall, Sarah Ramsbottom, Thomas Cizakowsky, Charlotte Griffith, Lilian Murry, Veronica Cairnie, Doreen Walters.

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