



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 FEBRUARY 2020 Day of Prayer for Racial Justice



Back in the 60s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (“I have never killed anyone”), or will it look deeper (“Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?”). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

Marriage Matters: *Making the right choices*: Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord’s help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?

Think Vocation: “Man has life and death before him.” We are faced with making choices every day of our lives and sometimes we make wrong choices and we sin. One of the greatest gifts our Lord gives to the Church through the sacred priesthood is the power to forgive sins. May we grow in our appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray that all our priests who are channels of the Lord’s mercy will celebrate the gift of forgiveness with compassion and love.

Masses / Services	St Luke’s	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Day of Prayer for Racial Justice</i>	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass
Monday - Weekday or The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday – Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass
Thursday – Weekday	9am Mass	5.30pm Holy Spirit Evening (including 7pm Novena & Mass)
Friday – Weekday or St Peter Damian	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)	No Mass 6-6.20pm Confessions	11-11.20am Confessions 11.30am Mass
Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass

Sick: Robert Livesey, Alice O’Malley, Nuala Corrigan, Michael Kelly, Tomas Cusack, Kay Kimmins, Rene Tyldsley, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Paul Binyon, Sonny Shannon

Lately Dead: Kitty Lavelle, Michelle Bell, Matthew, George Dailly, Eddie Bradley, Mr & Mrs Scaria, Alan Davies,

Anniversaries: Anne, Austin & Denis Eagleton

Birthdays: Elizabeth Bloor, Joan McKenzie

Masses Received: Denis Eagleton (Anniversary), Gabrielle Ward (80th Birthday Remembrance), Anne, Austin & Denis Eagleton (Anniversary), Alan Roberts, Peggy Krinks, The Ainscough family, Betty Hughes

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St James the Less, Rawtenstall, and for Canon Anthony McBride, their parish priest, and Fr Damien Loudon. We pray for their parish primary school and for All Saints College.

Collections: (Sunday 9 February): £1,234.77

Communion Under Both Kinds: In order to introduce this at St Luke’s we need to recruit some additional Eucharistic Ministers for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please have a word with one of the priests or with Kevin Lyons or Jacqui McCormick

Children's Liturgy at Ss Peter & Paul: When this begins again in two weeks' time (on 1 March at Ss Peter and Paul), the children will not be going into the sacristy or the presbytery. Instead, there will be one group of children and they will meet in the porch area of the church. This means that those who normally sit in the porch during 11am Mass will need to move into the main body of the church (where there are plenty of seats available).

It is primarily for children of school age (reception to year 3). Younger children and children with special educational needs should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the liturgies on a rota. No special skills are required, but you will need to have a new DBS check completed (even if you have one for your work). If you are interested, please contact Angelamcmanamon@outlook.com or 07547 602 923

Lent 2020 – Station Masses: Next week's newsletter will contain a full list of the extra things that will be available for you to join in with in the parish during Lent. Just one of those requires an advance notice, which is to say that on the Wednesday evenings (from 4 March to 1 April) there will be Lenten Station Masses at different churches across the deanery. To facilitate attendance at those Masses, there will not be any 7pm Masses at St Luke's on those Wednesdays (except 25 March when we are hosting the Mass and Bishop John will be the main celebrant). We will have a list at the back of church for anyone requiring a lift to the various churches or anyone willing to offer a lift. These Station Masses are a chance for us to grow in our sense of belonging to the deanery – a larger unit that just our parish.

Catholic Newspapers: When we discontinued the "sale" (or giving away) of Catholic newspapers last December, it was stated that the decision would be reviewed with the PACT which was done at the meeting last Wednesday. It was agreed that this was the right decision to make following the change of approach by Universe Media Group. Anyone wishing to buy these papers can arrange that through a newsagent or can subscribe directly with Universe Media Group (www.thecatholicuniverse.com) to have the print edition delivered to their homes each week or for a digital subscription or both.

Roman Catholic Prison Chaplain Vacancy: Permanent, part time, working 20 hours a week including Sunday at HMP Forest Bank, Agecroft Road, Pendlebury, M27 8FB. Salary: £16,296.80. HMP Forest Bank are recruiting for a Roman Catholic Chaplain (part time) to help to ensure that the diverse religious and spiritual needs of the prison community are met by working in a multi-faith team. The successful candidate will serve the needs of residents and staff by supporting religious faith and practice within the prison and work together to create an ordered and caring community. The closing date for applications is 15 March. To find a full role

description and person specification, please visit: <https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/job/Roman-Catholic-Chaplain/52592>

Diocese of Salford: Safeguarding Officer Vacancy: Full time, permanent, working 35 hours per week; flexible working will be required to include evening and weekend work. Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Salary: £42,000- 45,000 per annum based on skills and experience. The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a suitably experienced and qualified practitioner to join our Safeguarding Team. They will be a highly motivated and well organised professional, able to contribute to the development and implementation of safeguarding policies and strategies throughout the diocese. They will have a practical working knowledge and experience of safeguarding and the ability to relate this experience to providing advice and support. The closing date for this role is 12noon on Friday 21 February 2020. To find out more about the role and how to apply, please visit our vacancies page: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

St Patrick's Night Celebration at St Luke's Parish Centre on Saturday, March 14th at 8pm with live music featuring Cracked Flag. Tickets £8 including a pasty and pie supper. Tickets available after weekend Masses in both churches, from any member of the Social and Community Group or ring 736 5768. Always a popular evening, everyone welcome.

Social and Community Group meeting - Monday Feb 24 at 7.30 at St Luke's, all welcome

Flower Arranging

The group meet at SSPP. It does not matter what stage you are at or if you have never done it at all, it's just for your own personnel use. Bring what you need.

Everybody is Welcome.

Tea and biscuits, a get together to meet people even if you don't want to do anything. Come and join us.

Times and dates are as follows:

Wednesday Feb 19, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday Mar 4, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday Mar 18, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday Apr 1, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday Apr 15, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday Apr 29, 2pm– 4pm

Next Week's Newsletter: Łukasz Łukasiewicz

Please send notices before Wednesday

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