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16th February 2025 – 6th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr C

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	6th Sunday	People of the Parish	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	6th Sunday	Jeff Corker	ADORATION
Mon. 7.30am	Seven Servites	For a person in hospital	Wednesday 1.30pm-2pm Thursday 9.30am
Tues. 10am		Eileen Barker	LECTIO DIVINA
Wed. 2pm		Miller/Spiteri & Friends	Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm
Thurs. 10am		Peter Francis Cooke	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p>
Fri. 10am Fri. 12pm	St. Peter Damian	Cathy Cole Yorkshire Brethern	
Sat. 6pm	7th Sunday	Maris & Martin Vasko	
Sun. 10.30am	7th Sunday	People of the Parish	

NEXT WEEK, 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Charlie Madden, Margaret Weatherill **ANNIVERSARIES**, Jeff Corker
COLLECTION, £747.17, **100 CLUB**, 2nd Feb, No. 89 Lee Walsh

WELCOME, Into the Church, Eleanor Rose Beddows who was baptised yesterday.

NEWMAN CIRCLE, Monday 17th February, 7.30pm, Bar Convent. Barbara Windle, a member of the Society of Friends will give a talk entitled 'No Creed and No Agreed Theology – how can you call that a religion.'

HCPT KARAOKE NIGHT, Saturday 1st March, 7-10pm in English Martyrs Church Hall in aid of HCPT Group 122. £5 per adult, under 16s free. Raffle and Irish Bingo. Bring your own refreshments. All welcome to participate or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Tickets from Kath Garry 07515 775681 or pay on the door.

ST MARK'S GOSPEL, Saturday 1 March, 7pm, St Chad's church, Campleshon Road. A traveller arrives to narrate Mark's gospel, performing many characters and bringing the narrative to life. Performance lasts two hours, including interval. All welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025, Saturday 8th March, 10am-1pm, Our Lady's Acomb, please join us for a morning of prayer and reflection to explore together how we can: Bring hope in our personal lives and parish, Go out to where hope is needed, share how we might meet this need. Light refreshments are available, please bring a sandwich. For more information and to book: teresa_lyth@hotmail.co.uk, 07885599810. All Welcome

YORK WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE, Takes place this year 11th-15th August, taking in the Feast of the Assumption. If you have never been to Walsingham, you really should go and it is extra special to be there for the great feast of Our Lady. It's spectacular! Contact David Bryan for more information.

100 CLUB, It would be good to get 100 people to join our 100 Club. If you get a full complement of members, it really does help with our parish finances. It is also a good but of fun! Please join for £1 a week or £52 a year.

WANTED, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle prizes and perhaps recycled presents for future fund-raising parish events.



SUNDAY PLUS

Searching for hope

The promise of comedy

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

The best commentary on Jesus' Sermon on the Plain that we hear in today's Gospel is Jesus' own life. Jesus did not live his life as if he was blessed by God; he lived out his life in the constant awareness that God did indeed bless him. In the course of that life he experienced poverty: not only the poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowds. He experienced hunger: not just the hunger that can be answered by bread, but the hunger that can be satisfied only by doing what is right. He had reason to weep and mourn, not only at the loss of a dear friend but at the lost opportunities of his own people. He was no stranger to being held up as a clown for the amusement of all; he knew the experience of rejection, betrayal and abandonment.

The Beatitudes are not prescriptions for becoming poor or hungry or mournful or afflicted. The promise is that God handles all these things, lifting his people out of them. That is the Good News. God is not committed to keeping his people at the level of being hurt and wounded – if that were true the Beatitude would read, "Blessed are you who weep, for you shall weep even more." The vision of the God of the Beatitudes is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy. "Blessed are you who weep" is the tragedy; "for you shall laugh" is the comedy. And it is the comedy, not the tragedy, which is the promise.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.

Remember
God's
Promises



Jubilee 2025

16-18 February: Jubilee of Artists

We can speak of artistic creation in terms of three "movements". A first movement has to do with the senses, which are struck with wonder and amazement. This initial, outer movement then leads to others, more profound.

A second movement touches the depths of our heart and soul. A composition of colours, words or sounds has the power to evoke within us memories, images and emotions...

Yet artistic creation does not stop here. There is a third movement, in which the perception and contemplation

of beauty generates a sense of hope that can light up our world. The outer and inner movements merge and in turn affect our way of relating to those all around us. They generate empathy, the ability to understand others, with whom we have so much in common. We sense a bond with them, a bond no longer vague, but real and shared...

Dear artists, in a special way you are "guardians of beauty in our world"... Today, as always, we celebrate that beauty with hearts full of hope.

Pope Francis

Lord of hope, give your hope to those who are searching for it. Be their light in the darkness and a reason for joy. ☩ Amen.

Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.

Pope Francis

Left out?

By Linda Jones

It feels bad to be left on the sidelines. When the team gets picked, there is always someone who is first choice and someone who is left until last. But it's not just in sport that people are left out. Sometimes, because of poverty, you get left behind. It feels terrible if you can't afford to buy decent food for your children. Or maybe you are someone who is left out because you are discriminated against - facing daily racism and prejudice. Jesus calls us all to work to include people, not to exclude them. We are to build communities of hope where no one is left out. On Racial Justice Sunday the Church reminds us that racism is a sin. All of us have dignity because we are made in the image and likeness of God. All of us are welcome. All of us are loved.

Linda Jones is Head of the CAFOD Theology Programme and a regular contributor to Redemptorist Publications.

Today: Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22
Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13
Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Genesis 11:1-9
Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38