

6th Sunday

FIRST READING:

Sirach 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL:

Psalms 119

RESPONSE:

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes. **R.**
3. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Lord, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe it wholeheartedly. **R.**

SECOND READING:

1Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

VI Domenica ordinaria

PRIMA LETTURA:

Dal libro del profeta

Siracide 15,16-21

SALMO RESPONSORIALE dal Salmo 118

RITORNELLO:

Beato chi cammina nella legge del Signore.

1. Beato l'uomo di integra condotta, che cammina nella legge del Signore.
Beato chi è fedele ai suoi insegnamenti e lo cerca con tutto il cuore. **Rit.**
2. Tu hai dato i tuoi precetti perché siano osservati fedelmente.
Siano diritte le mie vie, nel custodire i tuoi decreti. **Rit.**
3. Sii buono con il tuo servo e avrò vita, custodirò la tua parola.
Aprimi gli occhi perché io veda le meraviglie della tua legge. **Rit.**
4. Indicami, Signore, la via dei tuoi precetti e la seguirò sino alla fine.
Dammi intelligenza, perché io osservi la tua legge e la custodisca con tutto il cuore. **Rit.**

SECONDA LETTURA:

Corinzi 2,6-10

CANTO AL VANGELO:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Benedetto sei tu, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra, perché I ai piccolo hai rivelato I misteri del regno dei cieli. Alleluia.

VANGELO

Matteo 5,17-37

Pregliera dei fedeli

R/ Venga il tuo regno, Signore.

NOTICES

PPC Meeting - Thursday 20/02

A PPC meeting will take place on Thursday 20th Feb at 6pm at the parish.

Diocesan Vocation Discernment - Sun 23/02

All young people wanting to know more about vocations contact 076 080 5045. Sunday, 23rd Feb 9am - 2pm.

Young Adult Meeting - Fri 28/02

We get together on the last Friday of the month. Friday 28th, Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by pizza and talk with Fr Denys about Gender Theory.

Life Teen & Embrace Crew - February

Youth programmes for Teens & Children will be taking place at the parish. Read the notice board for full details.

Altar Boy Training

Parents wishing to enrol their sons as Altar Boys, contact Leo 073 693 6808. Training will start in February. Boys must have made their 1st Holy Communion.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal 01/03 - 05/04

The second collection for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal will run every weekend, from 1st March - 5th April.

Pilgrimage to Ngome - April 2020

A pilgrimage to Ngome Marian Shrine will take place from 3rd - 5th April 2020. The bus will leave from the parish. Please contact Sandi Leuta 082 535 9692.

May Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 2020

The Parish is organising a small pilgrimage to Lourdes 10-17 May 2020. For more information

Visits to the Sick

Please pray for our sick: Sancho Coelho; Megan Karam; Garron Jameson; Pat Ponte; Barbara Peters; Loma, Ted & Steven Karam; Felicity Dickerson; Dabela Lebabo; Gladys; Joan Stewart; Michel Istace; Rene Moothoo; Milucha Da Costa; Marnie; Alma Di Santolo; Estelle Jacquet; Jade Deena Lo Drago; Mickey Van Wyk; Maria Muzzulini; Francisco Macuacua; Gloria Buchanan; **Contact Fr Joe or the parish office to add a name to the list or to be visited.**

Notices continued...

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For information on SSVP please call Michelle 066 2398 526 or Debbie 072 1819 387.

Sunday Children care

We need a parishioner who could go to 8am mass and help Laura look after the little children during the 9am mass in the hall. It helps us to keep the mass more quiet.

Library Newsletter

Newsletters are available on the table.

Plans for Cry Chapel and Security House

A board explaining the renovation is available in the foyer of the church.

New Mosaics

Two new mosaics are currently being manufactured, one for the Baptismal Font, one for Our Lady. Of the 16800 pieces of the mosaics each piece costs R5 - how many pieces would you like to sponsor. Contact the parish office.

Shrove Tuesday, 25/02

Shrove Tuesday will be a fund-raiser towards the third church bell for the parish. Shrove Tuesday, 25th February the day before Ash Wednesday.

It is chiefly marked by feasting and celebration, which traditionally preceded the observance of the Lenten fast. Pancakes will be sold with a variety of fillers in the hall from 4pm - 6.30pm. Bring a container for take-aways.

(See the notice board for full details)

Ash Wednesday - 26/02

(Fasting & Abstinence)

Please note that there will be two masses on

Ash Wednesday, 26th February, the usual morning mass at 7am, and the evening mass at 6pm.

BANKING DETAILS

Account Name : Catholic Church
Kensington
Account Number: 221 294 481
Standard Bank : Eastgate
Branch Number : 051001

Sincerity

(From Conversation with God, Fernandez Carvajal)

In order to live a life which is truly human, we must have a great love for the truth, which in a way is something that is sacred and must be treated with respect and love. The truth is sometimes so obscured by sin, by our passions and by a spirit of materialism, that if we did not live it we could never come to discern it. It is so easy to accept a lie when it comes to the aid of our laziness, flatters our vanity or our sensuality, or encourages in us a false sense of prestige! Sometimes the cause of insincerity is vainglory, pride, or even a fear of looking foolish.

Our Lord lived this virtue so much that he declared of himself, I am the Truth. The devil, He said, is a liar and the father of lies. Everything the devil promises is false. Jesus will ask the Father for us, for his own, that we may be sanctified in the truth.

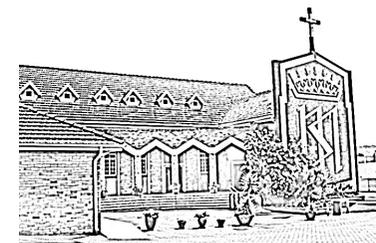
There is a great deal of talk to-day about sincerity, authenticity and so on, but despite it people tend to hide themselves in anonymity and often disguise the true motives for their actions and conceal them from themselves and from others. They also try to remain anonymous before God, and flee from any personal encounter with him in prayer and in their examination of conscience. Nevertheless we will not be good Christians if we are not sincere with ourselves, with God and with other people. We men are sometimes afraid of the truth because it is demanding and inexorable. Sometimes the temptation may come to us to resort to pretence, to a small deception, to a half-truth or even a lie. On other occasions we may feel tempted to give another name to facts or to things so as not to upset people by telling the truth as it is.

Sincerity is a Christian virtue of the highest order; we could not be good Christians if we did not live it with all its consequences. Sincerity with ourselves leads us to acknowledge our faults without any pretence and without seeking false excuses. Sincerity puts us on our guard against 'fabricating' the truth, or pretending that what suits us is true, like those who try to deceive themselves by saying that 'for them' something forbidden by God's law is not a sin. Subjectivity, our passions, lukewarmness, can all contribute towards our not being sincere with ourselves. The person who does not live this radical sincerity easily deforms his conscience and falls victim to interior blindness as regards the things of God.

Sincerity with God, with ourselves and with other people. If we are not sincere with God we cannot love him or serve him. If we are not sincere with ourselves we can not have a well-formed conscience which loves good and shuns evil. If we are not sincere with other people it becomes impossible for us in any meaningful way to relate to them, and we do not please God.

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Mass Times

Mon-Fri 7 am
Sat 7 am and 6 pm
Sun 8 am
Sun 9 am
Sun 10:30 am (Italian)

Confession Times

- Before any Mass
- Any time, by making appointment with the Priest
- During both Sat & Sun Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 FEBRUARY 2020 - YEAR A

Sat	15th	17h00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		18h00	Pro Populo
Sun	16th	08h00	Deceased Inocenta Ongcoy
		09h00	Intentions Special Intentions - Faria family Special Intentions - Recovery of Don Scott Special Intentions - Sobreira family Special Intentions - Barbara Peters
		10h30	Deceased Francisco De Agrela; José Manuel Puente; Adilia & Longueira family; Rosa Makhosazana, Wilbrod, Daniel & Catherine Dlamini; Peregrina Kaunda;
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Mon	17th	07h00	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Special Intentions - Jaime Davies (Birthday)
Tue	18th	07h00	Tuesday, 6th Week, Ordinary Time Izabell Zarantonello - R.I.P
Wed	19th	07h00	Wednesday, 6th Week, Ordinary Time Guglielmo Di Santolo - R.I.P
Thur	20th	07h00	Thursday, 6th Week, Ordinary Time Special Intentions - Natalie Do Rego (Birthday)
Fri	21st	07h00	St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor Gianna & Michele Grasso - R.I.P
Sat	22nd	07h00	Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle, Feast Francisco De Agrela - R.I.P