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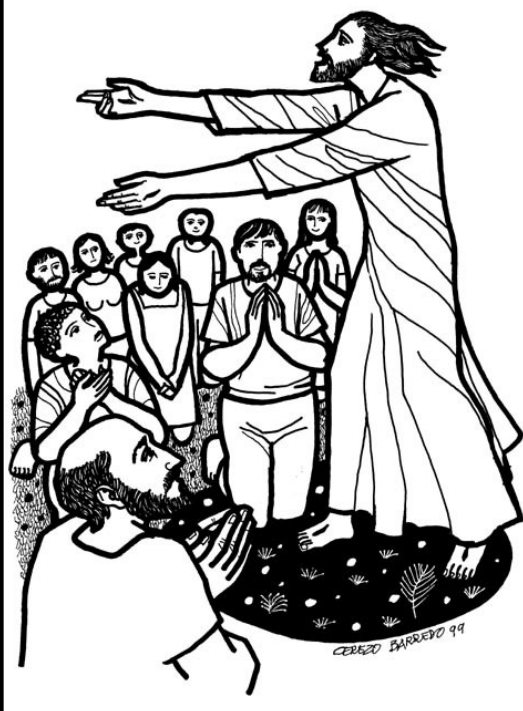
Sixth Sunday of the Year - Year C

Today and the following two Sunday's, we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'.

Today's Gospel contains Luke's version of the beatitudes. The beatitudes echo the programme Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine beatitudes, Luke has only four, with however four corresponding 'woes'.

'Blessed are the poor ... the hungry ... the afflicted.' These beatitudes do not refer to three separate categories but to three aspects of the same distressful situation. One may ask: what merit is there in being poor, hungry, and afflicted? There is none. The 'blessedness' of the poor lies in the fact that God is their champion.

The fourth beatitude was addressed to suffering and persecuted Christians. It was a way of encouraging them in the midst of the difficulties in which they were caught.



Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Welcome
to our Church

Shared News ...

Youth Club: CANCELLED TONIGHT due to lack of helpers.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course will be on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm in St Peter's. Please contact the parish office to register.

CIC: The next class will be on Saturday 23 February at 10.00am in St Andrew's hall.

Living Stones Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group - Afternoon of Prayer, Praise & Reflection: In St Andrew's church on Saturday 23 February from 1.30pm (welcome & teas) to 4.00pm followed by prayer for healing. Everyone welcome for all or part of the afternoon.

PPC: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 February at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

World Day of Prayer: LSCC is hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1 March at 7.15pm in Murieston Hall. Everyone is welcome.

TAPP Theatre Group: Will next meet on Friday 1 March at 7.00pm in St Peter's. Anyone else interested in being part of something for Easter time is welcome to come to the meeting. Bring a recorder!

First Holy Communion Shoes: The stall in St Peter's have new white shoes suitable for girls making their First Holy Communion. Various sizes and styles available.

House Masses during Lent: If anyone is willing to host a House Mass during Lent, can you please contact the parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings (24.02.19): 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38.

Recently Deceased: Edith Cowan, Paul McNelis, Dennis Kiernan, **Anniversaries (February):** John McQuade, Frank & Bridget Brennan, John Loney, Olive Menzies, Thomas Feechan, John Wardlaw

ST PETER'S ...

Knit & Natter Group: Meet every Wednesday at 12.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Baptism: Please pray for Lucy O'Day who will be baptised in the parish on Saturday 23rd.

Second Collection: On the last Sunday of February, 24th, there will be a special collection to support the young people travelling to Malawi in June. Please give as generously as you can to this.

'Bainz Bargainz': Our piety stall has been re-branded! Cathy Bain holds a large stock of religious items and literature. If there is anything she doesn't have that you would like, she will happily get it for you.

SCIAF Boxes: As Lent is almost upon us, new SCIAF 'Wee' boxes are now available. Please help yourself.

Psalms at Mass: As we discovered recently, many people are more than capable of chanting psalms at Mass. If you would like to join the happy band of our three psalm chanters, speak to Fr Simon.

Appeal for Palm Crosses: As Lent will soon be upon us, please start to return your palm crosses from last year so we can make ashes.

Last Sunday's Collection: £972.06; **Church Stall:** £85.67; **Building Fund:** £786.39

ST ANDREW'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall this weekend, 16 & 17 February, after Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£833.60; **Building Fund:**

£189.31; **Church Stall:** £56.60;

200 Club: No 28 & No 30

(03.02) & No 20 & No 121

(10.02); **Sanctuary Candle:** John

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ST THERESA'S...

Raffle Tickets: Will be on sale after Mass (£1) for 'Friends of Magale' charity. This charity, founded by Susan Comrie and her husband, supports an orphanage in Uganda and aims to improve the lives of around 130 children. They received charitable status in 2015.

Bonus Ball: We are looking for new members. Speak to Teresa Canning if interested.

Last Sunday's Collection:
£448.30; **Bonus Ball Winner:**
No 12 St Theresa's

ST PHILIP'S ...

Last Sunday's Collection:
£548.50 (03.02); £514.10 (10.02); **200 Club:** TBC;
Sanctuary Candle: Curran Family (03.02); Lynnette Buchan (God's Healing) (10.02)



Inter-religious Dialogue and Peace in the Catholic Diocese of Yendi, Ghana



The need for peaceful co-existence among people of various religions in any place is so paramount that it cannot be overlooked by the people there. The dangers of inter-religious conflicts coupled with harm and hardships they bring to those involved in them and to any society make these conflicts to be abhorred throughout the world. Many continents all over the world that have experienced such conflicts would testify that they have not brought anything good to their people. On the contrary they have suffered destruction of public infrastructure, deaths, societal instability, immigration, etc. For us in Africa this menace can easily be realised especially in Northern Nigeria where Christians and Muslims are at loggerheads with each other. The Islamic fundamentalist group known as 'Boko Haram' is the main group waging war on Christians.

Ghanaians must be grateful to God that no major inter-religious conflict has ever erupted in Ghana. Although there have been some clashes between Muslim and Christians in some places in Ghana, the situations did not degenerate into serious combats between members of the two religions thanks to the intervention of level-headed Christian and Muslim leaders.

In our Diocese, the main religious denominations are: Christianity, Islam and traditional African religion. The Islamic religion has the largest number of adherents followed by the Christian religion. The traditional African religion adherents are the fewest of the three. We in the Catholic Diocese of Yendi are proud to say that in the whole of Northern Ghana there has never been a single clash between members of the three religions. We have lived peacefully and interacted with one another so amicably that we can say that we have been so much blessed by God.

In order to promote more peaceful co-existence in the Diocese, workshops on this all-important issue have been organised in the various parishes throughout the Diocese. The target groups were (a) Christian and Muslim teachers in the various educational institutions in each parish (a select group); (b) Christian and Muslim students in the various educational institutions in the various parishes (a select group); (c) Christian and Muslim women groups in each parish (a select group); (d) Christian and Muslim youth groups in each parish (a select group); (e) Chiefs and opinion leaders in the various parishes; and (f) Christian and Muslim leaders in each parish.

These workshops have really enhanced peaceful co-existence among adherents of the three religious denominations. The workshops have created a greater understanding of each religion by the members of the other religions. The co-operation among leaders of the three religions also contributed to this peaceful co-existence because they have had much influence on their members.

To be continued



Fr John



Drodzy, od proroka Jeremiasza słyszymy, że *błogosławiony, kto pokłada ufność w Panu. Jest on podobny do drzewa zasadzonego nad wodą i nie przestaje wydawać owoców. Także psalmista nam przypomina: Szczęśliwy człowiek, który ufa Panu. Św. Paweł mówi, że ufność chrześcijanina opiera się na największej tajemnicy naszej wiary, której pamiątkę świętujemy w każdą niedzielę, że **Chrystus prawdziwie zmartwychwstał** jako pierwszy spośród tych, co pomarli. Słowa poprzedzające ewangelię zachęcają nas do spojrzenia w górę: *Cieszcie się i radujcie, bo wielka jest wasza nagroda w niebie.**

Jezus mówi do nas z jednej strony: **Błogosławieni jesteście, ubodzy, głodni, płaczący, znienawidzeni, pogardzani – bo wielka jest wasza nagroda w niebie!** Ale mówi też ostrzegając dzisiaj mnie i Ciebie: **biada wam, bogaczom, sytym, beztroskim, wychwalanym – bo już tutaj odbieracie Waszą nagrodę!** Celem naszego życia jest niebo – dojdziecie do paschy wieczystej – a tu na ziemi jesteśmy w drodze. Pomyślmy przez chwile - co nam utrudnia patrzeć z ufnością w niebo? Czy umiemy dzielić się z potrzebującymi, by dobra doczesne nie zatrzymały nas w drodze po najważniejszą nagrodę? Pamiętajmy - każda pomoc ubogim, głodnym, płaczącym, pogardzanym staje się błogosławieństwem! Ks. Piotr

| DATE | ST ANDREW'S | ST PETER'S | ST PHILIP'S | ST THERESA'S | FEAST DAY |
|-------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Sun 17 Feb | 9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i> | 9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> | 9.30am Mass JS <i>Brian Mooney</i> | 11.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i> | 6th Sunday of the year - Year C |
| Mon 18 Feb | No Service | No Service | No Service | 9.00am Mass JS <i>Norah McClory</i> | Monday 6th week of the year |
| Tue 19 Feb | No Service | 6.00pm Mass SH <i>Lorraine Loughlin</i> | 9.30am Mass JS <i>Joe Caffrey</i> | No Service | Tuesday 6th week of the year |
| Wed 20 Feb | No Service | 9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> | No Service | 6.00pm Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i> | Wednesday 6th week of the year |
| Thu 21 Feb | No Service | 9.30am Mass SH <i>Lorraine Loughlin</i> | 9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i> | No Service | Thursday 6th week of the year |
| Fri 22 Feb | No Service | 9.30am Mass SH <i>Moira Lamont</i> | No Service | No Service | Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle |
| Sat 23 Feb | 5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Tom Blakeway</i> | 9.30am Mass SH <i>Terry Egan</i> 6.30pm Polish PK | 9.30am Mass JS | No Service | Memorial of St Polycarp |
| Sun 24 Feb | 9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS | 9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>Arthur Cosgrove RIP</i> | 9.30am Mass JS <i>John McGovern</i> | 11.30am Mass PK <i>People of the Parish</i> | 7th Sunday of the year - Year C |