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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Psalter Week 2 Cycle B**

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Patricia Emmerson RIP
<b>Sunday 14 Feb</b>	10.30 am	Michael O'Connell RIP
Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	All Parishioners

**Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence The beginning of the Season of Lent**

**Ashes will not be distributed this year**

### ANNIVERSARIES: 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Denis & Elizabeth Fogarty, Margaret Hewitt, Maple Davis, Martin Nolan, Frank Kidwell, Josephine Vella, Denis O'Brien.

**RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING:** Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary Frost, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Harris, Jocelyn Bowen and Joseph Ewing.

**JANUARY 200 CLUB WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Self No. 69 £30 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Marie Van Loon No. 214 £20

Congratulations!

A sum of £1881 was raised in 2020 from the parish "200 Club". This will go towards the parish finances – in need of support at this time. Sincere thanks to Pauline and Rod Artiss for administering the Club and to all who are loyal members.

**DIOCESAN MISSION:** The five week Mission begins on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please go to [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) for further information

**FANCY A CHAT?** If you would like to chat with fellow parishioners over zoom or even by telephone, please contact Fiona Perks on [Fionap580@gmail.com](mailto:Fionap580@gmail.com) or telephone Parish Office – 020 8393 5572

**CAFOD:** This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water virtual event, by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20 February at 2 pm. Ask Jonathan Inns for details. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

**FAMILY FAST DAY:** Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.\* \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT STARTING 19 FEBRUARY:** You are invited to join members of the parish each Friday during Lent from the 19 February to reflect on the Lord's passion and how it speaks to each one of us in this present day. Meetings will take place on Zoom. You can register on the parish website under "Events".

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** As per lockdown restrictions due to the COVID 19 virus, The World Day of Prayer service will be broadcast on the St Mary's Ewell Facebook and YouTube sites on 5th March 2021 from 10am.

Please see the attached information giving full details of the how to access the sites and of how you can make a donation either on line or using an envelope and placing this in the box at the back of the church. There are also some copies of the service booklet at the back of the Church 'Reflection for the season of Lent' for anyone who may not be able to access the website or need a hard copy.

Alternatively please contact Paula Tanner on 07793 030394 for further information or assistance.

**REFLECTION FOR THE SEASON OF LENT:** Lent is a time of repentance and new beginnings. This Lent, let us look at the signs of our time, particularly the damage being done to the community of living things on Earth by destructive human behaviour. Wilderness areas throughout the world are under threat – from Antarctica to the Himalayas to the peatlands of Europe and Asia. Human-induced global warming is disrupting agriculture and causing drought and flooding. Almost a quarter of the world's mammals currently face extinction, along with many ocean fish species. These are God's beloved creatures and express God's presence, wisdom and glory. Human well-being, including the spiritual dimension, is greatly impoverished as they and their habitats diminish. Organisations such as Christian Ecology Link and the Live Simply campaign can tell us about the many issues and encourage us to get involved in working for environmental justice. Who doesn't smile and feel hopeful when they see a rainbow? The net time you spot one, perhaps it will prompt a new sense of humility and a sense of awe that God's creation is so bountiful. This Lent let us draw on two Christian virtues – generosity and frugality. Generosity calls us to share the Earth's riches with all humanity and be more sensitive to the common good of the whole community. Frugality means opting for a new way of life based on simplicity and sufficiency rather than endless consumption and accumulation of material possessions.

### World Day of Prayer Service Friday, 5th March 2021

Sadly, the World Day of Prayer service will not be held in church this year due to the lockdown restrictions. The good news is that it will be broadcast on the St Mary's Ewell Facebook and YouTube sites and as a result will be able to be seen by a wider audience than those who would normally be able to attend the service. It will be available to view from 10am 5th March.

#### Build on a Strong Foundation

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from different parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The service this year has been produced by the women of the Republic of Vanuatu which is located in the South Pacific Ocean. It is a beautiful island with sandy beaches, lovely birds, and many kinds of trees bearing fruits and nuts but it is vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes.

The service is based on the parable in Matthew 7:24-27 of the two houses, one built on sand, the other on firm foundations. In normal times a stone would be given to each person as they arrive at church. During the service, the stone would be exchanged with someone near them in the congregation. As this will not be possible now, you might like to pick up a stone from your garden beforehand to use as an aid to your commitment to hold Vanuatu in your prayers throughout the coming year. The stone is also a reminder that if we build our lives on the rock which is Christ, we will have a strong foundation.

During the service, donations would normally be taken to help the work of World Day of Prayer supporting Christian charities and projects, both here in the UK and abroad.

To find out how you can make a donation to World Day of Prayer via their website go to [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) You can also donate up to £40 by Text: TEXT **70085 using the phrase 2021WDP 5 to donate £5** To donate a different amount change the 5 to the amount you wish to give. Your text will cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

Ruxley Church, Stoneleigh Methodist Church, St Clément's RC Church, St John's, Stoneleigh, St Paul's, Howell Hill and St Mary's, Ewell each have a representative for the World Day of Prayer and are willing to receive donations either directly to them or via their church office by the end of March. Some people may have received a copy of the Order of Service which included a brown Gift Aid envelope. A plain envelope can also be used for your donation marked, **Women's World Day of Prayer**. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please make sure that you add your details and that they are clearly written including, the **date, your name, signature, address and postcode and the amount of the donation**.

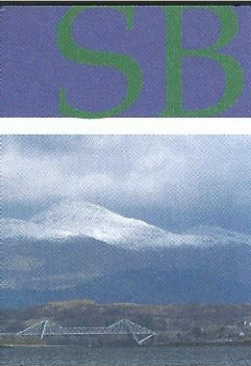
The service from St Mary's will be available to view on Friday 5th March from 10am on

<http://bit.ly/StMarysFacebookVideo>

<http://bit.ly/StMarysEwellYouTube>

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Paula Tanner is the representative at St Clements and can be contacted on 07793 030394 and is happy to collect donations



Gabriel's hand as we approached a steeper part of the path. "Let's just be careful on this bit," I cautioned. But it was me who slipped next. My standing foot slithered on the ice and, as I began to lose my balance, I tried to let go of Gabriel's hand so that I didn't pull him over. But he held surprisingly firm and I just managed to stay on my feet. We both laughed. "If anyone was watching us now, they would think it was me helping you down the hill, but I am not so sure!" I said. "Well, Dad, it is just that we are both helping each other," Gabriel said as if to reassure me. And almost immediately I slithered once more and again a strong little hand kept me from falling. "But I am helping you a lot more than you are helping me!" he gurgled through an explosion of laughter.

### AN IMPORTANT LESSON

I feel like I have learnt quite a lot about charity in many faraway places such as the slums of Haiti, the arid lands of Northern Kenya and the highlands of Madagascar, but that lesson taught me by my youngest son, and a slippery pair of old boots, on the hill behind my own house in Scotland, feels as important as any of them.

*Give: Charity and the Art of Living Generously* by Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow is published by William Collins, £16.99 hardback



### Mass text

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

FIRST READING Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

PSALM Psalm 31

RESPONSE **You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: "I will confess  
my offence to the Lord."  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **R.**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**God so loved the world  
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.**

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

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# SUNDAY BULLETIN



## CHARITY AND THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

As someone who is described as "the founder" of a charity, and who has on several occasions had to cringe while receiving awards for a work that was only ever meant to be one little effort to help some people, I believe it is very helpful, when trying to live a life of charity, not to take ourselves too seriously. Charity and joy should be the best of friends – especially if we want to point people to Jesus as we carry out our work. I think we put so many people off with our long faces and pious sentimentality. Knowing that I can be guilty of that too, I choose to end this little series of articles on charity by recounting the following incident, which helped me think again about the danger of seeing ourselves only as givers but not receivers of help (for many of us, being seen to receive is much harder than being seen to give).

Towards the end of a midwinter afternoon I went for a walk with my seven-year-old son, Gabriel. The snow down in our glen had melted disappointingly quickly and both of us felt drawn to the deep white drifts high on the hill behind our house. As we climbed up a path that I have walked with my own father a thousand times, we spooked a herd of hungry deer on their way down looking for night-time grass in the lower fields. Even though we hadn't planned to go so far, we soon found ourselves on top of the hill, one thousand feet above our house, which we could just about make out amid the trees – or at least the smoke drifting from its chimney. The lights of our village were now twinkling along the river, above which a mist was starting to rise. Gabriel managed to spot his school on the other side, and the village hall and then the train station – in fact a train, too, chugging out towards Oban, crossing the bridge where the river flowed into Loch Awe. Above it the dramatic peaks of Cruachan, which towered much higher than our hill, were catching some big black clouds as they rolled in towards us from the Atlantic. "We'd better get going before it gets dark," I said.

The temperature was plummeting and the snow was freezing hard again now. Almost immediately on starting our journey down we both lost our footing and fell, laughing, into the snow. I held

## Charity and the art of living generously



Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow, founder of Mary's Meals, concludes this series of articles adapted from his new book.

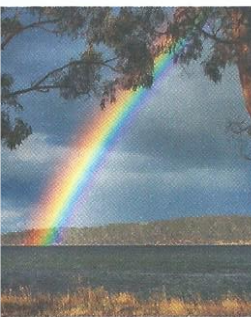


14 FEBRUARY 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK II



Seen in the light of the Noah story, our Gospel reading helps us to recognise that Jesus was not alone during his forty days in the wilderness. Although it may be an aspect of the narrative that we don't often reflect on, the Gospel tells us that Jesus was with the wild beasts during this period. The Spirit that drove him out into the wilderness may have temporarily taken him away from human community, but he was not separated from other members of the community of the covenant during those forty days. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in a similar way, are not meant to focus us exclusively on spiritual matters, to separate us (even if only temporarily) from the world around us. As Pope Francis expresses it, "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us" (*Laudato Si'*, 216).

## TRANSFORMATION

Each of us has a role to play in the transformation that Lent promises. As Pope Francis often says, all of us are sinners in need of God's mercy and, for him, this is a recognition that the Lord remembers us in his love, guiding along the right path those who humbly ask for his forgiveness. The story of Noah takes place in a context of great wickedness and injustice, but, as Francis points out: "All it takes is one good person to restore hope!" (*Laudato Si'*, 71). As we enter into the journey of Lent, we pray that our transformation may play a role in the transformation of the whole earth.

## Mass text

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.**

### FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-15

### PSALM Psalm 24

**RESPONSE Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

### SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the  
mouth of God.**

**Next Sunday's Readings:**  
Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

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# SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH

## INTEGRAL ECOLOGY



From 24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021, the Catholic Church is celebrating a special year to commemorate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis signing his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, "On Care for our Common Home". As Lent begins, we recognise in today's psalm that the Lord shows the path to those who stray, and we ask him to guide us in his paths and to teach us his ways. Often, on our Lenten journey, we concentrate on our relationship with God, and on the ways in which we need God's forgiveness, seeking to grow closer to God in prayer. Through our practice of almsgiving, we reach out in care to our brothers and sisters in need, so that the transformation that God brings through God's mercy can bear fruit in our relationships with one another. As we journey through Lent with *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to enter into that journey in a way that brings together our relationships with God, with our brothers and sisters, and also with all our fellow creatures around the world.

In our response to today's psalm, we express our belief that the Lord's ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant. In our first reading, we see how God establishes a covenant with Noah, with his descendants and with everything that lives on the earth. Reflecting on the wisdom of this biblical account, and of the other stories of creation found in the book of Genesis, Pope Francis says: "These ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others" (*Laudato Si'*, 70). For him, care for creation belongs together with care for justice and peace. Human solidarity is inseparable from ecological solidarity. An integral ecology is one that brings these different dimensions of our faith into dialogue with each other, in response to the covenant that God has established with the earth.

## A journey through Lent with *Laudato Si'*



Dr Martin Poulson  
SDB considers the  
start of our Lenten  
journey, reflecting  
on the invitation  
to care for our  
common home.

21 FEBRUARY 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK I