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**Newsletter for the week commencing 8th/9th February 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10** When lowliness unites all men, then God will fill the need of the world with his glorious presence. The final age will have to come.

**Psalm 111 Response:**  6pm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright

  8.30am & 10.30am: The good will be a light, a light in the darkness

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 1-5.** Paul reminds us that we are to pay attention to what is important—we are to hear the clear message of the crucified Christ and pay attention to it and not the messenger.

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16.**

**Father John writes:**

Every year the Bishops of England and Wales highlight the cause of people around the world who suffer injustice in one way or another. Among these are groups who are, or who have been, discriminated against, such as the Travellers. Since I have been here, I have become very fond of the Traveller community in our Church of St Andrew, and the card on your benches today celebrates the contribution Travelling communities make to our Church in England and Wales. On the back of the card St Pope Paul VI is quoted in 1965 telling Travellers: “you are not on the margin of the Church… you are at the heart of our Church”.

Our Travelling community are at the heart of our Church here each Sunday, and their children are a powerful sign of life among us.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables and David Ainsworth

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Anne Page, Louise McLaughlin, Charles Broughton, Theresa Naish, Charles Lawrence, Alice Todd, Irene Le Forestiere, Eva Lamden, Nighean Lloyd-Thomas, Vincent Lacki, Alfred Webbe-Wood, Anita Cencio, Peter Murphy, Kathleen Ross-Taylor, Anthony Burke and Ann Thomas.

**This week’s events**

There will be a **second collection** this weekend in aid of **Racial Justice**. The focus is the contribution travelling communities make to the church and the theme is “You are at the heart of the church”. It is a chance for **all Catholics** to reflect on, pray for and respond to racial justice matters within the church and wider society. It is aimed at **encouraging communication** between ALL members of the church about **experiences of racism**.

**Important message**: the next **meeting** of the **Parish Outreach Group** has been **postponed** from 17th February. It will now be held on **2nd March** 2020.

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who might benefit from a visit from a friendly face, maybe because they can’t get out at the moment, please let Fr John or Anne Taylor (01233 850235) know and the Parish Outreach Group will make contact!

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Gerry Pierse (1940-1999) was a Redemptorist priest from County Kerry. During his missionary ministry, he became deeply involved in contemplative prayer, inspired by the teaching of Benedictine monk John Main. With a gift with words that made his teaching simple, clear, effective, and often humorous, Fr Pierse delivered a superb series of talks introducing Christian meditation. Listen to them here: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](about:blank)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 8th February | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 9th February | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30am Mass – People of the Parish  10:30am Mass – Jo Bailey RIP |
| Monday | 10th February | St Scholastica | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 11th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Daniel Horler RIP (J. Gallagher)* |
| Wednesday | 12th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 13th February | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Canon Richard Meyer RIP* |
| Friday | 14th February | Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 15th February | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 16th February | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (15th/16th February)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Pat S | Nick C | Kathy G |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Allan Shipton | Collette Iglinski  Peter Hook |
| **Flowers** | Frances Lawrence | **Cleaners** | Francien & Brian |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

Don’t forget to sign up for the **Parish Shared Lunch** on 23rd February. The lists are in the porch.

**Last call**: If you are the parent of a child who is seven years old or more who has not made their **first Holy Communion** and you would like them to do so, would you please **let Fr. John know**. The preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion usually runs between February and May/June and takes school term times into account.

And finally, a couple of silly jokes to make you smile (or groan) on this wet and windy weekend…

A man was walking down the street and he met a small boy. The man asked him what his name was.   
The boy replied, 'Six and seven-eighths.'  
The man asked him why his parents had given him such a strange name, and he replied, 'They just picked it out of a hat.'

A man was reading The Canterbury Tales at breakfast one Saturday morning.   
His wife asked, "What have you got there?"   
"Just my cup and Chaucer."