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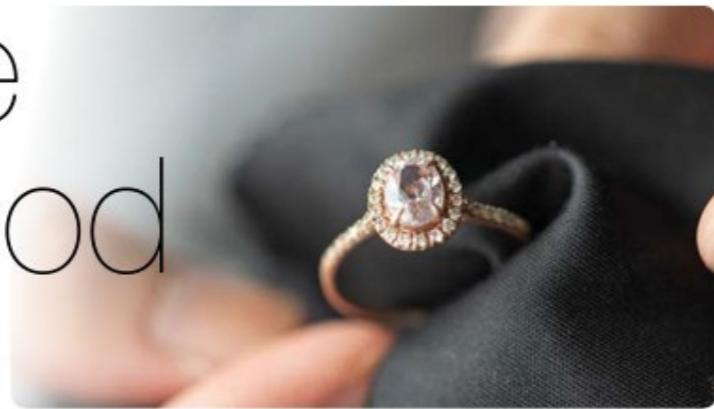
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office Week II Year A

Day for the Unemployed

Bearing the image of God

Dorothy [Day], who never seemed to be overly anxious about how little money there was in the community bank account, frequently set an example of passing on what was given as quickly as possible. In one memorable instance, a well-dressed woman visiting the Worker house one day gave Dorothy a diamond ring. Dorothy thanked the visitor, slipped the ring in her pocket, and later in the day gave it to an unpleasant old woman, Catherine. Catherine, a bitter complainer

second to none, was known in the community as "the weasel". She lived with her handicapped son and often ate meals at St Joseph's. We paid her rent each month. One of the staff suggested to Dorothy that the ring might better have been sold at the Diamond Exchange on West 47th Street and the money used for paying Catherine's rent. Dorothy replied that the woman had her dignity and could do as she liked with the ring. She could sell and buy whatever she wanted



or take a trip to the Bahamas or she could enjoy having a diamond ring on her hand just like the woman who had given it to the Worker. "Do you suppose," Dorothy asked, "that God created diamonds only for the rich?"...

Dorothy has helped us better understand one of the primary biblical truths: that each person, no

matter how damaged or battered by the events and circumstances of life, is a bearer of the image of God and deserves to be recognised and treated as such. She has reminded us of the real presence of Christ in the least person.

Jim Forest, All is Grace: a biography of Dorothy Day

Lord of hope, we remember those who are unemployed, the job seekers and their families. Give them the dignity, hope and courage that they need in the uncertainty of their lives.

† Amen.

The fragrance of love

Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet of God, first fill your own house with the fragrance of love. Go not to the temple to light candles before the altar of God, first remove the darkness of sin from your

Rabindranath Tagore

There are settings where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth and contexts where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied.

Pope Leo

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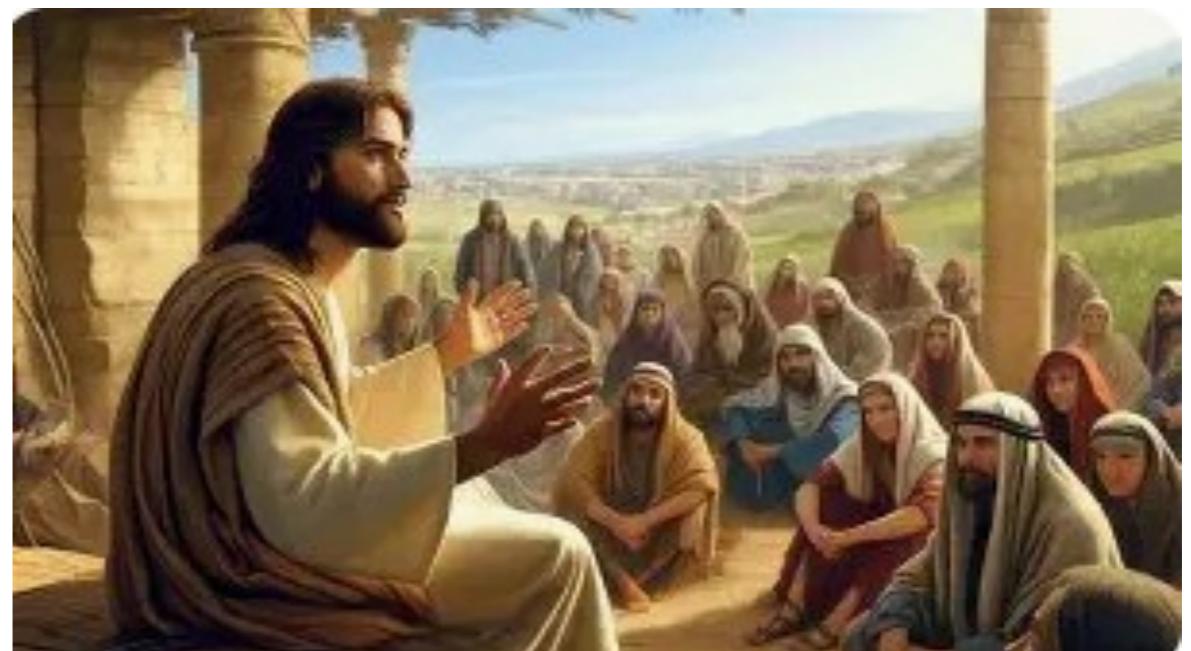
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The Word This Week

Back in the 60s some groups "adopted" Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today's Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God's Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law ("I have never killed anyone"), or will it look deeper ("Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?"). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God's Law.



READINGS

Today:
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Monday:
James 1:1-11
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday:
James 1:12-18
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday:
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday:
Isaiah 58:1-9
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday:
Isaiah 58:9-14
Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Saints

St Joseph: fatherhood

By Sr Thérèse Garman OLP

God called Joseph to serve the person and mission of Jesus through fatherhood. He found himself at the heart of the Incarnation and was reminded of this by Jesus' reply when questioned about staying behind in the Temple. With Jesus' humanity, work, too, has been assumed into the mystery of the Incarnation. At the workbench with Jesus, Joseph humbly brought work into the mystery of redemption. In his obedience to God, he showed that fatherhood involved service, sacrifice, and fidelity. His vocation was more important than his career. He had much to lose, when warned by an angel in a dream to escape with Jesus and Mary to Egypt. He supported his family through his work, but when his child was threatened, his first obligation was to him. A father plays a singularly important role in family life, with a God-given responsibility for his children. Through this sacred vocation, we celebrate God's gift of life and love.

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Mass Times 15th February 2026

Sunday 15th February	Vigil - Saturday 14th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Mary Patricia Murray
Monday 16th	Mass	9.30 - Angelo Cuomo Coppola
Tuesday 17th	No Mass	
Wednesday 18th	Mass ASH WED Mass ASH WED	9.30 - Renia Kopicka (LD) 6.30pm - Marie, Bernard & Tony
Thursday 19th	Requiem Mass Mass	10am - Sarah Kilgannon 6pm Exposition 6.30pm - Maureen Lyons (A)
Friday 20th	Mass	9.30 - Joan Berry (BM)
Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd	Vigil Mass	4pm - Mary Patricia Murray 11am - Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- John McDonald (LD); Frank Byrne (B'day Mem); Special Intentions; Wendy Ladley (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Thomas Cassin (LD); Bill Crowther (A); Forgotten Souls; Bernard Hourihane (LD); Frances Higgins (A)

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 15th February 2026

The Sanctuary	
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Vigil Mass: 4pm St Mary's, Denton; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning: 9am St Joseph's, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary's, Denton

What's coming up in our parish

Dates for the Diary:

Scripture Course

Wednesday Evening from 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2026 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June

ASH WEDNESDAY
MASSES 9.30am & 6.30pm

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Sarah Kilgannon**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Sarah's Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 19th February at 10am. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of Wendy Ladley. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Wendy's Requiem Mass will be held on 25th February at 10am. May she rest in peace.

Mass Offerings.

All Masses up to the end of March, have now been allocated. Any Masses received from now to the end of March, will be sent to Fr Laurence Gambella to be offered on behalf of our Parish

Luncheon Club

Luncheon Club for February 26th, last Thursday of the month, at Victoria Park Community Centre, Market Street, Denton. This has been cancelled as the centre will be used as a Polling Station. However there will be a breakfast club on 25th at the centre free.

Faith In Action- Parish Quiz

Night

Friday 27th February, 7pm Parish Hall, doors open at 6.30pm.

Teams of 4 - £8

Teams of 5 - £10

Teams of 6 = £12

Tickets on Sale after Mass or from Parish Office

DBS Clinic (Safeguarding)

There will be a Safeguarding Clinic on Sunday 8th March from 12 noon in the Parish Hall. This is for all volunteers who attended the last clinic (3 years ago) and are still in active ministers in the Parish. You will need to bring 3 forms of ID. If you are unsure of what ID to bring, please contact the Parish office.

CONFIRMATION

If you have a child in year 8 (aged 12/13) or above, who is Baptised Catholic and made their First Holy Communion who would like to be Confirmed this year. Please take a letter and an application form from the back of church. Please return the form by Friday 6th March to the parish office.

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New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows: 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.



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