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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: For The Terminally Ill Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Sun 11th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M & B Quinlan R.I.P.; C Lee Thanks P Dias R.I.P. L X Lazar R.I.P; A Haastrup Int P Odoi R.I.P.; Uwechue Family Int People of the Parish	
Mon 12th	Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; Uwechue Family Int; Archbishop Fortunus	Requiem Mass: E Mangan R.I.P. 12 noon
Tues 13th	Feria	B Nugent R.I.P.; Uwechue Int	
Wed 14th	Ash Wednesday	9.30 a.m. J Braganca R.I.P. Uwechue Int 7 p.m. F Rossetti R.I.P.	Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thurs 15th	Lent Feria	M Ankrah Int.; Uwechue Int	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 16th	Lent Feria	T Coutinho R.I.P.; N Zicherpel R.I.P. M & M McNicholas R.I.P. G Fernando R.I.P> Uwechue Int	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Sat 17th	Lent Feria	P Broughton R.I.P, C Ryan R.I.P. Uwechue Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.
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People make a Difference

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better and in this case, the man was cured. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go.

Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?

Who would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. We can name them often, and our society can be cruel on prisoners and their families, abusers of any sort, prostitutes, victims of AIDS and many others. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another. When we come to him, we meet his followers, and that also can make a difference.



- **Fr Albert** will not be available on Monday

ASH WEDNESDAY: is a day of fasting (traditionally eating less – health permitting) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins our Lenten journey. We receive ashes as a sign of our repentance and of our willingness to try and change and become better followers of Christ.

- **Mass times: 9.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.**
- So what will you give up this Lent? Or even more, what will you do to bring yourself closer to God? More prayer? Another Mass during the week? (We have an evening Mass on Wednesday at 7 p.m.) To see a neighbour? To write to that person you haven't been in touch with for so long and tell them that you remember them? Give some of your fasting to the poor in the Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal? Prepare for confession in a deeper way? Reflect on your life and where it is going? Seeing how much space God has in your heart and trying to make it bigger? No matter what, there will be something for you to do in these 40 DAYS leading to Easter.

- **Requiem Mass for Elizabeth (Eliza) Mangan** on Monday 12th at 12 noon. May her gentle souls rest in peace.

- **Coffee after 11 a.m. Mass today. More Volunteers** needed to help prepare.

- **Confirmation Candidates:** Reminder there is a session this Wednesday to finalise details of our retreat at the weekend.

- **Date for your Diary: Bacon & Cabbage evening on Saturday 16th March. Tickets on sale this weekend at £20. All proceeds will go to Building Fund.**

- **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024:** If you can, please show your support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Life; Youth Ministry; and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation now. Thank you for your generosity.

- **Last year's Palms** can be left in the porch before Wednesday.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and

forever. Amen

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £695

Loose Plate: £913

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever. Amen

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