

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Today's Scripture Readings: Parish Mass Book pp.137-9 Preface 2 p.54 Euch.Prayer 3 p.28

Leviticus 13:1-2;44-46 It was the role of the priest to determine if a person was infected by leprosy and, if so, to protect the community from its contagion.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 The Corinthians are to model their lives on Paul, their father in the faith, who models his own life on Christ.

Mark 1: 40-45 Jesus' reply, "Of course I want to", suggests that leprosy, as an effect of the work of the evil one, is to be banished from the kingdom of God. But why the reluctance to heal others? In Mark's presentation of the gospel, the true understanding of Jesus' messiahship is crucial.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LIFE.

SUNDAY 3pm Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Old Rite).

WEEKDAY MASS : Mass on Monday (Latin) and Friday 9.30am in the house.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY: MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT 10am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday 16 February 5pm.

(note: There is an unfortunate clash with St Valentine's Day this year, though the latter is, I suspect, a recent and commercially motivated phenomenon. The Church ordains only two days of fasting and abstinence in the year (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), and that strictly applies only to those aged between eighteen and fifty-nine. The situation offers an opportunity for all of us to follow our informed, adult, consciences.

LENT BOOK SUGGESTION : *Say it to God* by Luigi Gioia, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2018.

Gioia is a Benedictine monk, at present doing research at Cambridge University. His book on prayer is easy to read, straightforward and practical, has short chapters, and is probably best read alone. You can obtain it from Amazon as book or on Kindle.

LENT TALKS: THURSDAYS 6-7.30pm starting this Thursday 15 February in The Priest's House.

Glimpses into the Unknown: Eastern Christianity and its spiritual traditions. "This brilliantly taught course invites you into the rich spiritual world of Eastern Christianity... scholarly yet accessible..." The speaker is Fr Stefanos Alexopoulos PhD (Catholic University of America). 1st talk: **Introduction to Eastern Christianity.**

Little Malvern Priory are again holding Lent talks in our Parish Room on Thursdays at 2.30pm. SEE NOTICE.

PRAYER REQUEST Frances Thurlow requests prayers for a young couple, Codie and Brandon, whom she is supporting. Their baby, Gabriel, was born prematurely on 21 January, weighing 2lbs 2oz. Brandon helped prepare the Church precincts for the Archbishop's visit.

Pray for Peter Kay, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Maureen Flaux, Clare Murphy, Cedric Cooper, Stella Griffiths, Anthony Walsh, Molly Thurlow, who died recently, and for Raymond Turner, Dorothy Tennant, Pat Higgins, Nicholas Ratcliff, Les Miller and Norah Lawley who are housebound.