

## Today's Gospel

Luke's presentation of Jesus here and often in his Gospel account emphasizes the poverty of riches and esteem. There are the poor and hungry as well as the rich and full. There are those who weep and those rejected and hated as well as those who enjoy being thought well of. From the moment of His unrolling the scripture in the synagogue to his unrolling of His life on the cross, Jesus is inviting His followers to reverse their own value-system and assist the value-rerooting of others. Jesus called Peter out of his boat, and away from the identity by which he was known and knew himself. The question will always be about where are your roots, what or who tells you who you are, and what are you going to do with it all.

I suspect that some of Jesus' disciples may have been a little more well-off than others. They would not have considered themselves "rich" of course so they were okay. I suspect the rich of our days would always want more, so they do not consider themselves "rich" so they are okay. There are the hungry and those who weep because of their own poverty and hunger and that of others. Jesus says that they belong to the kingdom. Those who will speak about the poor and hungry will belong too, but they will be spoken against and will be given a sense that they do not belong. Those who will follow Jesus in His prophetic denunciations will receive what He received. They will belong to the Kingdom.

The rich, the unconcerned, the full and the esteemed belong to the "Now Generation" and they are already receiving all that they desire. The "Then Generation" will live the unusual way of grounding their roots in the "now" only as a way to bring about a better kingdom on earth. The Rich sing, "It's now or never" so they take the "now road". The poor, hungry and aware sing, "Here comes the sun" and live invested and rooted in the prophetic ways of Jesus. As we bless ourselves with holy water as part of our entering the worshipping community, we re-immense ourselves into the nourishing stream of Christ and His being immersed in the poverty and hunger of His family. We become the "sun" that is coming. We are the "now" and "then" generation begotten by the Spirit and given life in Christ to do something with it all.

*"They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire." Ps. 78, 29-30*

## Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Hymns this week

Preparation : 367, 58, 459

Mass: 119, 121, 117, 361, 270, 469, 45, 56

#### The week at Saint Paul's

Mon 15	weekday	7.30am	Mass
Tue 16	weekday	12noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Funeral Mass Rosary Mass & Pancake Party
Wed 17	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am 12noon 7.30pm (Sung)	Mass Coleraine Club
Thu 18	Lent weekday	9.15am	School Mass
Fri 19	Lent weekday	7.30pm	Mass Social Club
Sat 20	Lent weekday	9.00am	Mass
Sunday 21	Lent 1	8.00am 10.30am 5.15pm	Mass Parish Mass Mass

## NOTICES THIS WEEK:

**Palm Crosses:** to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, please return last year's Palm Crosses so that they can be burned to make the ash. Thank you.

**Lent Groups:** please sign up for copies of our Lent Course. There will be a Men's Fellowship Group as usual on Fridays in Lent.

**Social Committee:** our social committee has now been formed. Its first meeting will take place on Friday 26 February at 8.00pm.

**Pancake Party: on Tuesday after the 7.30pm Mass.**

**Deanery Synod:** will our deanery synod representatives please make a note of the next meeting, which is on Thursday 25th Feb at Christchurch Waldeck Road. Mass will be at 7.30pm and then coffee and the meeting to follow at about 8.15pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers' Morning on Saturday 20 February, beginning with Mass at 9.00am and finishing at 11.00am.** This is for all of our Eucharistic Ministers, so do please make it a priority to be here.

**Ash Wednesday** is this week, marking the start of Lent. This is a day of fasting and abstinence, when all those who are able should not eat meat and confine themselves to one or two small meals. It is recommended that we avoid meat on Fridays in Lent. Mass will be at 9.30am, 12noon and 7.30pm (Sung)

**For your diary:** Quiet Afternoon before Holy Week will be on Saturday 27 March, starting at 10.00 with Mass. There will be no 9am mass that day.

**Collection last week:**     **plate:**             **£57.91**  
                                  **Envelopes:**       **£452.00**

### Rotas next week:

Eucharistic Ministers:	Elizabeth & Anne
Sidespersons:	Caroline, Justina, Theresa, Beverley
Teas & Coffees:	Verna & Norah
Cleaning:	Laura & Justina
Readers & Intercessor:	Mariama, Rose & Derek

## IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**The Church:** Benedictine Order

**The World:** Haiti

**The Community:** Those in mourning

### In Hospital or Sick:

Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Mandy Gerald, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell, Fr Geoffrey Seabrook, Fred Dyer, Valerie, Neil Thompson, Judith Brown-Davis, George Blake, Cutie Binns

*Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.*

### Those who have asked for Prayers:

Olive Blagrove, Enid Davy, Jermaine, Sandra Davis, John Duah, Danah Grant-White, Sylvia Dabriel, Eunice Markum Riley, Marcia Ford, Hyacinth Brown, Gaynor Brown, Carl Sealy, Matilda-Owusu Ansah, Yvonne Tyrell, Stanley Hayes, Prince Lewis, Laura Regisford, Jurelle Hayles, Houston Jones, Daniel Stevens, Celis Jacobs, Kwame Fosu-Gyemsi, Cyril Layne, Mrs Ogunsiakan, Paula Simms, Kim, Charlene, Daphne Hayles, the Schroyögg family, Fedora Karoma, Frank Piper, Yaw Antwi-Boasiako, Khalon Hayesman, Temitope Oluwa, Marietta Gilkes, Elise Hayles, Ama Achiah, Kofi Appiah, Derrick McDonald, Suzanne McDonald, Pat Thompson, Christine Mullan, Anastasia Anstey, Sally Eyres, Zena Cudjoe, Osei Owusu, Brian Kennaby

**Faithful Departed:** John Duah, Gilbert Stewart, Jessica Forester, Ivan (Sugar) McCallum, Wendy Paisley

**Anniversaries:** Eliza Parsonson, Esther Emmanuel, Michael Plummer (14<sup>th</sup>); Norman Aldridge (15<sup>th</sup>); Harriet Somasundiram (16<sup>th</sup>); Frederick Cobby, Eileen Evans, Frederick Bailey (17<sup>th</sup>); Leslie Lewis (18<sup>th</sup>); Kimberley Robinson (19<sup>th</sup>); Edie Freeman, Sandra Yethman (20<sup>th</sup>)