

# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS & ST. PETER IN CHAINS, STOKE



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**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT**

Mass book – p 139 Week 2 Yr C Vol 1  
Hymns: E:74; O:23; C:164, 830; R:567.

**Welcome to all new comers.** If you are visitors, I hope you have a good time staying in the area. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest after Mass and help yourself to a leaflet about the life of the parish from the porch.

Sat	16	Mk 8:1-10		5:45pm	People of the Parish
Sun	17	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Week 2	10:30am	Pat Cotton Anniversary
Mon	18	Mk 8:11-13		9:30am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tue	19	Mk 8:14-21		9:30am	<i>Eucharistic Service (Year for Priests Conclusion)</i>
Wed	20	Mk 8:22-26		9:30am	Jaison Intention
Thu	21	Mk 8:27-33		9:30am	
				10:00am	<i>Adoration of the B Sacrament</i>
Fri	22	Chair of St Peter, Mt 16:13-19	Feast	9:30am	
Sat	23	St Polycarp, Mk 9:2-13	Memorial	5:45pm	
Sun	24	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Week 3	10:30am	People of the Parish

**Please pray for:** Our sick and housebound: Malou Cea Biases, Paul Pearson, Robin Butler, Firdela Aclan, Conchita Cruz, and Colin White.

**Those whose anniversaries occur during this time:** Pat Cotton, Terry Johnson.

**Baptism Preparation:** will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Our Lady & St Werburgh's, Clayton.

**Parish Council Meeting:** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6:00pm in Priory House.

**Finance Council Meeting:** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Mar at 6:00pm in Priory House.

**SVP Meeting:** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March after the Evening Mass.

## PARISH FINANCE

Gift Aid	£ 227.91
Loose	171.45
Total	£ 399.36

## THIS WEEK

Counters **Team 3**  
Red Bag Parish Collection  
Blue Bag **Racial Justice**

## NEXT WEEK

Counters **Team 4**  
Red Bag Parish Collection  
Blue Bag **No Second Collection**

**Many thanks for your contribution**

### **Mass Attendance**

Sat:59; Sun:280. Your weekly mass attendance is the greatest support to the parish. If you are going away on holiday please remember the parish in your prayers.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		READERS
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	J Hughes, D Moran	D Butler, D Butler, P Ball
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	A Tipper, M Synnott	T Cotton, L Punitharaja, M Synnott
Sat 23 <sup>th</sup> Feb	M Kavanagh, T Brougham	M Kavanagh, M Kavanagh, P Grady
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	A Faraday, P Connell	P Joseph, A Faraday, C Plaza

Children's Liturgy Rota	
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Michelle
24 <sup>th</sup> February	School half term

**Children's liturgy takes place every Sunday mass during term time:** it is suitable for primary school children who have not yet made their first holy communion. Children younger than 4 years old are welcome to attend, but need to be accompanied by an adult please. For safety reasons, please can any children who arrive late and wish to attend children's liturgy be accompanied down the stairs by an adult.

**Altar Servers:** are being reminded, that they are expected to hang up their albs and girdles after they have helped putting things away.

**Friends of the Holy Land message to all:** 'Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £200. Last year the crib offerings enabled Friends of the Holy Land to support around 200 ad hoc emergency requests for help with the cost of operations, medication, medical equipment and family support. With no NHS the cost of these is often prohibitive, putting families who are already struggling into a desperate situation.'

**Communion of the sick and housebound:** if you have relatives that needed to be visited for holy communion by the Priest. Please file up the consent form provided at the back of the Church and hand it to Fr George.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8 – A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 – If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17, 20-26 – How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

### ***Sunday Reflections***

*Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.*

*When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.*

*Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel— Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.*

*The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favored.”*

*As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.*

*The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.*

### **NOTICES**

**Baptism:** please pray for Miyelani Makoni who will be baptised next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Also pray for his parents, relatives and godparents.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham statement:** The Charity Commission has launched a Statutory Inquiry into safeguarding at the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This follows the Archdiocese's recent participation as a case study in the national IICSA Inquiry (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse), for which we now await the report and recommendations. The Archdiocese is fully committed to co-operating with the Charity Commission as the Inquiry unfolds, and to the resolution of any and all issues associated with safeguarding.

Following IICSA the Archdiocese took immediate action to improve its approach to safeguarding, and this work is continuing with additional resources in place to support this. For more information on the IICSA hearing please visit:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/archdiocese-of-birmingham-involvement-in-iicsa](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/archdiocese-of-birmingham-involvement-in-iicsa)

*If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 0121 230 6240. Alternatively, you may prefer to contact the National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) on 0800 801 0331 or the IICSA Truth Project on 0800 917 1000.*

**North Staffs Deanery Vocation Mass:** on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale at 7:00pm. Principal celebrant will be Fr Michael Glover. St Joseph College is the sponsoring school.

**Annual Study Day on Inter-Faith Matters:** by Dr John McDade on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am – 3:30pm in Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. Suggested contribution is £15 per person to include hot lunch and speaker's fee. For more details please contact Pat Whitney on 07790716887 or email [patriciawhitney@gmail.com](mailto:patriciawhitney@gmail.com)

**Year for Priests 2018-2019 Called to Witness:** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May on the Feast of the Martyrs of England and Wales at Harvington Hall, Worcestershire. This is offered to young people aged 18-25, an opportunity to reflect on the vocation of the lay and ordained in today's world, in the light of the witness of the Reformation martyrs of our country. For more details please contact Deacon Michael McKearney on 0121 230 6273 or email [michael.mckearney@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:michael.mckearney@rc-birmingham.org).

**Sacramental Preparation:** the Instruction for First Holy Communion will be on the following Tuesdays of **26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Mar and 9<sup>th</sup> April**. If you cannot attend any of the sessions or have any questions please contact the Parish Catechist, Bev Alaimo on 07708575713.

The Instruction for Confirmation will be every Tuesday on **5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, Mar, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Apr, 14<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June** at 4:15pm in Priory House.