



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

## 17 February 2019 3 before Lent Yr C 19/7

Wecomers: Eva Kasella  
 Readers: Dionne Carter and Shirley Chinery  
 Interceder: Kerry Sabine  
 Euch Mins: Hilary Roden and Kerry Sabine  
 Coffee: Nick and Isabelle (24th. Eva)

Readings for 2 before Lent: 24 February 2019 at 10am  
 Gen 2:4-9, 15-25 Beatrice A-Rennor; Rev 4:1-11 Rebecca H.



**THE MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES** With Fr Stephen leaving for a week's visit to Israel on Tuesday, my mind went back to the glorious week that Maria and I had there in 2016. While we saw all the familiar places from the Gospels and were able to bring back water from the River Jordan to use at Baptisms here at St James', the large hillside where Jesus spoke the words of the Beatitudes was one of the most moving. The Church on the front of the pew sheet looks down onto a natural amphitheatre sloping down to the Lake of Galilee and it wasn't difficult to imagine the great crowds pushing and shoving so that they didn't miss a word. And what are the Beatitudes about? Nothing less than turning the world's expectations upside down. Jesus couldn't be more explicit: *blessed are the poor, the hungry, the sad and the persecuted*. In modern language it sounds even more crazy: '*Happy the poor, the hungry, the sad and the persecuted!*' All the time Jesus was - and of course still is - pointing to the greater reality: the rich have had their reward, but the poor will inherit eternal life. But are we the poor even if we live in Islington? It's about attitude not money...

### Notes on today's readings:

**Jeremiah 17: 5-10** There is a law for the rich and a law for the poor...

**1 Cor. 15: 12-20** St Paul gets to the heart of our faith: the Resurrection of Jesus

**St Luke 6: 17-26** Blessings and woes; the words of Jesus never fail to ring true

### TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Entry	AM602	Blest are the pure in h.
Gradual	TP106	O let the Son of God
Offertory	AM558	Now praise the God
P-Comm	TP158	What do you want
Final	AM604	Brother, sister let me

### WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass (see back page for giving by text).
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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**Collect:** O God, you alone can satisfy our deepest needs. Protect us from the temptations of wealth and power. Teach us to seek first the Kingdom of God that we may know always the security and joy of those who place their trust in you. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PENTONVILLE** The clergy chapter met in the chapel of Pentonville prison on Tuesday. Apart from the warning about rats in the nearby toilets, what struck us was the noise on the landings which, we were told is constant: 24/7. We were also told that the average reading age of those entering was just 8 and the proportion of those with at least one mental illness was over 50%. The pressure on staff and inmates is simply colossal and yet there were a number of good news stories too and of people coming to faith through the work of the prison chaplains. Please pray for them all.

**COUNT ME IN** Every six years the Church has to set up a new Electoral Roll of all its regular members. These new forms have to be signed by each of you by **March 17th** please. Spares available.

**MARK THE DATE** Just to remind our young families that the annual Mardi Gras party in the Hall will be at 3pm on Sunday **March 3rd**. See you there!

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** If you have one of these, can you return it to Laura ASAP for the annual count? Every penny helps neglected children.

**THE PCC** meets on Wednesday night. The Church and its contents were due to be inspected by the Archdeacon but that has had to be postponed. So we will have the chance to review the AGM reports for April 7th, looking especially at the gap in our finances as we have made a bit of a loss this year. We need to find ways of getting back into the black. Can you help with that?

Sun 17 **3 BEFORE LENT** Susan and Eric Sorensen  
 Mon 18 **DEL Week 6** Jodie Speirs, Gary, Amelia and Elijah Silvera  
 Tues 19 **Feria** Alex, Claire, Kaitlin and Oliver Sukisri  
 Wed 20 **Feria** Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen; Ken and Margaret Thompson  
 Thurs 21 **Feria** Fr Victor; Ashley and Theo Williams  
 Fri 22 **Feria** Belle, Tom, Poppy, Pearl and Bow Williams  
 Sat 23 **St Polycarp** Tim Willis; Chris Wright  
 Sun 24 **2 BEFORE LENT** Brian, Caroline and Oscar Yeats

### WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun 3 **BEFORE LENT** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 Mon 12.15pm Pack Up. 2pm Fr John and Isabel at St Peter's Church in Nottingham.  
 Tues No Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. 2pm St Peter's Freedom Club 10th anniversary. 7.30pm Lucy and Duncan prepare for their wedding in May.  
 Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm PCC meets, Vicarage.  
 Thurs 6-6.30pm only Office session. 6.30pm Open Meeting re St Martin of Tours House, N N Road. Popham Community Centre.  
 Sun 24 **2 BEFORE LENT** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL



MONDAYS  
12.15-1.15pm

### PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

**BIRTHDAYS** Very many Happy Returns to Freddie Jenkins (Barry and Hayley) who will be 1 on Tuesday.

**SICK** Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Wayne Deboo, Wendy Fisher -Gordon, Emily Grainger, Barry Jenkins, Hayley Jenkins, Klenan, Vicki Simmons, Vera Taggart, Curt Weidner and Caroline Yeats.

**DEPARTED** Isabel Nisbet's cousin Andy, killed in a climbing accident, to be laid to rest in Aberdeen on Wednesday.

**MEMORIALS** Today: Lily Goddard; 20th: Barbara Ellsworth Jones (2012); 21st: Bill Barton (St James' photographer, 2002); 23rd: Daisy Hughes, Don Rowan (1996).



**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** One of the saddest things about **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** is the mental torture she undergoes every time there is a splash of publicity. Hopes are raised and then dashed again as the Iranian government resists all attempts by the international community to have Nazanin released. For the moment she has been promised proper medical attention and has lifted her hunger strike as a result. But we hope and pray for much more than this and trust that Jeremy Hunt the Foreign Secretary will continue to push for her freedom. Please pray too for her husband Richard and their young daughter Gabriella.

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