

Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

### FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM 2019

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th - June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Micheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork Contact Micheál at 0868337681 or email [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)

### **Lourdes 2019 Young Adult Helpers**

Diocese of Cork & Ross invite young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10-15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full programme - time for prayer - sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places. For further info, contact Fr. Charlie Kiely on 021 453 7474.

### **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)**

Ireland are holding an information and support event for patients with CLL and their family members. The event will take place at the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork on Saturday, March 2nd from 1.30-4.30pm. Please register for the event on website [www.clle.ie](http://www.clle.ie) or contact Annemarie 086 4115195.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

A support group is being set up in the SMA Parish Centre Wilton. Sessions begin on Wednesday 20th February at 8pm. It is open to people recently or long-term bereaved. For further information contact Frances: 4541878. Pauline: 086 8597658.

### **Catholic Teaching/Views**

In the present day world we are all inundated with news and views coming from so many different sources, through internet, social media, t.v. etc. It would be safe to say that the world has become very small with the availability of instant information on many topics. It is important that we try to keep abreast with understanding where the Catholic Church stands with so many issues in our modern world. I encourage you to pick up a copy of The Irish Catholic Paper to familiarise with such.



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## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - Psalter Week 2 17th February 2019**

### **Mass Times**

**Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon**

**Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm**

**Weekdays: 7.15am, 10am.**

**Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & 6.20pm.**

**Sunday Devotions: 5.00 p.m.**

**Adoration: 1.30 - 3.00pm**

### **Masses Saturday 16th February 2019**

**7.00pm Vigil Mary Ellen Keating R.I.P. Anniv.**

### **Masses Sunday 17th February 2019**

**10.00am Helen Cronin R.I.P. Anniversary**

**12 noon John Madigan R.I.P. 1st Anniversary**

### **Remembrance/Anniversaries**

Mary Ellen Keating/Helen Cronin/John Barrett  
John Madigan 1st Anniversary/Susan McCarthy

Paddy & Mary O'Brien / Lily O'Connor

Jim Nolan / Andrew & Eileen Power

Tadhg O'Shaughnessy 13th Anniversary

John O'Keeffe/Frank Keyes 7th Anniversary

Maureen Sayers/Patrick & Ellen Coogan

Ronnie Daly/Billy D'Arcy 5th Anniversary

**May they Rest in Peace**

**Church collection €1,060**

**Lourdes Invalid Fund €760**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Today's second collection is for Church Renovation Fund**

### **REFLECTION**

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. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

### **Bulletin Sponsorship**

This weekend's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of John Madigan whose first anniversary occurs now.

SMA Website where you will find news of the SMA, its work in Africa and other parts of the world [www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie).