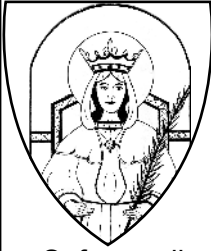


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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**Week 07**

**19th February 2023**

## **The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Today's first reading from the Book of Leviticus (one of the books of the Torah) and the gospel speak of love and how we should love one another. The first reading from the Book of Leviticus is brief but contains the key points or commands for living life as God wants us to live. In the gospel, Jesus tells us that the old way of 'an eye for an eye' has no place in the kingdom and will not lead to peace. He tells us that we must love even our enemies if we are to be his disciples and so bring lasting peace to the world.

The second reading tells us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and we must do all that we can to protect and strengthen that temple. If we look after the temple within us and live according to the will of the Spirit, we will truly love our fellow men and women and so help make the kingdom of God a visible reality here on earth for all to see.

## **Saint Conrad of Piacenza 19th February**



Born of a noble family in northern Italy, Conrad as a young man married Euphrosyne, daughter of a nobleman.

One day while hunting he ordered attendants to set fire to some brush in order to flush out the game. The fire spread to nearby fields and to a large forest. Conrad fled. An innocent peasant was imprisoned, tortured to confess, and condemned to death. Conrad confessed his guilt, saved the man's life, and paid for the damaged property. Soon after this event, Conrad and his wife agreed to separate: she to a Poor Clare monastery and he to a group of hermits following the Third Order Rule. His reputation for holiness, however, spread quickly. Since his many visitors destroyed his solitude, Conrad went to a more remote spot in Sicily where he lived 36 years as a hermit, praying for himself and for the rest of the world.

Prayer and penance were his answer to the temptations that beset him. Conrad died kneeling before a crucifix. He was canonized in 1625.

## **Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto 20<sup>th</sup> Febuary**



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely

bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary “to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary’s final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

### **A Prayer for Peace of Mind**

Almighty God, We bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all-around peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses, and everything we lay our hands on. Amen

### **A Gap Year opportunity**

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

## **God Calling 21<sup>st</sup> February**

### **Nothing Can Hurt**

The way is plain.

You do not need to see far ahead. Just one step at a time with Me. The same light to guide you as the Hosts of Heaven know — the Son of Righteousness Himself.

Only self can cast a shadow on the way. Be more afraid of Spirit-unrest, of soul-disturbance, of any ruffling of the Spirit, than of earthquake or fire or any outside forces.

When you feel the absolute calm has been broken — away alone with Me until your heart sings, and all is strong and calm.

These are the only times when evil can find an entrance. The forces of the evil surround the city of man-soul, and are keenly alert for one such unguarded spot, through which an arrow can pierce and do havoc.

Remember all that you have to do is to keep calm and happy. God does the rest. No evil force can hinder My Power — only you yourself have power to do that.

Think when all God's mighty forces are arrayed to aid you — and your poor, puny self impedes their onward march.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow...Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matthew 6:34

## **Through the Year with Fr. Francis.**

### **Parental Authority 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

"Is there a man among you who would hand his son a stone  
when he asked for bread?" Mt 7:9

WHEN JESUS was twelve years old. He went back to Nazareth and He lived under the authority of Joseph and Mary.

I would like to say a word in support of parental authority. If children loved and obeyed their parents, we would have a far happier society today. There would be more love and less selfishness in homes: more care for people's property and less vandalism: a greater respect for people and life and less abortions and muggings. But if parents want respect and obedience from their children they must first earn it. This demands their time, thoughtfulness and discipline.

Are they prepared to give it?

## **CAFOD Syria-Turkey earthquake Appeal**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Your support throughout the year allows CAFOD to act speedily when disasters strike. Please pray for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquake. For further information visit:

CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at [www.churchservices.tv/croxteth](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth)

## Liturgy for the Week

### Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Brendan Murphy (Anniv), Bill Morley
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Edward (Ned) Burke (100th B'day Rem)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45am</b>	Requiem: Benjamin (Brian) Threlfall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Service of distribution of ashes
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Patrick & Jackie Edmonds (G.W.)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Marie O'Shaunessy (G.W.), Brian Threlfall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Francis Doran (Anniv), Mary Kelly (B'day Rem)

**Your prayers are asked for those who have**

### Died recently

Stan Jones, Rhys Hill, Vera Fee,  
Joan Yates, Joseph Jones

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Mary Kelly, Noah Joseph Jones,  
Patrick McMahon, Thomas Moore.

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.**

Angela Adlen	<i>Eileen Guy</i>	<i>Paul &amp; Kate</i>	<i>Christine &amp; David</i>
Angela Gregory	<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	<i>Peter Fraser</i>	<u><i>Fitzsimmons</i></u>
Baby Bella	<i>Janet Clark</i>	<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Joan,</i>
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Andreas <u>Samaras</u></i>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Joan Turner</i>	<i>Margaret &amp;</i>
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Canon Brendan Alger</i>	<i>Joseph <u>Maloney</u></i>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	<i>Julie Pearce</i>	<i>Vassilis</i>
Eddie Unsworth	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	<i>Eleanor Mawdsley</i>	<u><i>Alamaniotis</i></u>
<i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i>	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>	<i>Peter &amp; Jane Kelly</i>	<i>Ann Shreeve</i>
	<i>Marie O'Connell</i>	<i>Marie O'Shaunessy</i>	

## Prayer for Strength

O Lord, be our Sanctifier and the Shepherd.

Strengthen and help us, that in our daily life walk with you,  
we serve you in all quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.