

Holy Family Little Church

Forgiving and Forgiven

Matthew 5:21-25

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Weekday Mass: Mon & Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

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We can too easily forget that the law is more about relationships than it is rules. When that happens we're in grave danger of keeping the rules and losing the relationship." (M.Marsh)

"Jesus told his Jewish followers to be faithful to their own tradition. He did this by strongly distinguishing between essentials and non-essentials, and then pushed it even further. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses six repetitions of the same phrase: "You have heard it said . . . but I say. . . ." For both Jesus and Paul, law is never an end in itself. (This is Paul's primary point in both Romans and Galatians! How could we miss that?)

Somehow we missed the subtlety: Jesus is never throwing out the law, but is framing its purpose quite differently and giving it a different emphasis, shape, and goal. Jesus broadens the message, always in the direction of mercy and inclusivity, and disconnects it from any tribal thinking whatsoever. That's what the Spirit teaches us to do, too.

Laws can only give us information, and even helpful information, but they cannot give us transformation." (cf Romans 3:20; 7:7-13) Law is a necessary stage one, but if we stay there it actually becomes a 'stumbling stone'. It often frustrates the process of transformation by becoming an end in itself. It inoculates us from the real thing. Torah, or Law, is the best and most helpful place to begin but not the best place to stay, and surely not the best place to end.

Juridically, law is an end in itself, absolutely good and necessary for social order. Spiritually, law is a means, not an end at all. What is the law really for? It's not to make God love us. He does love us and we are powerless to change that one way or another. The purpose of spiritual law is simply to sharpen our awareness of who we are and who God is, so that we can name our insufficiency and, in that same movement, find God's fullness. Humans do not have the patience or humility of God. We want things done immediately to achieve our goals. Spiritual power is the ability to influence others and events through our very being. Spirituality is a concern for our real inner Source, as opposed to any primary concern for our 'doing'. Doing will always take care of itself when our being is right.

Only people of the Spirit actually change things. The rest of us just rearrange them." (Richard. Rohr)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th February 2017 Eucharistic Prayer: 4

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 11th February 2017

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Bill Moon	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper Mabel Millar (Nora & Brendan)	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15m	<i>Holy Family</i>	Alfred Kenneth Craven	<i>Feast: Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>
Tue 9.15am 1.15pm	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i>	Ivor Hilton Funeral Service: Stephen Gardner	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	John Rigby	
Thur 1.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Funeral MASS: Lena Carling	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Seamus Hasson	Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Jean Breslin	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Winifred Cooper For our parish	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 118 Offertory: £190.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Jean Breslin, In thanks (60th Wedding), Winifred Cooper, Riley & Rawcliffe families, John Rigby, George & Winifred Lawrence, Mary Taynor, In thanksgiving (PN).

Monday Surgery

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church on Monday evening this week for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc. From 5.30-6.30pm.

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick., Bill O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Johnson, Eveline Eccles, Malaya, Ray Mannion, John Miller, Claire, Bill York;

those who have died recently, Stuart Anderson, Joseph Holden, Johanna McDonnell, John Philips;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ann Waddington, Winifred Kelsey, Elizabeth Walker, Julius Smith, Bertha Billington, Tom Davies, Howard Newsham, Eileen Kevil, Gary Cole, Kenneth Skinner, Gerald Wayne, Francis Dobson, Maria Consiglio-George Ivor Hilton, Mary Olive Hughes, James Collier, Fr. Bob Magner, Mary Baines.

Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

It was good to see good support from the staff of Holy Family School for the children (and adults) who have begun their formal preparation for the Sacraments. Please pray that they may know the wonder of God's great gift to us.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Michael will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th June at 6.30pm. We will be inviting applications soon.

Young People—Lourdes Pilgrimage

'A great week of faith, service, fun and friendship'. 19th-29th July. Details in the porch or on www.castleriggmanor.co.uk See also Castlerigg **Easter Retreat** 13th-16th April and **Family Weekend** from 28th-30th April.

Caring For Carers: Retreat Day

We are all carers in some way and we must also care for ourselves. This day of reflection is open to everyone who finds themselves in a difficult life situation. On Feb 16th, starting at 10am. Lunch will be provided. Suggested offering £10. Tabor Retreat Centre, 169 Sharoe Green Lane. Please contact us if you would like to attend. Tel: 01772 723568. (Cathy York. Tabor team)

Live Band Night

With 'Kathy & the Hornbeats' in St. Anthony's Parish Centre on Saturday 25th February. Tickets to include hot buffet. Adults £15, children £8. available from St. Anthony's. In aid of the Church Building Fund.

Readers' Workshop

Next Saturday 18th February at Our Lady and St Edward's, Marlborough Drive from 11am to 2pm. Cost is £5 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. To book a place please e-mail Fr John Millar: ljwmillar1@gmail.com

A film for Fairtrade Fortnight

On Tuesday 28th February. The film Connected by Coffee will be screened at The Continental, South Meadow Lane, at 8pm. This is an inspiring and thought-provoking documentary about the lives and history of the people who grow the coffee we drink. Tickets £5 from the Continental (01772 499425) or on the door. (www.newcontinental.net/whats-on/event/fairtrade-film-screening-connected-coffee)

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

These items are the most needed at the moment: –

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| * coffee sachets (2 in 1) | * drinking chocolate sachets |
| * UHT milk | * instant desserts |
| * potato mash | * biscuits |
| | * juices for lunch boxes |
| | * cooking oils |

Thank you for your generous giving during the year.

NEXT SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 19:1-2,17-18 You must love your neighbour as yourself.

1Cor 3:16-23 You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Matt 5:38-48 Love your enemies.