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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

14th February 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday **No Saturday evening Mass at present**
Sunday 9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Eamon Enright

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Betty Wattrus

Wednesday [Ash Wednesday *Day of Fasting and Abstinence*]

9.00 am Patrick and Winifred Ruane

Imposition of Ashes during Mass – see below

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Hilary Mayell

Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Debbie

Saturday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Barbara Service; Neville Poole; Sr M. Rose; Jan Jones; Mariangela Byrne** (anniversaries)

The morning Mass will be the only public Mass celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

The instructions we have been given about the liturgy on that day are as follows:-

The ashes are blessed in the normal way, the priest then says the formula: 'Remember, you are dust...' once over everyone present; he does not repeat the formula for everyone who comes forward. The imposition of ashes takes place in silence and the priest sprinkles the ashes on the top of the penitent's head; he does not make the sign of the cross on the forehead with the ashes. So, do not wear a hat!

We will not have a public celebration of the Stations of the Cross, at least at the start of Lent, and, depending on what government restrictions are in place, we may be forced to have a much reduced liturgy for Holy Week and Easter. More on that in the coming weeks.

It would be a kindness if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves by the end of this month and taken away from site – otherwise, it means that the bins become full of wreaths, and

it takes weeks to dispose of them through the regular fortnightly rubbish collections. Thereafter, they will be removed without further notice.

Although the Church of Jesus Christ is found in many different places, she is one Church, not many. After all, there are many rays of sunlight, but only one sun. A tree has many boughs, each slightly different from the others, but all are drawing their strength from the one source. Many streams may flow down a hill-side, but they all originate from the same spring. In exactly the same way each local congregation belongs to the one Church.

If you put a solid object across a ray of the sun it disappears, cut off from its source of light. If you break a branch off a tree, it dies and can never bud again. And if you dam up a stream, the course will soon dry up.

The Church offers the light of Christ to the world, flooding out from him who is the source of all light. Cut off from that light, and the darkness is total. To cut oneself off from the Body of Christ, where the light shines, is to choose darkness.

The Church stretches out her branches all over the earth, offering shelter and refreshment to the weary. And she also pours out the living water, which we can drink and never thirst again.

At all costs, let us make sure that we are not guilty, by our divisions, of cutting off from men and women that light, that shelter, and that water of life.

St Cyprian (200-258 A.D.)