



Newsletter for the Parish of

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

30th August 2020

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Saturday 4.30pm	Phillipa & Warren Clarke 20th Wedding Anniversary	We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. Also those who have recently died James Glover, Pauline Mary Charnley, Mary Patricia Riley, Alban Westwell. and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time...may the peace of our Risen Lord enfold us all.
Sunday 9.30am	Rita Vint Anni	
Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time		Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for... Saturday 1st - Friday 7th August Children in care Those who care for them
Tuesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	Louis Wilcock Anni.	
Wednesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	Pat Atherton Anni. (public Mass)	
Thursday, Feast of ST Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor	Mary Edna & Joe Littlewood R.I.P.	
Friday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving	
Saturday, Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday, Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Saturday 4.30pm Mass Sunday 9.30am Mass	Thanksgiving for Successful Operation (Yvonne Gough) Stephen Aspden Anni.	

ATTENDING MASS

It is great to see so many at the 9.30 Mass, but we are slowly starting to reach our full capacity. There is still plenty of room at the 4.30pm Mass and there is also plenty of room at the weekday Mass on Wednesdays. I know that the Sunday Mass is so precious to us but the miracle of the Mass is the same whichever day we celebrate it on. I ask you to consider this as I would not like to turn anyone away from Mass because we have reached our full capacity.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Payment can be made preferably by standing order or online bank transfer. The bank details: HSBC 99-101 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 6PG sort code 40-29-12 account No. 51545205. There are collection baskets both at the entrance and exit. Donations can also be posted or delivered to either presbytery. Thank you for your continued support!

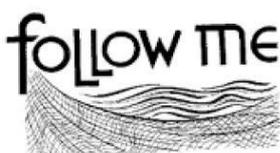
NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As our Staff and children return to school, they are being asked to do the impossible. Please pray for staff, children, and their families. We pray that the new school year at our three schools will be positive and fruitful despite the many changes.

THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS AT MASS

I continue to be grateful to our stewards at our two masses. They are doing a great job and without them we could not celebrate Mass together.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY. PLEASE STAY AT HOME IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS ANY COVID19 SYMPTOMS

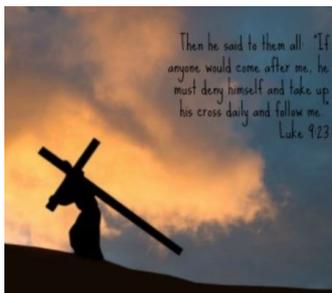


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.



Almighty God, in our distress and grief help us to remember that you love us. We do not understand why this great disaster has happened but help us to trust you.

Loving Lord,
for those who have died, give them eternal rest
for those who are bereaved, comfort and console them
for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers
and sisters in whatever way we can.
Heavenly Father be with us now and always.

Amen.
Diana Ng-Sutherland, CAFOD

Numbers at Mass 25th/26th July

Saturday 56 Sunday 75 Wednesday 20



The coronavirus has dominated our lives for the last few months and its effects have been devastating for individuals, families, society and the church. Nobody has escaped it: even if they haven't been infected, they have been affected by it. It has made me ask why God allows viruses to exist. Human understanding has provided some answers for other germs like bacteria which can also have good effects like helping to digest food as well as bad ones, but viruses just seem to be harmful and do no good at all. I don't have an answer to this question; it just makes me realise how much we don't know about God's creation.

The awareness that we are vulnerable and often powerless in the face of a microbe so small that we cannot see it with the naked eye, makes me feel very humble and is a good antidote to the tendency to arrogance which can creep in to modern attitudes when we think we can solve all problems instantly. But we have not been abandoned by God. He is with us and we can look for and find signs of his presence.

That's not easy, I know, but I felt it when I stood on my doorstep to clap NHS and other key workers, or I read of scientists working night and day to find a vaccine. I also see his presence when I see the enormous voluntary effort that is being made to support families and individuals who have lost their income during this crisis. Our God who always gives us cause to hope is not hiding; he is sustaining us in everything we do.

By Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 9 October 2020

Coronavirus is a crisis that affects us all. It will take all of us working together to survive, rebuild and heal.

With you by our side, our local experts and community volunteers can ensure help reaches the most vulnerable communities on earth before the virus does.

"We thank God that Cafod stepped in and provided us with PPE. They give us the confidence to go on".

Sr. Gertrude, Handmaids Catholic Heath Clinic, Sierra Leone

This Family Fast Day, please fast and give to help protect our global family.

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