



## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*In today's Gospel Jesus noticed people who pushed themselves to the top of the social ladder because they had a full wallet, or a big house or an important job that put them above others in the workplace. Self-proclaimed celebrities invited Jesus for a meal in the hope that his presence would boost their public image. They liked to hear him speak but they also watched his every mouthful of food and drink, commenting on it afterwards. Jesus was aware of the shallow pretence of people whose real interest was in self-promotion and their own bank balance. He came as someone to heal the sick and so he accepted the invitations and polite conversations of social climbers, hoping that his presence might make a difference.*

*Jesus tried to reach out to everyone, especially those who he thought had lost their way. What mattered for Jesus was that which was in a person's heart. Jesus knew that "anyone who exalts themselves shall be humbled". He knew the dangers that these people were inflicting upon themselves by thinking they were greater than others, just because of social status or wealth. May we become the people that God calls us to be. May we see the face of Christ in the poorest and humblest people in the world and share our faith and love with them.*

## **DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.**

*To donate, text:*

**HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.**

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.*

## **RELICS OF ST.BERNADETTE.**

*In September and October this year, the relics of St .Bernadette will make a tour of England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people to come together to celebrate the love and life of St. Bernadette in a church close by. The relics will visit the following churches very soon: -*

*St. Mary's, Chorley – 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Liverpool Cathedral – 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.**

*Many thanks to those Eucharistic Ministers who have volunteered to help distribute Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. The new rotas should have been emailed to you. If you haven't received one hard copies are available in the Sacristy. If you cannot cover your date, can you please swap with one of the other Eucharistic Ministers.*

## **LEGION OF MARY.**

*The Legion of Mary are celebrating Our Lady's Birthday on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm. this will be held in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church in Hindley Green and will include refreshments. All welcome.*

## **PRAYER WALK.**

*This Sunday afternoon we will be having a Prayer Walk around all the churches in the Atherton area. We are going to start the walk from St.Richard's at 2pm. Please come along and join us and bring your walking boots! Please check the notice board at the back of church for the full itinerary.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time and the opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue. We are keeping some parts of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable. Covid guidelines will continue to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.*

## **Response to the Psalm....**

*"In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor."*