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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (c) Sept 11th 2022



Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which He looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. — St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)

He was lost, and is found

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DATE	MASS OTHER
Sun 11th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (Education Sunday)
	9.15 (BB) for the parish
	11am (HAD) M & J Cannon RIP (MS)
	HAD parish council meeting after Mass
Mon 12th - Fri 30th : no weekday Masses	
	PARISH DIARY 12 Sept - 2nd Oct
Thurs 15th :	6pm (HAD) : Peter Cowden's coffin brought to church
	(Deacon Owen)
	7-9pm (oratory) 'Sycamore' course (2)
Fri 16th	11am (HAD) Requiem Mass for Peter Cowden RIP (Fr Martin)
Sun 18th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY Home Mission Sunday 9.15 (BB) for the parish (Fr Kevin Prince) 11am (HAD) Linda RIP (M&SR)
	Thurs 22nd (HAD) 7-9pm (oratory) 'Sycamore' course (3)
Sun 25th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (Fr Jim O'Hanlon)
	9.15 (BB) for the parish
	11am (HAD) Fr Sullivan's and Teresa Phillip's welfare (D&KH)
Thurs 29th	7-9pm (oratory) 'Sycamore' course (4)
Sat 1st Oct	9.30 (HAD) John Walker's welfare (D&KH)
Sun 2nd Oct	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
	9.15 (BB) M McKeever
	11am (HAD) for the parish

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Dennis Brady, Jacob Ibbotson, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Pat O'Hanlon, Oswald Lofthouse, Paul Casartelli, Bishop Thomas Dunne, Alfred Baldwin, Joe Carty, Hugh Doherty, Terry Fellows, Joe, Jones, Jack McLean, Pat O'Doherty; Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the 24th Sunday and is declared as 'Education Sunday'. Though there is no mandatory second collection, a basket will be at the back of church for voluntary donation to the Catholic Education Service.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is marked this year just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2022 is 'enlightening the mind'', taken from Ephesians 1:17-18. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually must find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. On this Sunday we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

SAINTS OF THE WEEKS

* Weds 14th **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** "We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee, because by that Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world."

*Thurs 15th Our Lady of Sorrows : can you name the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady?

*Sat 24th : **Our Lady of Walsingham** : the East Anglian shrine visited by counless of our monarchs in yesteryear - lastly and notoriously Henry VIII, who five minutes later caused it to be desecrated and destroyed.

*Thurs 29th : Feastday of the Holy Archangels. We especially need St Michael's ;powerful intercession against many of the satanic wiles of our times.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We note the recent death of **Phyllis Byrne**, late of Hadfield and St Charles parish. Her funeral arrangements are pending.

'EVANGELII GAUDIUM' Sunday 18th September

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate at the Bishops' Conference in supporting our bishops in three important areas:

Firstly, evangelisation and catechesis. Guided by the Bishops, this work supports the dioceses in bringing the beauty of the Catholic Faith to the people in their parishes, and to those who do not yet know the Lord.

Secondly, the beauty of the Liturgy and our church buildings. The Mission directorate ensures that liturgical directives from Rome are acted upon and liturgical texts are translated into English. Historical building experts work in the Directorate and support dioceses to fund and maintain beautiful places for prayer.

Thirdly, sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This work supports the bishops at the national level and helps create greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those with no faith, but who seek the Lord "with a sincere heart.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support these three important areas of work. Thank you. More information can be found at: <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/</u>

THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Cardinal Nichols has paid, on behalf of the Catholics of her realm, this tribute: "On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this sad time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace. We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King."

MY THANKS to those clergy who are supplying during my two holiday weekends, and those who are supporting the funerals.

PARISH TOTE Recent winners: St Charles : 1st : £40 - T Berry; 2nd £20 : M Gee.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/ collection" 00510567 ; St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection" 00269177.

SYCAMORE This course began this week in the oratory. Our thanks to those who organised and supported this initiative. I hope that many more will want to come along to this weekly gathering aimed at digging deeper into our faith, love for the Lord, and the gifts of his church. Each meeting begins with a small repast followed by a video with discussion and prayers. Non-Catholics seeking an understanding of our church and its teachings are as welcome as those who wish to refresh their faith. Come one, come all! **FOODBANK APPEAL** We have been asked to be generous to local foodbanks, which are in great demand these days. Particularly welcome: Pasta sauce, tinned fruit and fish, and uht milk. Please bring to either church or rectory door when you can.

MISSIO magazines are found at the back of church. Tolle, lege!

MASS INTENTIONS Amongst the Mass intentions to be honoured elsewhere during the next few weeks: *M Byrne RIP, E Marsden RIP, welfare S Redford.*

CONTINUE TO PRAY for Fr John Sullivan, my predecessor at St Charles. He was this week hospitalised after a fall at his High Lane address; pray also for Teresa Phillips his housekeeper, under rehabilitation care in Bramhall.

THIS NEWSLETTER has three weeks currency. I hope to publish the next one on 1st October.