

St. Anthony of Padua

Parish Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2020



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Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend and this weekend. There were many positive comments about having the Mass with smaller groups as it made the occasion more personal. Thanks to the Catechists who were present to enable the smooth running of the Masses and to the volunteers for help sanitising the pews. Special thanks are reserved to the parents who guided their children through the *With You Always* Programme which makes it a parish programme in action.

Confession will be available next Saturday, 26th September at 11.00am. Please reserve your time by contacting the parish office between 9.30 and 11.30 {Monday to Friday}.

CENSUS FORMS are available in Church. Please complete and return it to Church or friary.

BAPTISMS will take place on Saturdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October. Please contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. There will be one baby per baptism.

Sunday Mass will be 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00, 10.00 and 12.00 on Sunday. Weekday Mass [Monday – Friday] continues to **fulfil the Sunday obligation**. The 6.00pm, 8.00am and 12.00 were comfortably attended. Fr. Kevin is reluctant to introduce a booking system for Sunday Mass, however, if one or more Masses has a high attendance then a booking system may have to be considered for those Masses in order to keep everyone safe.

THANK YOU for your contributions each week which support the Church and Friars.

Christian Worship References / Faith Forms: due to unpredicted circumstances, faith forms for High School applications will not be signed by the Parish Priest. **Proof of religious practice or faith forms** signed by individuals purporting to exercise a ministry in this parish or claiming to represent the parish and the priests is disingenuous. All forms or certificates signed by the parish priest are embossed with the parish seal which indicates that the document is valid.

New Church Mass times: September 2020

19. Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm.	Mariammas rip
20. Sunday	8.00 am.	Dr M McMia rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Dr T Z Aung rip
21. Monday	12.00 noon	Successful cancer treatment
22. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Dr Tom Than rip
23. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Fr. Patrick Kelly rip
24. Thursday	12.00 noon	Amanda King rip (Birthday Remembrance)
25. Friday	12.00 noon	Teresa Walsh rip (Lately Dead)
26. Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm.	Bernard Bowen
27. Sunday	8.00 am.	Catherine Rawlinson
	10.00 am.	Thanksgiving to St Gerald
	12.00 noon.	Parishioners

Masses Received. Thanksgiving to St Gerald, Special Intention, Successful cancer treatment, Fr. Patrick Kelly rip, Amanda King rip (BR), Peter Roughley rip, Successful cancer treatment.

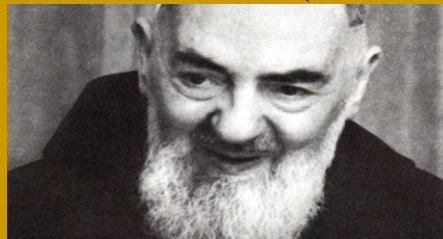
Church Humour:



**Today's Reading is
Matthew 10:30.**

**“But the very hairs of your
head are all eh
Numbered”.**

Wednesday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)



He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.

Sunday Thought for the day;

"Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death."

St. Charles Borromeo is said to have been playing cards with a few of his friends one evening when the subject of conversation got round to death and dying. What would you do, it was asked, if all of a sudden it was revealed that you were going to die this very night. Various answers were immediately forthcoming. "I'd rush off to confession," said one. "I'd get down on my knees" said another "and pray frantically for God's mercy."

A more worldly and perhaps more honest contribution was: "I'd rush off to find my lawyer and check my will." Charles kept silent, continuing to look at his cards. Eventually, remarking on his lack of response, his friends turned to him and asked what he would do. "I'd continue to play cards," was his reply.

A major element in the thinking of the early Christian communities was their expectation of Christ's immediate return. The second coming was considered literally to be just round the corner, and it was this vivid hope that dominated their prayer and worship. In the ten year period of Paul's letters we can see a move from this focus to a growing reflection on Jesus' continuing presence in the here and now, whether in his word or in the Eucharist or in the body of the Church community itself.

This at times created a tension between the two perspectives, and the tension could be seen also in the communities' understanding of their own lives and deaths. To die was to be with Christ in all his fullness, and this perception and desire lay behind the high respect shown for the martyrs. What better way to go to Christ than to sacrifice one's life in bearing witness to him and so sharing in his own self-sacrifice for us? Paul's letters reflect both aspects of this tension: the Christ who is to come and the Christ who is already with us, and also the study of the value of our own life and death. In the letter to the Philippians he sums up his personal feelings, and the argument has a personal edge because Paul himself is under arrest at the time of writing. He is not writing in the abstract.

It would be marvellous to die and be with Christ, says Paul, but he considers himself to be glorified in Christ, whether alive or dead. So which is better? Paul comes down on the side of staying alive because it means he can continue the work of proclaiming the gospel and so work on behalf of the Philippians and all the others to whom he has brought the good news. In this choice Paul unveils the secret about life in Christ. Life in Christ is a life of service. It is measured by how far it is of good to others, not by how far it is to our own benefit or self-satisfaction. This is why it matters not whether we live or die, as long as each act is born of loving service.

Our own concerns about living and dying are usually the opposite of what Paul encountered. We want to continue to live and don't like the idea of death at all. Few of us have the attitude of Cardinal Newman, who said on his deathbed: "I feel like a scholar going on vacation." Even our growing modern desire for euthanasia is a way of avoiding death through pre-empting it. Partly our psychic nature seems programmed to live, and we object to dying as it challenges our sense of immortality.

Historically, as in the reaction of Charles Borromeo's friends, we are also afraid of dying because of our fear of God's judgement. More conscious of our sinfulness than of God's mercy, we are eager to put off the ultimate encounter for as long as possible. It is particularly here that Paul's teaching can be refreshingly helpful to us. There is no sense of distance from God or Christ in his words, no fear of God's wrath or condemnation.

Christ's life of love is all that Paul is aware of, and this life is available to us whether we are alive or dead. The joy of this love glorifies us already in our present life and encourages and enables us to live out our life as gift and witness to Christ for as long as he desires it. We can do this imaginatively right up to our final moments if we have that underlying sense of his joyful presence transforming us, and we can then greet life or death with equal hope and serenity.

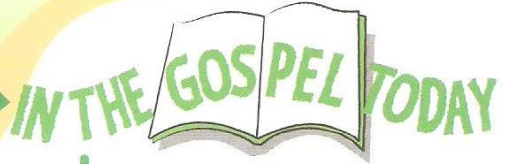
Almighty God, make us new with contrite hearts. May we receive from you perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he urges the Christian community to strive to forgive and love. Let us make forgiveness and mercy the style of our lives so many wars, troubles and suffering can be avoided.
2. As our unemployment rates rise, especially amongst young people, we pray for better times ahead. Let the Holy Spirit instil hope and reassurance into the hearts and minds of the many people facing job uncertainty.
3. We pray for those that are desperately lonely, spending time away from relatives and loved ones. Move us to reach out in love to our community to help those feeling abandoned.
4. We pray for people up and down the country trying to book a Coronavirus test. We pray that the Government and health authorities take appropriate steps for the good of all people to remedy the current situation.
5. We pray for the Church: that it may be a beacon of hope to people throughout the world.
6. We pray that in our daily prayers and conversations we remain faithful to Christ's teaching, allowing us to become better Christians and role models displaying His enduring love and compassion to all.
7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Teresa Walsh and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Br. Joseph Bellis, Josie Barrow, Amanda King, Kathleen McSorley, Pearl Loo, Eileen McLaughlin, Anthony Handam, Alma Aston, Len Flattery, Angela Daly, Bridie Farrell, James Silker, Mary Kirby, Michael Fitchett, Terence Brown, Les Ashton. Margaret McCarthy, Thomas Cullen, Anne Cullen, Margaret Lyons, Isabelle Dean, Les Mould, Louise Holmes, and Steve Keating. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
8. We pray for a moment for our own personal petitions.

God, our loving Father, we ask you to listen to our prayers because we make them in faith and in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



Sunday 20 September 2020
 Matthew 20:1-16
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My name is _____

BE GENEROUS

Crossword

- Who was generous?
- Who got paid the same amount of money?
- Who worked all day?
- What were they paid?

WORKERS

EVERYONE

WAGES

OWNER



Jesus tells a story about a man who owns a vineyard, where he grows many grapes. He invites people to work in the vineyard and promises to pay them. The first group of workers agree to work all day but other workers are hired much later and work for a much shorter time. At the end of the day the owner is generous and pays everyone the same.

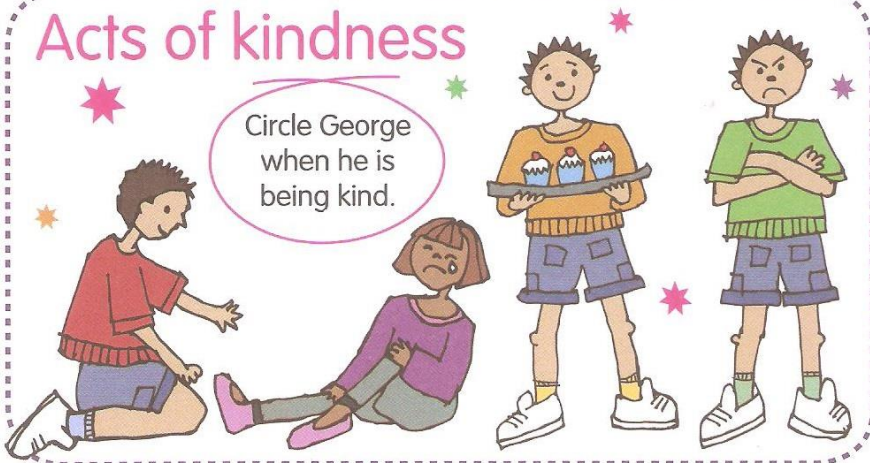
Riddle

Find an important word!

- The first missing letter is in **GO** but not in **SO**
- The second is in **SEA** but not in **ASK**
- The third is in **ONE** but not in **TOE**
- The fourth is in **EAR** but not in **CAR**
- The fifth is in **RED** but not in **BED**
- The sixth is in **POT** but not in **PUT**
- The seventh is in **CUT** but not in **COT**
- The eighth is in **SUN** but not in **BUN**

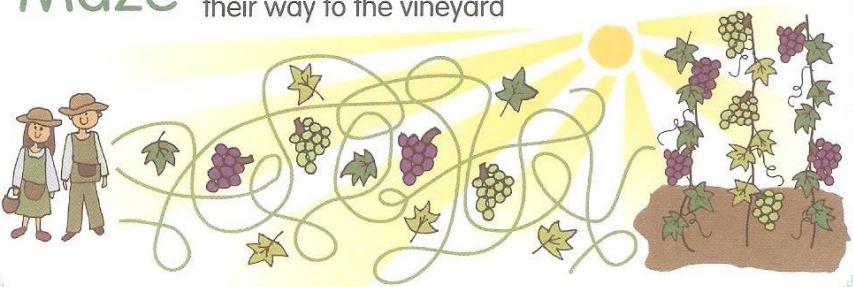
Acts of kindness

Circle George when he is being kind.



Maze

Help the workers find their way to the vineyard



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to be kind and generous. Amen.

Prayer during the Coronavirus crisis.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbors. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.