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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2024

(Sunday cycle year B, weekday cycle year 2, psalter week 1)

Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work



*“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name,
welcomes me”*

Thank You, Lord, for the Richness of Your Harvest

Thank you for the smile of the child: eyes bright, belly full, licking the last cake crumbs from his spoon.
Thank you for the pride of the woman: arms spread, palms stretched, heavy with her first year's harvest.
Thank you for the joy of the man: coming home to his family's future with fair payment for his crops.
Thank you for the love of the neighbour: seeing another's need, sharing from the little she owns.
Thank you for the hope that we share: determination that all should enjoy the richness of your harvest.

(Amy Fox/CAFOD)

THIS WEEK

Sat 21 st	No 10.30am Mass		St Matthew (feast)
	6.00pm	Francis Elliott	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 23 rd	No Mass today		St Pius of Pietrelcina (memorial)
Tue 24 th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Our Lady of Walsingham (memorial)
Wed 25 th	No Mass today		Feria
Thu 26 th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Feria
Fri 27 th	No Mass today		St Vincent de Paul (memorial)
Sat 28 th	No 10.30am Mass		Feria
	6.00pm	Dyonizy and Olga Hetko	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 29 th	9.30am	For the Parish	

First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 21 st	L Gardner	P Cook	Not open
Sun 22 nd	K Slater	L Rigbye	Not open
Bidding prayers	L Lomax	Children's Liturgy	L Rigbye, J Kitchen
		Collection counters	L & M Gardner
Next week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 28 th	C Williamson	J Hothersall	L Lomax
Sun 29 th	L Rigbye	S Schofield	B Gore
Bidding prayers	Fr Raphael	Children's Liturgy	A Fowler, B Gorrell
		Collection counters	P & J Kitchen

Last weekend: attendance: 109, collection: £457.20 – thank you!

Thank you also for the collection for the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate of £39.20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37 – Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

(Loyola Press – Sunday Connection)

This Week's Commemorations

St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio) (1887-1968): Born in the village from which he takes his name he became a Capuchin friar and was very much sought after as a confessor, intercessor and spiritual advisor. He received the stigmata. (Wounds of Christ suggesting divine favour) In 1956, he founded a house for the relief of suffering that serves 60,000 a year and over 100,000 attended his funeral. He was canonised in 2001.

Our Lady of Walsingham: In 1061, the Lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches was visited in a vision by the Virgin Mary who instructed her to build a replica of the house of the Annunciation in Nazareth in her village. This was eventually done and became one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times until it was sacked at the reformation. In 1897 it was re-established, becoming the national shrine, and the Slipper Chapel was raised to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope Francis in 2015.

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1680): He devoted his life to charitable works doing much for prisoners. He founded the Vincentians for the giving of missions and with the help of St Louise de Marillac, set up a congregation of women devoted to the poor and sick called the Sisters of Charity.

THIS WEEK there are no Masses but there will be **Eucharistic Services** on **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** at 9.30am.

This weekend we again welcome **FR FRANCIS BALL** of Sacred Heart, Chorley.

READERS' TRAINING organised by the Archdiocese Liturgy Commission on Saturday, 2nd November at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD. 10.00am to 1.00pm followed by lunch. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For information or to book your place, please email: pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk.

MISSALETTES FOR SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME can be used on ferial days of the same week – the readings, psalm and Gospel acclamation will be different but the antiphons and prayers are the same.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick or housebound including Michael Bolton, Isaac Wilson, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

100 CLUB: The winner for week 41 is number 8, Dave and Ann Gorman. The next block of 10 weeks starts **this weekend** when **subs are due**.

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS: If you or someone you know would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain while in hospital, please ring 01257 262713 (for Chorley hospital) or 01772 719604 (for Preston). For St Catherine's Hospice, contact Browndedge St Mary's on 01772 335168.

In the unlikely event of the need to evacuate church for any reason, the **ASSEMBLY POINT** is in Chapel Fold, by the statue of St Joseph.

The **KEY FOR THE TOILETS** is available at the back of church during Mass.

Bidding prayers for Sunday 22nd of September 2024: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B

Priest Jesus said that the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men to put to death and after three days, he'll rise again. With confidence in the Risen Lord, we place our concerns before our Father in heaven.

Reader Let us pray for the Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests and all who instruct the laity. Lord hear us...

Let us pray for our parish at this time of potential change; may we understand and accept these changes. Lord hear us...

Let us pray for the Middle East, that the conflicts do not escalate, and for governments to look after all peoples. Lord hear us...

Let us pray for the parish, that we continue to look after each other, and for all the various volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes. Lord hear us...

Let us pray for the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the recently bereaved. Lord hear us...

We ask that Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the church, helps us with our petitions as we say together: Hail Mary...

We now pray for our own intentions in silence.

Priest Jesus said to the Twelve that if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all. May we always put others before ourselves. We make this prayer, and all our prayers, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.