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ROSARY SUNDAY



“Two become one”

Sovereign God, you make us for each other, to live in loving community as friends, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, wives and husband, partners and companions. Teach us to choose love that is committed and devoted; teach us like little children to wonder and to trust, that our loving may reflect the image of Christ. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 5 th	10.00am	CONFESSIONS	BVM
	10.30am	For peace in the world (<i>Anointing of the sick during Mass</i>)	
	SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD		Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm	Rodney Boon		
Sun 6 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 7 th	No Mass today		Our Lady of the Rosary (memorial)
Tue 8 th	9.30am	Margaret Mary Cowsley	Feria
Wed 9 th	9.30am	Richard, Monica & John Reid	St John Henry Newman (feast)
Thu 10 th	9.30am	Peter & Anne Chadwick	Feria
Fri 11 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 12 th	10.30am	E.B.C	BVM
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 13 th	9.30am	Rory McDonald	

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

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 5 th		G Hopkinson		P Fawcett		Not open
Sun 6 th		R Conboy		M Gardner		Not open
Bidding prayers	L Russell	Children's Liturgy	L Worswick, C Curwen	Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell	
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 12 th		L Gardner		G Hopkinson		Not open
Sun 13 th		B Cook		B Gore		Not open
Bidding prayers	J & K Slater	Children's Liturgy	J Grogan, C Snape	Collection counters	J & K Slater	

Last weekend: attendance: 122 collection: £322.90 – thank you!

Readings Genesis 2:18-24. Hebrews 2:9-11. Mark 10:2-16

The first reading, psalm and Gospel are about the wonderful gift of marriage: God creates the man and from all the other creatures, seeks to find a worthy helpmate for him. The man gives names to all of them - a sign of his power over them and his participation in God's creative act, but still no helpmate, until God sends him to sleep and creates a woman from one of his ribs. The man finds, that unlike the animals that were paraded before him, here is one with whom he can relate *bone from my bone, flesh from my flesh ...* whom he names *woman*.

A biblical note says: *in Hebrew, a play on words - ishshah 'woman' and ish man* and we are also told that the etymological names of the two are disputed, but Adam is taken to mean from the soil and Eve mother of all living beings. Thus, man and woman become one body, complementing each other as equals bound in marriage. As with other attempts to explain beginnings, who really knows how this union began but God alone.

The biblical story attempts to explain the origins of this unique commitment of fidelity and complementarity destined between a man and a woman sealed in marriage which would later be seen as reflecting the commitment and fidelity of God for his people. (Eph. 5: 21ff)

We are all familiar with the marital words of consent: *I do take thee to have and to hold, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death do us part*. This reflects Christ's commitment to his people (his church) though perhaps the words the couple in the giving of the rings better expresses it: 'I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage: *with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you in the name ...*' Christ lived that out for us to the point of giving his whole self for us on the cross when he died in the ultimate gesture of his love ... for us.

Sadly, while God's fidelity and commitment to his people is unchanging, because his nature, he is unchanging, that isn't always reflected in marriage among people subject to change and weakness, with each other and with God ... we remember them in our prayers. But it is a wonderful mystery and gift when one person can see in another something that no one else can see, and wish to commit their lives exclusively to them alone for the rest of their natural lives. Of course, monogamous relationships are to be found in the natural world. But among humans, it carries a special blessing because it is freely entered into - or at least, it should be.

Moreover, marriage between two **baptized** Christians, carries a special blessing and becomes sacramental and complete when carried out before Christ and his holy people, the Church, reflecting that original bond between a man and a woman brought together by God's own creative hand. Like all good things, like any vocation, marriage has to be worked at, but surely every happy marriage is a sign of God's love and commitment to his people and of hope for the world.

Reflections

The Church is deeply convinced that only by the acceptance of the Gospel are the hopes that man legitimately places in marriage and in the family, capable of being fulfilled. (St John Paul II)

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy ... wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord ... (Eph. 5:21ff)

With prayers,

Fr. Raphael.

A Reminder

Abbott Robert, OSB, is coming to the Parish for a visitation **next** weekend and would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. There will be tea and coffee served in the Parish Room after each Mass.

This week's commemorations

Our Lady of the Rosary reminds us that October is set aside for this particular devotion. An opportunity for parents to teach their children how to pray the rosary and perhaps feel the power of her motherly intercession for our deepest needs.

Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21st February 1801 in London. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9th October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30th May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11th August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19th September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13th October 2019.

DURING OCTOBER, we will say a decade of the **ROSARY** after weekday Masses.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL: As we enter the season of autumn, we traditionally give thanks for the harvest and the food that we are fortunate to have. We are invited to share our resources and donate to support CAFOD's work. Featured in the posters that we have in church is Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. By donating to this CAFOD appeal, you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so that more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the CAFOD envelope available from church or in your regular giving pack, or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

There will be a **FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**.

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 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 43 is number 9, Bob Gore. The next block of 10 weeks has started so **subs are due**.

BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY – limited places available. Open 8.30am-3.30pm. 15 & 30 hour government funding for 3 & 4 year olds accepted. All local primary schools served. Contact: 07956242409 or email nursery@st-josephs-hoghton.lancs.sch.uk.

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) i.e. 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.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE are served after Mass on Sunday mornings. Please come along – you'll be very welcome.

TRINITY METHODIST, GREGSON LANE – CRAFTY CHRISTMAS MARKET. Saturday 16th November, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Free admission. Crafts, gifts, cakes, books and more. Raffle and tombola. Free children's crafts. Collectable and vintage stall.

Bidding Prayers:

Priest: Father, we come together as a parish community on this Rosary Sunday and humbly ask you to listen to our prayers.

Reader: Pope John Paul 1 told us the rosary is a simple and easy prayer. Help us to make time to meditate on key moments from the life of Christ, to calm our hearts and to enable us to rest in God's presence.

Lord in your mercy...

For all those affected by violence: Reports of war and destruction seem to increase daily. Give respite and hope to all caught up in conflict wherever they are.

Lord in your mercy...

For our parish: Give solace to all in our community who continue to mourn the loss of those they have loved.

Lord in your mercy...

For our friends, family and colleagues: Give us the discernment to recognise when they need our love and understanding, rather than criticism.

Lord in your mercy...

For ourselves: Sometimes sudden events will pull us up in our tracks. Help us never to forget that God is holding us in the palm of his hand.

Lord in your mercy...

Tradition tells us that Mary herself gave the gift of the rosary to St Dominic. As we say Mary's prayer together, we ask her to intercede for us. Hail Mary...

We place our own intentions before the Lord in a few moments of silent prayer.

Priest: May the Lord listen to our prayers and bless us all the days of our life. 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.