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

World Mission Sunday



“The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many”

Mission Prayer

Loving God, inspire us to ‘go and invite everyone to the banquet’. Nourished from gathering around your table, may our communities reflect your unconditional love, so that all are welcomed with open arms and the most vulnerable find refuge, care and compassion. May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries, enabling them to share the joy that faith brings, so that everyone, everywhere, may experience your hope and love, renewing and healing our world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK

Sat 19 th	10.30am	Pope's intentions	BVM
	SECOND COLLECTION: MISSIO		Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 20 th	9.30am	John and David Crilly	
Mon 21 st	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 22 nd	9.30am	Pope's intentions	Feria
Wed 23 rd	9.30am	Anne and Peter Chadwick	Feria
Thu 24 th	9.30am	Peace in the world	Feria
Fri 25 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 26 th	10.30am	Joe Noblett	BVM
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 27 th	9.30am	Sheila Margaret Cowsley	

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

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 19 th		G Kellett		J Hothersall		Not open
Sun 20 th		L Rigbye		F Fordyce		Not open
Bidding prayers	C Snape	Children's Liturgy	F Fordyce, G Fowler		Collection counters	C & K Snape
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 26 th		M Russell		L Gardner		L Gardner
Sun 27 th		F Fordyce		J Kitchen		K Slater
Bidding prayers	J Beeley	Children's Liturgy	L Rigbye, J Kitchen		Collection counters	P & J Kitchen

Last weekend: attendance: 145, collection: £373.91 – thank you!

Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering from our first reading known as the fourth suffering servant song (though the author would not have known it) points to Jesus in whom it will find its fulfilment.

But who would want to be the servant of a *Lord* who is pleased to see them suffer?

Is it possible to see in this *Lord* of whom Isaiah speaks, the same *Lord* of our responsorial psalm who fills the earth with his love and for those who hope in him, rescues their souls from death and keeps them alive in famine?

By way of an answer, we might ask: are loving parents pleased to see their offspring suffer the painful experience of growing up, such as the pain of falling off a bicycle and all the other injuries, frustrations, setbacks, anguish and failures involved in simply growing up.

There is no gain without pain as the saying goes, and so, inasmuch as children learn from the painful lessons of life, parents may not just accept the inevitable pains of their children growing up but may even be *pleased* if their children come out of it better, stronger and more able to cope with what life will throw at them.

But neither will parents just stand by watching as their children struggle with life's lessons, for love will impel them to reach out and try to ease their sufferings just as the Father reaches out to ease our sufferings especially if united to those of his Son.

The pulpit isn't the place for lessons on child psychology, least of all to you who actually have children. I am just trying to find a way of understanding how the Lord in the first reading, can be *pleased* to crush his servant with suffering.

Because the outcome of these hard lessons for a child is that as they mature, they realize that the world no longer revolves around them and start taking on the responsibilities that come with adulthood which, almost

inevitably, will involve service to others eg in marriage, religious life, politics, running a business, health and social care, all of which will involve some measure of suffering and also sacrifice.

So, we find in today's Gospel the impetuous sons of Zebedee, James and John, acting like children, asking Jesus for the best places of honour in his kingdom when it comes.

Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised Jesus asks them.

We can they say. Very well, the cup that I must drink, you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised, you shall be baptised but as for those seats on my right and on my left, these are not mine to grant...

We know that the cup James and John have undertaken to share is the same cup that in terror, blood and sweat, Jesus prayed to the Father might pass him by – the cup of suffering and that the baptism in his blood would be the blood that poured from his pierced side on the cross.

The idea that service, suffering and death must come **before** the glory is a hard lesson for any of us to take, and like James and John, we still may not fully realise that this is at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

But it **is** the example set before us by Jesus in his own life of service, suffering and death.

As Christians, we too share in his cup of suffering and the baptism in his blood, there is no getting away from it.

But if we are also united with him in his death, resurrection and return to glory, then why wouldn't our Lord and God be *pleased* with the sufferings and service we must endure to get us there.

Reflections

Love and suffering are clearly linked like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering and we cannot suffer without love. (Sr Gianna Beretta Molla)

Abbot Robert's Visit.

The Abbot conveyed his thanks to me for the visit and the chance to meet with so many of you. May I thank all of you for making him feel welcome, for sharing your thoughts with him and just for being there.

With prayers,

Fr Raphael.

From next weekend, the **BOOKSHOP** will be open every weekend until Christmas. There will be new stock of cards and other Christmas items.

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

Thank you for last week's very generous **FOODBANK COLLECTION** – as usual, the Salvation Army in Preston were extremely grateful for our contribution. The next one will be over the weekend of 7th/8th December – in time for Christmas.

PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY will take place on Wednesday 30th October between 9.30 and 11.00am. For more information, see the notice on the noticeboard.

THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Missio England and Wales invites every parish, school, and community to join this special event through prayer and giving via the **SECOND COLLECTION**. More information at: <https://missio.org.uk/>. **Pope Francis' message** for World Mission Sunday can be found in the "Downloads" section of our website.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ends **next weekend** – clocks go **BACK** an hour overnight on Saturday.

LIKELY VOTE ON ASSISTED SUICIDE IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): <http://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead>. You can also hear Cardinal Vincent Nichols' pastoral letter on the subject at: www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/cardinal-on-assisted-suicide-careful-what-you-wish-for/.

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 Marie Spicer, 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 45 is number 75, Bryn and Christine Thomas.

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) 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.

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 29th Sunday of the year (World Mission Sunday) 20th October 2024

(Priest) Lord, we place before you all our hopes, our dreams and our prayers. We ask you to hear the petitions we make in the name of Jesus our Lord.

(Reader) On World Mission Sunday, we pray for the work of Missio, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission: that our support of churches too young or too poor to support themselves will bear fruit in plenty. Lord in your mercy...

We pray that whenever leaders make decisions at international, national or local levels, they hold foremost in their minds the requirements of those they govern, particularly those in greatest need. Lord in your mercy...

For those suffering rejection, persecution, displacement or marginalisation; we pray that the joy of the gospel may fill their hearts and minds with hope. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for the people of St Joseph's, especially our priest, teachers, parents and all those who work in the parish community dedicating their lives to the service of God. Lord in your mercy...

As winter approaches, we pray for all those who may struggle to heat their homes, and for those who are sick, bereaved, lonely or facing an uncertain economic future. We hope that our prayers will bring them some comfort and contentment. Lord in your mercy...

This Tuesday is the optional memorial of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord in your mercy...

Let us ask Mary, the Mother of our Lord, to pray for us, as we say: Hail Mary...

In silence, we pray for the grace to listen whenever God speaks to us.

(Priest) God our Father, may your love be upon us, as we place all our hope in you, through Christ our Lord.

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.