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Newsletter

17th August 2024
20th Sunday year B

Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	07.30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00 & 6.00 pm
Saturday	18.00

Mass Intentions

Sat 17: James Bird RIP
 Sun 18: Maurice Cavanagh
 Mon 19: NO MASS
 Tues 20: James Bird RIP
 Wed 21: Maureen Cummins *
 Thu 22: Chrissie Rowans *
 Fri 23: Parishioners
 Sat 24: Tommy Smith *
 Sun 25 : Ann MacKrell *

Homily Notes

The Catholic church has always held that the Eucharist is essential to Christian life. When we speak of the 4th commandment – “keep holy the sabbath day” – in Catholic terms, we generally mean “go to Mass on Sunday”: participate in the meal that the Lord has left us, this meal that gives life, and leads to eternal life.

Little by little, we are rediscovering the importance and the relevance of the Word of God in our Christian lives. The growth of Gospel Sharing groups, and of Bible study groups, is an indication that we are learning from our reformed friends. They too are children of God and hold to the Truth as revealed to them by God’s Word. The popular rediscovery of Christian meditation, whether in the form of lectio Divina or imaginative prayer or contemplative prayer, allows us to go deeper into the heart of God, strengthened further by the Eucharistic Bread. Christians can learn so much from each other and our different practices. To do that, we must meet more often and pray more together.

The reading from the Book of Wisdom is common to Jewish tradition and all the Cristian churches. In the piece we just read, Wisdom is the image of God who has built herself a home and who invites everyone and anyone to come to the housewarming. Interesting that in the Old Testament, Wisdom is always in the feminine. She sends her servants to announce the invitation in these terms: “come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception” The invitation is addressed to everyone.

It is the same call that Jesus expressed to everyone, to come and eat the Bread that is his flesh. “Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world”.

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Sunday Thoughts

“The Season of Creation” will be upon us in only 2 weeks and what are we going to do about it?

This is the thought that is uppermost in my mind as I prepare the newsletter this week.

CAFOD has written in its introduction to this year’s Season of Creation:

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

“Hope and Act with Creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation, which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:19-25).

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024, Pope Francis encourages us to seek to live “a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness.”

Unfortunately, our Justice and Peace group has collapsed over the past few months, but this month of September can be a month of revival for us and also a month to see how we can work closely with the group of St. Anne’s Parish, which is very active, in a spirit of Synodality.

In the meantime, I invite everyone to read Pope Francis’ message for the Season of Creation 2024, which can be found here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/cura-creato/documents/20240627-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Let us see how we, as a City Centre parish, can best live actively this coming Season of Creation. TPM



Parish Notice Board



There will be **no Mass on Monday morning, 19th August**. The priests are in recollection.

We regret to inform parishioners and friends that **Fr. Moses** has gone home to Uganda to participate in the funeral of his late father, **Mr. Simon Mugooha**. Moses received the sad news on Tuesday afternoon that his father had just died after a short illness.

May he rest in peace, in the love of God the Father. May Moses and his family be comforted by their faith in the Resurrection.

Belated **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Sue and Michael O'Neil** who celebrated their  **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

on the 8th August. 
We wish them many more years of happiness. 

 *Meanwhile may Michael's fingers continue to skip merrily over the organ keys, which he has now been playing for 66 years!!* 

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY

The Irenaeus project will lead a Eucharistic ministry training day on **Saturday 5th October 2024**.

Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199.

This is a must for Eucharistic Ministers.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS

Come, join us for a weekend of delving more deeply into living in God's will for us. For each of us God's invitation is different. We will quietly journey together.

Be still and know that I am God.
Am I ready to listen and obey?

When: **September 13th - 15th 2024**

Where: **St Joseph Prayer Centre, Formby.**

Phone No. **01704 875850**

WhatsApp **07485378620**

LOOKING FOR A LATE CATHOLIC GAP YEAR?

Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead?

Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) are still looking for young people to join their youth ministry in internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive training and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week. Anyone who is interested can check out : castleriggmanor.com >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING,

between 12noon and 1pm,


Wednesday 21st.

All help gratefully accepted.

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald

greeted all parishioners and friends from his new residence in Ealing, West London. He thanks all of you for your kind gifts and words of farewell.

He promises to keep you all in his prayers.

The house in which he lives now is well equipped for those who are getting older. There are a dozen missionaries in residence. They are well cared for by a staff of lovely people (even if they are not Scouse!!!). 

READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at: Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – **Saturday 19 October (10.00-13.00)**

Lunch will take place after the sessions and attendees are advised to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

OFFERINGS 11th August

Envelopes: £20.00

Plate: £220.42

Lottery Results – 11th August

01 02 05 07 10 13

Jackpot £850

Good Luck to All

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Paul BIRCH, Maria Luisa DRAGO, Joe EDIE, Teresa HASTIE, Tommy CUNNINGHAM, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Mora GOLDMAN, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Mark JENKINSON, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maryla KLOTZ, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVROY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Abbie SWALE, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Liam WOODS.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Maureen RICE, Ronnie SALTERS, Julie SHIELDS, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

Those who have died recently: Peter O'BRIEN, James BIRD, Edna GERRARD, Baby Mac EVANS, Lorcan KENNEDY, Joe MARTIN, Skyla REID (aged 2)

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