

THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (*Deuteronomy :1-2, 6-8*)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, 'No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.' And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?"

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalms 14*)

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R/**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R/**

SECOND READING (*James 1:17-18, 21-22,27*)

A reading from the letter of Saint James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion,

in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.


Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them, for the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?" He answered, "It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions."

He called the people to him again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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THE 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– Year B 29th August 2021 – Psalter Week II

Sat 28th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm	Margaret Craig	St. Mary's
Sun 29th		9.00am	Rev. Wilf McSherry	St. Mary's
AUG		11.00am	Gladys While	St. Mary's
Mon 30th	Ss. Margaret Clitheroe, Margaret Ward & Anne Line	9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 31st	Aiden & Lindisfarne Saints	7.00pm	Jason Jones	St. Mary's
Wed 1st	World Day of Prayer for Creation	12.00pm	Christine Maughan	St. Paul's
	At Holy Trinity Academy, Priorslee	6.30pm	Confirmation Course	
Thurs 2nd		9.30am	Melvyn Biddulph	St. Mary's
Fri 3rd	St. Gregory the Great	9.30am	John Goulding	St. Mary's
Sat 4th		10.00am	First Forgiveness	St. Mary's
Sat 4th		5.00pm	Mary Owen	St. Mary's
	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<u>9.00am</u>	Gay Ingham	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sun 5th		11.00am	Barbara Moore	St. Mary's
		12.30pm	Baptism: Jonathan Gray	St. Mary's

Confessions on request

Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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COVID RESTRICTIONS

We are all aware, that some restrictions have been lifted for some venues, we however will continue to keep to our own guidelines.

So, please keep wearing masks, **sanitizing and keeping a safe distance, it is our duty to protect each other.**

The stewards have done a good job over the months and they are happy to continue for our benefit, so please continue to co-operate with their instructions.

NEXT SUNDAY- ST. PAUL'S DAWLEY

Mass will resume at St. Paul's on **Sunday 5th September at 9.00am.**

All the usual measures will be in place. You will still need to book, so that we do not exceed capacity. We will review things as we go, and I, or the stewards would welcome your feedback.

Fr. Michael

A PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

*Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth,
you spread your healing power.
We place, in your loving care,
all who are affected by coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved
and protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we await the daybreak,
Amen.*

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection: £922.25
250 Club: £103.50
Winner: M Morris
Cafod donations: £44.00
Building donations: £230.00
Many thanks.

SUMMER LUNCH

Many thanks to those who helped arrange the meal last Sunday. Thanks too, to the generosity of those who provided the goods for the hampers. Sorry, my relatives went off with the prizes... Raffle raised £230.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers:

those who are sick, especially: Gay Ingham, Mary Barnicott, Frank Curry, Betty Arnold, Rowland Sheldon, David Furey, Harry Jenkins and Harry Thompson.

We remember all those who have died:

especially: Goulding Family, Barbara Moore, John Winstanley, Alan Waterfield, Bernadette Frost, and Mary Owen.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Forgiveness will commence on Saturday, 4th September (**THIS SATURDAY**) celebrating on 18th September. at 10.00am

First Communion will commence on Saturday, 2nd October and celebrating on the 30th October 2021.

Confirmation preparation will begin on 1st September (**THIS WEDNESDAY**) at 6.30pm in HTA and celebrated on 3rd October.

CAFOD NEWS

On Saturday 14 August, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck **Haiti**. More than 1900 people have been killed and at least one million more people are affected. Tropical storm Grace has now hit Haiti, exacerbating the already serious emergency.

CAFOD is working through the local Church organisations, Caritas Haiti, the Jesuit Migrants and Refugees Service, the religious congregations and sister agency Catholic Relief Services to provide urgent humanitarian aid - food, water, tents, hygiene kits and first aid for families affected.

In **Afghanistan**, we are shocked and gravely concerned by the Taliban take-over of the vast majority of the country. The generosity and compassion of our Catholic community have allowed us to stand together with communities in Afghanistan since the 1980s, supporting local organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people. As you will appreciate, the situation in Afghanistan is uncertain and changing rapidly.

Our Emergency Response Team are assessing how best to respond. We are doing everything

possible to ensure the immediate well-being of local partners and the communities they serve. Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers.

We are also responding to serious food shortages in Africa – in **Ethiopia's** Tigray region, **South Sudan** and north-east **Nigeria**. Families across these three countries face extreme hunger because of a deadly combination of Covid, climate change and protracted conflict. A recent UN report identifies hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan, and north-east Nigeria as "catastrophic".

We have committed £500,000 already to get food and clean water to hundreds of thousands of people. With further support local aid workers will be able to scale up their response to reach more women, children, men, the elderly and people with disabilities with the food they urgently need.

Thank you for your solidarity, your prayers and your support for CAFOD's work across the world. We share this prayer with you in this time of crisis.

**Loving Lord,
For those who have died, give them eternal rest. For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them. For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.
Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.
Amen.**



PARISH TRIP

15th-19th November a parish trip to Whitby to the Ravenscar Hotel. £345.00. Bookings can be made directly with Jones' over the phone **01352 733292**.

ROME 2022

Monday, 2nd May – Friday, 6th May. Bookings are coming in for this pilgrimage. Again, numbers are restricted. While it seems a long way off, if you do not want to be disappointed, please contact Anthony Coles by e-mail arctc@btinternet.com or ring or text **07785 306 232**

QUIZ NIGHT

We have planned a quiz night/fish & chips for 1st October at the British Legion Club in Dawley.

THOMAS KURUVILLA

Thomas and his family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over recent weeks. Thomas is now at home and making a good recovery.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis has established the 1st of September as the "World Day of Prayer" for the care of creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical "Laudato Si", which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Congratulations to the students and staff at our joint faith school. The results have been excellent-well done after a very difficult couple of years for all. Also the news that the Sixth form will be commencing in September. Any further enquiries please see website or ring: 01952 386100

WHOOOPS!

Apologies to the 5pm congregation. They had this week's readings-last weekend-and the sermon!!

DIARY

September

1 st	Confirmation Class begins at Holy Trinity Academy 6.30pm
4 th	First Sacraments Programme begins.10.00am
5 th	Baptism: Jonathan Gray
11 th /12 th	Lavender weekend