

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 Brownedge St Mary's on 01772 335168.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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 prepare 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.

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.

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Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

23rd September 2018

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



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

THIS WEEK

Sat 22 nd	No 10.30am Mass		Feria
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Edith Cox	
Mon 24 th	No Mass today		Our Lady of Walsingham (memorial)
Tue 25 th	10.30am	Requiem: Dorothy Steinson	Feria
Wed 26 th	9.30am	Peter Maines	Feria
Thu 27 th	9.30am	EBC	St Vincent de Paul (memorial)
Fri 28 th	9.30am	For the sick of the Parish	Feria
Sat 29 th	10.30am	Austin Harkin	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (feast)
	6.00pm	For our benefactors	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 30 th	9.30am	For the Parish	

CONFESSIONS: FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.00am OR BY APPOINTMENT

This week	Welcomers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Bookshop	Bidding Prayers
Sat 22 nd	Mr & Mrs P Smith	L Gardner	P Fawcett, L Gardner, J Hothersall	L Lomax	L Gardner
Sun 23 rd	Mr & Mrs R Jackson	A Haydock	F Fordyce, L Rigbye, F Thompson	B Gore	
	Server	Mick	Children's Liturgy	J Grogan & S Valentine	
Next week	Welcomers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Bookshop	Bidding Prayers
Sat 29 th	C Jamieson	D Fordyce	G Hopkinson, P Cook, J Kitchen	R Smith	A Haydock
Sun 30 th	Mr & Mrs B Bamber	F Fordyce	M Gardner, J Slater, F Thompson	C Snape	
	Server	Mick	Children's Liturgy	C Kershaw & A Haydock (Bidding Prayers & Our Father)	

Collection Counters: J & K Slater

**Thank you for last Sunday's offering of £346.75
Last weekend's attendance: 109**

PLEASE PRAY for Dorothy Steinson & Jim Davis who have died, for Stuart Dolphin, Marlene Parkinson & all who are sick or housebound as well as for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS THIS SUNDAY is back to its normal time of **9.30am**, when **CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MUSIC WILL RESTART**.

MASS ON TUESDAY is at **10.30am** – Requiem Mass for Dorothy Steinson.

100 CLUB: the winner for week 41 is number 8, Stacy Valentine.

The next block of 10 weeks starts THIS SUNDAY & subscriptions are due.

NEW ROTAS (until the end of the year) for **Readers, Bookshop, Welcomers & Bidding Prayers** are now available. If we have an email address for you, should have already received those applicable to you. There are hard copies at the back of Church & you can download them from the "Rotas" section of our website.

MY DAY BY DAY for October is now available – price £1.

If you are willing to host the **HOME ROSARY IN OCTOBER**, please put your name on the list in the porch.

We will say a decade of the Rosary after weekday Masses in Church throughout the month.

The Children's Liturgy group are organising a **CAKE SALE** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care after Mass on Sunday 7th October – all welcome, including Saturday evening Mass attenders!

Next Saturday Chris Bullen & Maria Pace are climbing Ben Nevis to raise money for the **CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST**. There's a sponsor form at the back of Church or you can donate online at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/trekkingforgeorge>. Thank you in advance.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD to receive Communion for any reason, please make yourself known. In order to maintain the dignity of the Sacrament, we will bring you Communion in your place after the rest of the congregation have received.

BROWNEDGE ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL have a Community Coffee Morning this Friday (28th) to raise money for charities that support people affected by cancer. The new Year 7 pupils & SVP group will be serving coffee & cakes from 9.15 until 10.30am. All welcome.

CLASSES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON AT THE PARISH HALL

NEW: Monday: Small Hall starting Oct 1st – **Therapeutic Yoga**
with Debbie 6.00-7.00pm

Monday: Large Hall 6.00-7.00pm **Zumba** with Joanne

Highfield School of Dancing for children:

Tue, Wed, Thu evenings & Sat mornings with Suzanne

Thursday 6.00-7.00pm **Karate** with Stuart (Large Hall)

Thursday 7.15-9.00pm **Brindle Players** (Large Hall)

Hall & field with use of new toilet block, pot wash & camp circle
available to hire for private functions.

Please email parishhall@brindlestjosephs.org.uk for further details or enquiries.