

A warm welcome to all our visitors and to any new members of our parish who share with us today's Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We are pleased that you have come to join us in our community of faith. If you will be permanent members, please take the information leaflet available in the church porch and/or contact the Parish Office

BAPTISMS: Would parents please contact Fr Marsden or Deacon Norman personally, after one of the weekend Masses.

ST ANNE'S GUILD: Bingo at 7.45 pm this Tuesday 19th August.

FRIENDS OF UGANDA: are holding a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 26th August, from 10.00 am until 1.30 pm.

CHORLEY HOSPITAL: Please contact St Joseph's, Harper's Lane (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into the hospital and needs the priest to visit. In emergency the ward staff will call in the duty priest chaplain via the switchboard.

NOTICE OF WORKS – No Parking: The scaffolding at the west end of the church will remain for a little longer, because the bellcote cross on the gable needs stabilizing, and there has to be an investigation of the ridge and purlins at that end too. These extra jobs may as well be done while the scaffolding is up. Please don't park on church grounds until the works are finished because you will obstruct the contractors' vehicles. Sorry for the inconvenience and many thanks for your cooperation.

CTS BOOKSTAND: Please have a look at the CTS bookstand which has various publications concerned with passing on the Catholic Faith.

ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE: a modern, spacious social centre, always available for Weddings, Birthdays, Special Occasions, Charity Events and Business Meetings. Contact Heather Roscoe on mobile 07971025985 who will be pleased to discuss any catering and entertainment requirements.

"For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." -St. Thomas Aquinas

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

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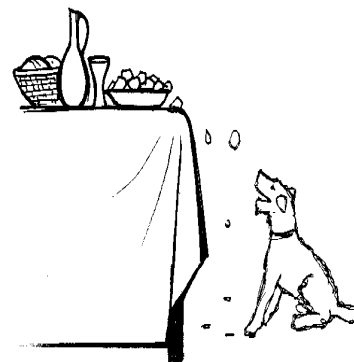
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07971025985 (Manager – Heather Roscoe)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17th AUGUST 2014



Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. "Give her what she wants," they said, "because she is shouting after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. "Lord," she said, "help me." He replied, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs." She retorted, "Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again.

MASSES, MASS INTENTIONS AND SERVICES

The Rosary is recited after Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

Sun 17th Aug

Sat 6.15 pm
8.00 am
10.30 am

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass bk.p.117)

Mass – Fr. Anthony McDowall
Mass – Victor Howard
Mass – Parishioners

Mon 18th Aug

8.40 am
9.00 am

St Helen

Morning Prayer
Mass – Joseph Brian Hanavan (A)

Tue 19th Aug

9.30-11.45 am
12.00 noon

St John Eudes

Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mass – Janet, Leo, Rosie & Michael Bolton

Wed 20th Aug

8.40 am
9.00 am

St Bernard of Clairvaux

Morning Prayer
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thur 21st Aug

12.00 noon

St Pius X, Pope

Mass – John Rogerson

Fri 22nd Aug

9.30-11.45 am
11.30 am
12.00 noon

The Queenship of Mary

Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Mass – Special intention Bishop Hryhorij Komar

Sat 23rd Aug

11-11.45 am

St Rose of Lima

Confessions

12.00 noon Mass – Louisa Rogers & family

Sun 24th Aug TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass bk.p.120)

Sat 6.15 pm Mass – Parishioners

8.00 am Mass – Austin & Mary Massa (Foundation Mass)

10.45 am Mass – Marion Lynch (sick)

Please note that this Mass will begin 15 minutes later than usual, to give Fr Mayne time to arrive from Coppull.

2.00 pm Msza Święta w języku Polskim

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: Canon Kevin Mullen, Jack Parkinson, Gerard Shaw, Peggy Hughes, Emily Atkins, Gerard Baker, Christopher Ballestero, Pauline Bennett, Frances Bond, Brigid Cain, Mary Canny, Michael Collins, Melville Coombes, Joan Doran, Yvonne Finlayson, Rosalba Fong, Martin Henry, Simon Holcroft, Paul Howarth, Thora Huddy, Annie Johnson, Joan Jones, Mary Jones, Ronald King, Doreen Lang, Julie Lowe, Debbie MacFarlane, Mary McDaid, Frances McHale, Irene McKeown, Veronica Mobbs, Alex Morris, William Morris, Christine Nelson, Frances Prior, Kathleen Rae, Kathleen Reynolds, Margaret Rice, Rita Smith, Frank Snape, Molly Taylor, Paul Tiffin, Agnes Young and parishioners in the nursing homes of *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall etc.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leonard Gerard Booth aged 81 of Avondale Road who died on 7th August. His Funeral Service will be held at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Monday 18th August. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord*

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Brian Hanavan, Leo Ainscough.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Kathleen Joyce who celebrates her 90th Birthday this Sunday 17th August.

READERS: **16/17 August** 6.15 pm Gillian Sharples, 8.00 am Caty Cross, 10.30 am Margaret Rossall **23/24 August** 6.15 pm Volunteer, 8.00 am Volunteer, 10.45 am Robert Barnes. A new rota is available for collection from the Sacristy.

PARISH COLLECTION last week amounted to £953 of which £452 was Gift Aided. *Many thanks for your continued support.*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: St Helen (d.328) mother of the emperor Constantine. She became a Christian, and when her son became master of the East, she made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. She directed excavations beneath Calvary, finding remnants of the true Cross.

St John Eudes, born on 14 November 1601 at Rye (Orne) in France, was educated by the Jesuits. Ordained priest, he founded in 1643 the Congregation of the Priests of Jesus and Mary called Eudists, and in 1644, the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity. As preacher, writer and founder, he promoted the public worship of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He died at Caen on 19 August 1680, was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1925.

St Bernard was the son of a Burgundian nobleman who became a Cistercian monk, a branch of the Benedictine order. He founded a new monastery in the forests of Clairvaux which numbered 700 monks by his death. At the Pope's request he travelled round Europe



engaged in monastic reform and church affairs. His sermons earned him the title *Doctor mellifluus* (the honey-tongued Doctor). He preached the second crusade and died at Clairvaux in 1153.

St Pius X: Joseph Sarto was born at Riese in Venetia on 2 June 1835. He was successively curate, parish priest, bishop of Mantua, patriarch of Venice, and Pope from 1903 to 1914: "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor." He allowed children to receive First Holy Communion from the age of reason, about seven, and promoted Gregorian chant.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN IRAQ, UKRAINE, SYRIA, GAZA & ISRAEL

Sometimes it is difficult to know how to express our prayer in the face of overwhelming violence and evil. Perhaps this prayer from CAFOD can help.

Lord, send us the gift of Peace. *Watch over the people who have been forced to flee their homes and face violence and fear. Lead them to a place of safety. Comfort those who grieve and bring healing to those in pain.*

Lord, send us the gift of Peace. *Convert the hearts of those who commit violence and wage war. Turn them away from persecution towards peace. Turn hatred to understanding, and anger to compassion. Through your love, transform horror to hope.*

Lord, send us the gift of Peace. *Fill us all with your Spirit so that, with one voice, throughout the world, we may cry out: Lord, send us the gift of Peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us....*

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Last month the Catholic Herald published an article under the above headline. It was an account by a Catholic journalist, Damian Thompson, of a recent personal experience of the SVP. The article is well worth a read – it is touching, interesting and informative. It is too long to reproduce here in full, but there are a number of printed copies of the piece in the Resource area.

Damian writes, "I have spent many years writing about the Catholic Church: its battles with secularism, its internal disputes and, inevitably the scandals it brought upon itself. But not one of my articles made mention of the SVP, which in England and Wales alone makes more than half a million visits a year to vulnerable people in their communities. That statistic is remarkable – but even more special is the self-effacing yet unambiguously Catholic ethos of the SVP. That ethos inspires and equips ordinary people to perform acts of kindness in countries all over the world. It's one of the things that makes the Church catholic; it's as much a part of the fabric of the faith as any cathedral or liturgy. In a way, it is a liturgy. And, even though members of my own family had been devoted to the SVP, I ignored it - until the moment when Angela (from SVP) came sailing into that hospital ward with a miraculously sunny smile on her face."

SVP will be having an "Awareness Month" in September to tell us more about their work and appeal for new members.



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