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Sunday, 13th September 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Education Service

LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

<p>Saturday 6.00 – Mass: Special Intention</p> <p>Sunday 8.00 – Mass: Parishioners 10.00 – Mass: Special Intention 11.45 – Baptism: James Austin Goss</p> <p>Monday 9.00 – Mass: Helena McCracken ((A)) 10.30 – Requiem Mass: Marie Crosher</p> <p>Tuesday 9.15 – Mass: Tom Corless (R/D & Birthday)</p> <p>Wednesday 12.00 – Mass: Sarah (Sally) Hardman (A)</p> <p>Thursday 9.00 – Mass: Deceased Parishioners</p> <p>Friday 8.30 – Mass: Special Intention</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Weekend – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>Home Mission Day</u></p> <p>Saturday 6.00 – Mass: Special Intention</p> <p>Sunday 8.00 – Mass: Those who are ill 10.00 – Mass: Parishioners 11.45 – Baptism: Lily Charlotte Shattock and Francesca Lindsay Shattock</p>	<p><u>Masses at Don Orione</u> There will be no more masses for the public at Don Orione until further notice due to the Coronavirus</p> <p><u>Readings this Sunday:</u></p> <p>First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12</p> <p>Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35</p>
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THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Preparing next Sunday's Mass:

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:6-9	Our God: Rich in Forgiving
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:20-24,27	Life to Me is Christ
Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16	The Generosity of God

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection

It is hard not to sympathize with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus. **What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word", download more at: www.wednesdayword.org/parish
 and also try: www.sundaygospel.co.uk

PARISH VISION

Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

What is 70 x 7? It is 7 x 7 and then add a zero. 490. So do you have to forgive someone 490 times and then stop? If you forgave someone 490 times, chances are you would live to a great age because most people would never upset us that much. Jesus of course does not mean 490 times. This figure is for the Jews a symbol of infinity, and what it really means is for ever or always. Forgiveness never comes easy for us. We always tend to take the position "I am in the right". It's natural. Yet to forgive someone is also liberating because you're letting go of a grudge, and the only person a grudge harms is YOU! A grudge over time can be like a wound that we keep picking at - it never heals. The phrase "let bygones be bygones" and "water under the bridge" are helpful here. If you really want serenity and peace in your soul you really do have to "give up yer auld sins or grudges" It's not easy but at least we can try.

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2020

September - Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Further information can be found at:
www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Father Anthony Garrett: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Anthony Garrett, who died on Thursday 3rd September, aged 97 years. He was in the 36th year of his priesthood. Requiem Mass: **Friday, 18th September at 11.30 a.m.** St Mary's, Little Crosby. Burial will follow in the churchyard. Due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions only a limited number of people can be present in the church. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Father Dunstan Harrington, the parish priest at Little Crosby

PASTORAL FORMATION

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [Deaf monthly news \(September/October\)](#)

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

CARDS

There is now a small selection of cards available for purchase at the back of Church. Please put the money in the box labelled cards.

NEWSLETTER

If anyone has any information they would like included on the newsletter, please let Eleanor know or send to the e-mail address at the top of the newsletter before 12 noon on a Thursday.

A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace

The last week has been busy putting together the daily videos for our cross-parish Novena for Our Lady of Walsingham. Beginning on **15th September**, we will be able to pray online via YouTube together at **7.30pm** for nine consecutive evenings. Parishioners from all parishes are leading reflections and our music. It really is a joy to see parishioners sharing their time, gifts and talents for something that crosses parish boundaries. To access the daily Novena prayer (lasts 10-15 mins), search on YouTube just before 7.30pm for the channel **SJR Pastoral Area – Liverpool Archdiocese** and you should be able to access videos as they are posted each day. Hope you can join us!

CLOTHING

If anyone has any men's joggers new or in good condition and underwear or socks (which should be new for hygiene reasons) please could you pass them to Eleanor in the office whose friend is collecting for a homeless charity in St Helens.

HEADSTONE

Just before lockdown the new memorial stone was erected in the Garden of Remembrance. If you have a loved one whose ashes are buried in the garden and you would like to add their name to the headstone please contact Janette at R Banks, Upholland branch, 01695-622099 to arrange this. They can also arrange to leave a line so spouses names can be added below at a later date.

SYNOD Event

18th October, 2020

Synod Sunday: A leaflet will remind the people of the Archdiocese of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

BAPTISM REQUEST

Please contact Eleanor in the office if you would like to apply for Baptism for your child.

Newspapers

The Catholic Pic is now available in print and online. The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/30qfl3r>. Paper copies are also available in the brown box at the house front door, along with mission magazines and newsletters.

SAFETY VIDEO

Please visit our Facebook page to watch a safety video and to look at pictures before returning to Church. Thank you. <https://www.facebook.com/stteresasupholland/>

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £719.87

There will be no collection during Mass. There are baskets available on the way into and out of Church. Candles can be lit and paid for in the normal boxes. There is currently no piety stall available but if you need a Mass card please see Eleanor or Fr. Philip.