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Sunday, 6th September 2020 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.00 – 8.00 – 10.00 – 11.45 – 9.00 – 9.15 – 12.00 – 9.00 – 8.30 –	Mass: Richard Langtree & Mary Rennick (RIP) Mass: Mary Josephine Brown (RIP) Mass: Parishioners Baptism: Charlie Cull Mass: Samantha Grogan (Sick) Mass: Thomas Townley (40th Anniversary) Mass: John McDonald (R.D.) Mass: Mary Josephine Browne (RIP) Mass: Deceased parishioners <u>Next Weekend – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>Catholic Education Service</u> Adoration 9.00- 6.00 – Mass: Special Intention Mass: Parishioners 8.00 – 10.00 – 11.45 – Mass: Special Intention Baptism: James Austin Goss	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Readings this Sunday:</u></p> <p>First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9</p> <p>Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20</p>
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THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Preparing next Sunday's Mass:

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7	<i>Vengeance and Quarrelling</i>
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9	<i>Life as Christ's Community</i>
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35	<i>The Unforgiving Debtor</i>

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

This is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual labourer.

Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party? What is the best way to show forgiveness?

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

On Wednesday last I was invited to say Mass at St Peter's for the new group of students, Year 7 on their first day. The theme they had chosen for the Mass was "COMMUNITY". One of the children said that the word community includes unity, which of course comes from the Latin for number one. To be in unity means to be at one with each other. We also have that other well known word "communion". Communion with each other and communion with Our Lord, in holy communion. I told the children that when I was putting on the visor at communion during Mass a woman said to me after "Father it reminds me of a welder getting ready to weld" which is quite a funny image to describe a priest! When I thought about it though that's perhaps our job. "To weld people together - to be in communion with each other in our community. Although we have to be socially distant, community and communion are needed more than ever.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name I am there among them"

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

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/>

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children who have returned to or just started school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers. Bless every family, oh Lord. We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep. In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL FORMATION

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [School of Prayer: Centring prayer.](#)

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

So, a new chapter begins as Pastoral Associate and I wish to send my warmest welcome to Fr Joseph as parish priest of St Marie's and St Bernadette's. The key to the success of the Pastoral Associate Project and any future where lay and clergy work alongside each other is collaboration. I am sure that we can build on what has already begun! A key part of my job description for both parishes was to be a link between the communities and strengthen relationships through shared resources. Beginning on 15th September, we will be able to pray online together for a Novena for Our Lady of Walsingham. Parishioners from **all** parishes will be taking part in leading reflections and our music. I will post more details how to access the novena on a Youtube next week and on parish social media. Have a great week!

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.

BRITISH RED CROSS FIRST AID TRAINING

Use our free online learning resources.

- Everyday first aid skills - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Everyday-First-Aid>
- Baby and child first aid resources - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Baby-and-Child-First-Aid>
- Our free first aid app featuring simple, easy advice on 18 everyday first aid scenarios, as well as tips on how to prepare for emergencies - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Mobile-app>

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £402.97.

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.