

The week ahead...

Saturday 10 September Saturday of Ordinary Time 23	5:00pm	Mass: Glenda Fisher and George Sewell and pro populo
Sunday 11 September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday 12 September Monday of Ordinary Time 24		
Tuesday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i>		
Wednesday 14 September <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i>	9:30am	Service of the Word with Communion
Thursday 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	No Mass	
Friday 16 September <i>St Cornelius, Pope, Martyr & St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr</i>	No Mass	
Saturday 17 September Saturday of Ordinary Time 24	5:00pm	Mass: XXXX and pro populo

Ministries for this week
Saturday 10 September

Eucharistic Ministers:
Malcolm & Teresa Wass
Andrew Aberdeen

Readers:
Ann Canavan
Angela Tosley

Children's Liturgy:
TBC

Welcomers:
Janet Harrigan
Judith Bulmer

Ministries for next week
Saturday 17 September

Eucharistic Ministers:
John & Irene Carey
Judith Bulmer

Readers:
Margaret Purdom
Claire Lavery

Children's Liturgy:
TBC

Welcomers:
Pat Middleton
Halina Holman

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £ Loose Plate: £

Total: £

Mass Attendance: XXX

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CHARITY NUMBER 1143450

Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on 0191 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at judithbulmer@rocketmail.com.

Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish....

Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Marie Wilson, Dorothy Dowdle, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Betty Allison, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris and Tom Tracey.

A note on appeals: Our next two diocesan appeals will be happening this weekend and next weekend. The **Catholic Education Appeal** will take place this weekend (**10 September**) and the **Home Mission Sunday Appeal** will take place next weekend. Thank you for your support!

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 September, 2016

“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

ONE OF THE many things I love about the Gospels is the sheer variety they present to the reader, increasingly evident the more one reads and prays over them. Just last weekend we had an example of Jesus making a statement of great import using language that was designed to shock: “If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.” We see Jesus shift from shock to humour this week to make his point. There was certainly no end to the lengths Jesus would go to in order to fulfil his mission!

You may well ask where the humour is in the words of Jesus this weekend. Certainly Jesus wasn't trying to get his audience to fall over laughing as a stand-up comedian would, but he uses humour in a different way and with a different intention. Jesus relates two parables, one about a lost sheep and the other about a woman who loses a coin. Each of these parables relates the same message. The humour lies in the fact that Jesus begins each of these parables with a challenge of sorts: “What man among you?” and “What woman...?” The fact is that no man or woman would behave in the manner described. No shepherd with a hundred sheep would leave the other ninety-nine to look for the missing one for fear that in doing so he would lose some, or all, of those remaining behind and thus be worse off than simply losing one! Likewise, no one would throw a party to celebrate finding a coin that was lost because the cost of the celebration would be greater than the value of the lost coin. It simply would not make economic sense.

Herein lies the message. Whilst you or I would be unlikely to behave in such a manner, God would and indeed, God does, and it is just as well for our sake that he does! So great is God's love for us that he will go to any lengths, even those considered extreme and reckless by human standards, to reach out to us and bring us back into his loving embrace. God is about forgiveness and reconciliation, something being brought home to us in this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. God is not concerned about the past but is rather concerned that we have a change of heart in order to begin a brighter future. We will only be likely to do this, to truly repent of our sins, if we know that God is searching for us, willing to take back the “lost sheep” and rejoice like the woman in the parable on our return to the fold.

Let us pray that this is indeed our understanding of God, the God who searches for the lost sheep, the God who rejoices over the return of one who was lost to the fold, the God who eats with sinners.

Blessings and prayers in the week ahead,
Fr Robert



What's going on...?

Resumption of normal Mass schedule: Please note that I will be returning to England towards the end of this week and so the normal Mass schedule will resume on Wednesday, 21 September. I want to thank all those who have been involved in celebrating the Wednesday liturgies in my absence and, of course, Fr Brian Murphy for celebrating the Vigil Mass on Saturdays during my time away. Thank you!

Parish Family Picnic: There will be a Parish Family Picnic on Sunday 25 September, from 2:00 – 5:00pm. If the weather is fine this will be on the school field; if not, then we will picnic in the school hall. Please bring your own picnic, blanket and chairs. A glass of wine, cups of tea and coffee and juice for children will be provided. There will be live music during the afternoon, a raffle and bottle tombola, and a treasure hunt if we are outdoors or a quiz if we are indoors. If you would like to join us for the afternoon **please sign the sheet in the porch at the back of church**. If anyone would like to donate bottles of any kind for the tombola or prizes for the raffle, all donations will be gratefully received - please see Irene, Angela or Judith. We look forward to seeing you there!

Noticeboards: The noticeboards at the entrance to the church are always worthwhile viewing for news and events. Plenty of activity is happening around the diocese - so much that it cannot always find space here in the bulletin! Also, if you have something to place on the noticeboard, please do not place it there without seeing me first. This will ensure that we use the noticeboard space most effectively.

Ushaw Moor Catholic Club: The Catholic Club is available for birthday parties and wedding anniversaries as well as receptions after weddings and funerals. For more information, phone 07519 672 570 and, if need be, leave a message.

Ushaw College: During the summer the college is open every Saturday from 12:00noon until 5:00pm.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound: Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, please pass their details on to Fr Robert or Wilf Lavery.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St John Chrysostom - 13 September

St John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, modern-day Turkey, in 349. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships.

His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom", Greek for "golden mouth".

John's influence on church teachings is interwoven throughout the current Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Catechism cites him in eighteen sections, particularly his reflections on the purpose of prayer and the meaning of the Lord's Prayer:

Consider how [Jesus Christ] teaches us to be humble, by making us see that our virtue does not depend on our work alone but on grace from on high.

He commands each of the faithful who prays to do so universally, for the whole world. For he did not say "thy will be done in me or in us", but "on earth", the whole earth, so that error may be banished from it, truth take root in it, all vice be destroyed on it, virtue flourish on it, and earth no longer differ from heaven.

He died in the year 407.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

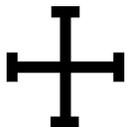
...that in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church marriage is the only sacrament not conferred by the priest?

In fact, the sacrament of Marriage is conferred by the couple upon each other when they exchange their consent (vows). This must be done before a minister of the Church (priest or deacon) and before at least two witnesses. This is normally done in a church unless the couple has permission from a bishop to marry in another venue. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, it is the priest (never a deacon) who is understood to confer the sacrament of Marriage. Despite these differences in who confers the sacrament, there is a common understanding that a validly conferred sacrament cannot be dissolved.

"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church (s. 1661)



PLEASE PRAY FOR... the students and staff in our parish school who returned to school a few days ago. Pray especially for the students who entered Reception Year and their families and pray for a fruitful year, that all students will grow academically, physically and spiritually.