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The Month of August is devoted to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

23 August 2020 Psalter Week 1

Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Connie and Frank Trainor

11.15 p.m. William Maltby

Monday **ST BARTHOLEMEW, APOSTLE**

10.00 a.m. Arthur Beever

Tuesday

St Louis of France
St Joseph Calasanz, priest

10.00 a.m. Jim Kinnear

Wednesday *Bl Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi, priest*

10.00 a.m. Rae Goodlad

Thursday **St Monica**

10.00 a.m. Mgr John Dunne

Friday **St Augustine of Hippo**

10.00 a.m. Willie Collins

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Gaetana Messina

11.15 a.m. Eileen Willoboughy

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Packenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Arthur Beever, Teresa Cavanagh (Step-mother of Jane Perryman), and Father Martin Griffin MSFS **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 **Account Number:** 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Father Gus would like to draw your attention to the item below, and ask you to consider, if not already done so, supporting Rachael by sponsoring her for the challenge she's taking on this weekend.

A young lady, Rachael Booth is attempting to walk the 3 Yorkshire Peaks in under 12 Hours on 22nd August in support of a Bethlehem Hospice. Due to Covid 19 she is going it alone. It is a huge undertaking, particularly for someone on their own.

Rachael is seeking sponsorship and as this is likely to be the only fundraising activity we can undertake this year you are asked to help and to spread the news to everyone you know. The link below gives information about her walk. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachaelbcht>

Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat

Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun.

This novena is a song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the Amazon peoples. They are currently under grave risk from coronavirus, given their fragile situation, often in remote locations far from government services.

Communities with whom we work are reporting a sharp increase in predatory attacks on land. People smugglers are also active and those being trafficked are in more danger than ever, having no access to healthcare.

The pandemic shows us that "we have not heard the cry of the poor and our seriously ill planet," warns Pope Francis, describing this as "a time to choose what matters and what passes away". (*Urbi et Orbi, 2020*)

Use these prayers over nine days or at nine moments of personal prayer. Each has four phases: Canticle; Amazon voice; penitential prayer; plea for intercession.

Third prayer: Wind and air

**"We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made."
(St Francis of Assisi)**

"We ourselves are water, air, earth and life of this
environment created by God."
(*Guaviare people, Colombia*)

Creator God,
we have disturbed the natural cycle,
upset Earth's fragile balance.
Forgive us for our lack of care.

St Francis, joyful steward of creation,
you lived in peace with nature and with God.
Inspired by your witness,
may we defend our common home.

St Francis, pray for us.

Attending Mass - If you wish to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday please ring. We need your name, contact details and the number attending. There are plenty of places available and all the guidelines re distancing and cleaning are being met.

Please remember, masks **MUST** be worn.

21st Sunday A The Christian Disciple

In recent weeks we have seen how a disciple is someone: nourished by the bread of God's compassion, saved from sinking by the hand of God: persevering in faith like the Canaanite woman. Now we see that a true disciple is like Peter, blessed with the divine gift of faith.

Simon Peter is a headline or model of faith. A good model too, because he is moulded from ordinary clay. We do not stand back at a fearful distance from Simon as someone of unattainable perfection. We have seen his flesh and blood, being weak and strong, cold and hot, fearful and courageous.

And now into this vessel of ordinary clay God pours an extraordinary gift...faith. It is not your flesh and blood mixture that gave you this light, but my Father in heaven. Simon, son of Jonah, you are the recipient of a great blessing. Faith is a gift. In the gospel it is noticeable that Jesus was amazed when he met with someone who believed: and he was moved to bless the Father in thanksgiving for the faith of the little ones.

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the saviour of the world, then you are truly blessed. You are more than a creature of flesh and blood. Like Simon, you deserve a new name. Like Simon, you too are a new Peter, a new rock in the temple of God's presence upon earth. Your faith will be a rock of foundation to give you strength to withstand the most severe storms and flood of life. Your faith will bring you the keys to open and close the doors of life's mysterious castle. You have the key to open up to God's forgiveness and to lock away the terrors of guilt. Your key will open up the light of wisdom, understanding and knowledge: and lock out the powers of darkness.

You have the key of faith to throw off the chains of fear and anxiety which restrict your growth: and to bind in chains the phantoms of terror which crawl up from the mind's cellar. You have the key to hope which sustains you. And the key to love, for if you believe in God's love, then you have the motive for overcoming every denial of love in your life: your love will be greater than the injuries it receives. In faith you have the key to salvation.

The day when Jesus, Son of Man, was recognised as the anointed leader of God's people, the very Son of God. The day when Simon, son of Jonah, is recognised as one blessed by the Father, newly anointed to be the rock that Jesus would build on. It was a decisive day in the transition from the dream of the kingdom to the reality of the church. The first stone had been set in place, let us continue to add more and truly become the spiritual stones making the spiritual House of God.

Online talks and presentations

[CAFOD's Work in a Rapidly Changing World](#) Thursday 27 August, 11am-12pm

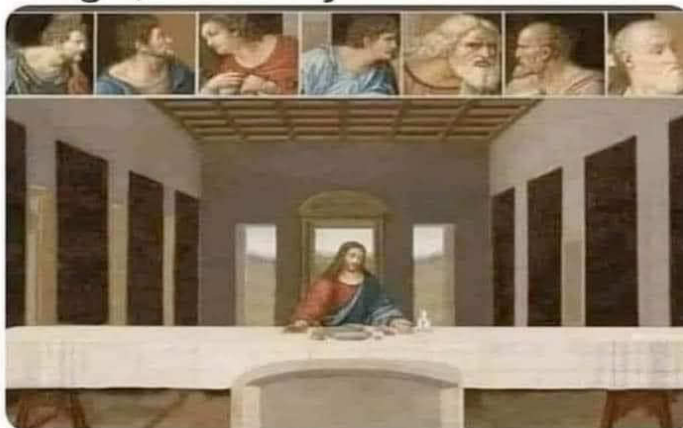
In this online talk, Geoff O'Donoghue Director of Operations at CAFOD, shares the stories of the people he has met whose lives have been transformed by the care of CAFOD.

[Register](#) to join us.

Past online talks

[Browse all past online talks](#)

"Alright, does everyone have sound?"



Thanks to the algorithm they're now known as BCCB

Fr Gus is willing, under safe conditions, to take Holy Communion to the housebound and those who feel unable to attend Mass for whatever reason as a result of COVID 19 . He will not necessarily need to come into your house. If this is something you would like, *please call him and you will be able to arrange a set time and consider any specific needs.*

Thought for the Week

Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others. If you are a speaker, speak in words which seem to come from God; if you are a helper, help as though every action was done at God's orders; so that in everything God may receive the glory through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Prayers – You are asked to keep the NHS and all front-line workers; all those who are suffering, whether from illness or in bereavement in your prayers at this time.

Prayer for the Week

Prayer for the people of Beirut Light of new hope

God of refuge,
hear our prayer
as we hold the people of Beirut
in our hearts at this time.
Fill us with compassion
and move us to reach out in love.
In your mercy,
bring comfort to those who mourn,
healing to those who are injured,
shelter to those who are homeless
sustenance to those who hunger.
Give strength to those who are working
to rebuild shattered lives,
and protect those who are vulnerable
especially in a time of coronavirus.
Lead us in your ways
so that together we may bring
the light of new hope
wherever there is destruction and despair.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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This Week's Readings Twenty-First Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

Responsorial Psalm: 137

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Next Week's Readings Twenty-Second Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 62

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27*

RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner.

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and MUST be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 60 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

Coming to Mass

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another. (A one-way system)
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. You are asked to wear a mask as this will allow a greater number of parishioners to attend.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please DO NOT leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.
10. On fine days weekday Masses will be outside.
11. Please note - **masks MUST be worn in church**. This has been mandated by the Government.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

Booking a place at Mass

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending **a weekday** Mass.

When to Ring

To attend Mass at:

- 5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.
9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.
11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.