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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

30 August 2020 Psalter Week 2

Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Carmel Sweeney

11.15 p.m. Eileen Willoboughy

Monday *St Aidan, bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne*

10.00 a.m. Michael Egan

Tuesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Janet Grover

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday *ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, APOSTLE OF THE ENGLISH*

10.00 a.m. Fr Colman Ryan (Midd'bro)

Friday *St Cuthbert, bishop*

10.00 a.m. Arthur Beaver

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. Rae Goodlad

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: Mary Langan, Arthur Beaver, 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.

Isle of Innisfree by W B Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,

And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

With these words from W B Yeats Fr. Gus would like to formally announce his retirement from Pastoral Ministry. On the first Tuesday of September 1967 he began his formal Vocational training by entering the Seminary of St. John the Evangelist in Waterford and was ordained on the 3rd June 1973. He arrived at Leeds Bradford Airport with two suitcases, one containing the Family Chalice and his vestments.

For the next 47 years he ministered in and around South Yorks serving 7 parishes. His ability to continue to serve has now been hindered by the prevailing and unpredictable behaviour of Covid- 19, underlying health issues and 75+. All of this places him in a vulnerable category and prevents him from engaging fully with the community and the school. Like countless other people his plans have been altered in a way he is powerless to prevent.

With the support and encouragement of the Diocesan Trustees Fr. Gus will be leaving the Parish and Sheffield very soon. He is most grateful for the hospitality, support and generosity received in the Parish and all the personal acts of kindness shown to him by many.

The new Parish Priest will be Father Stephen from the cathedral.

Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat

The Season of Creation starts this week, 1st September, with the theme '*Jubilee for the Earth*'. Can you remember all we did last year at this time? What changes we have seen! You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org and join in the Novena to St Francis below.

Fourth prayer: Water

**“We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.”** (*St Francis of Assisi*)

“Now they even want to take our rivers, which have been ours forever.”
(*Rusbel Castornoque, Kukama people, Peruvian Amazon*)

Creator God, from your gift of water flows all life,
yet we pollute your clear springs.
Forgive us, as the earth cries out.

St Francis, you drank deeply
from Christ's living water.
May we, like you, live simply
and prize the good things of the earth.

22nd Sunday 2020 A

In last Sunday's account of the confession at Caesarea, what stands out is not so much Jesus and the mystery of whom he is, as Peter, the very model of the disciple. Today's incident confirms this impression. The contrast between Peter's faith and his lack of faith is just as striking as on the occasion when he walked on the waters.

Jesus has been acknowledged by Peter as the Christ. But how did Peter understand the Christ? Doubtless in the glory of the triumphant kingdom. Yet here is the master revealing himself as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, redeeming his people by his passion and death. Also of course by his resurrection – above all; but what he means by that none of them could know. Then Peter, impulsive as ever, carried away by a love which lacks understanding, rebels against the apparent cruelty of the divine plan. We see his position suddenly reversed. Jesus has said to him after his confession, 'You are a happy man'; now he rebukes him scathingly with the words, 'Get behind me, Satan!' He, who a while ago was called a rock solid enough for Jesus to build his Church on, is now treated as an obstacle, a stumbling-block in the path of the Messiah. Whereas before Jesus had said, 'It is my Father who has revealed this to you', he now states: 'The way you think is not God's way!'

'Get behind me!' Every Christian should understand this order addressed to Peter as: 'Walk behind me; you are only a disciple and every disciple must follow his master.' The Christian cannot eliminate the cross of salvation from his life, no more than Christ could. Truly the way God thinks is not the way man thinks. One must not save one's life as one would save a treasure – but as one would lose a treasure, by spending it.

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SPIRIT?ALITY
COMM?NITY
EQ?ALITY
J?STICE
S?STAINABILITY

All that's missing is **YOU**

Readers - If you are a reader and are attending Mass would you either please indicate you are willing to read when booking, or let one of the stewards know when you arrive? This will save having to go around finding someone just before Mass and reduce unnecessary contact.

Newsletter - If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let me know by emailing the parish, and you will be added to the list.

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.

We welcome back the children and staff to the new term at St Thomas' and the secondary schools. We wish them, well in these extremely challenging times.

CANCEL THE DEBT Coronavirus is causing devastation right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but are also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slowdown. The quickest way to deal with this worrying financial outlook is to keep money in developing countries by cancelling debt payments now. The coronavirus petition will end on Friday 11 September. Thanks to all who have signed it already over the summer, but if not, you'll find a link at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt You can also find there another way to add your voice by taking a photo of yourself creatively displaying the words "Cancel The Debt" to help get the message across to World Leaders before the World Bank and IMF meetings in October.



Personal Column

With the help and thanks of the catechists Fr Gus has been able to celebrate First Holy communion with 24 of the 33 candidates and their families, over a period of 4 weekends, including celebrations on Saturdays as well as Sundays. Appropriate health and safety guidelines in place at all times. Some have decided to wait until next year whilst the remaining will be celebrating later in the month. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

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.*

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.

A prayer for refugees

Jesus, friend and brother,
You know what it is like
to be hungry and thirsty.
You know what it feels like
to be a stranger who is made unwelcome.
You know the suffering
of all who have lost everything.
We pray that by welcoming refugees
we may show love for our neighbour
and be closer to you.
Amen.

Tony Singleton

Prayer for the Week

Open our eyes, Lord

God of all,
you made the earth and saw that it was good,
but like robbers we have stripped it of its treasure.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Now the earth cries out
and your people hunger and thirst.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Open our eyes to see the pain of your creation
and move us with compassion for your world.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Lead us to act as neighbours,
who do not pass by on the other side.

Open our eyes, Lord.

So that together we may care for all that you have
made

and with all creation sing your praise.

Open our eyes, Lord.

*Catherine Gorman
CAFOD*

This 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*

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

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 94

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

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.