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

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**9 August 2020 Psalter Week 3**

**There will be no public Mass this weekend.  
From Monday, Mass will be available to the public.**

### Sunday

People of the Parish

Laura Henderson

### Monday

*ST LAURENCE, DEACON,  
MARTYR*

10.00 a.m.

Frank Flynn

### Tuesday

*St Clare, virgin*

10.00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving

### Wednesday

*St Frances de Chantal, religious*

10.00 a.m.

Yorkshire Brethren

### Thursday

*Ss Pontian, pope, & Hippolytus,  
priest, martyrs*

10.00 a.m.

Dead List

### Friday

*St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, priest,  
martyr*

10.00 a.m.

Margaret Stancer

### Next Week's Masses

#### Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. Ron Mason & Pat Phelan

#### Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Gaetana Messina

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

### *Please Pray for:*

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

**Lately dead:** Gaetana Messina and Hilda Houdmont **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.

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## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Hello everyone and welcome. We will be celebrating Mass on Monday, 10th at 10.00am. It will be our first public Mass since 15th March. We will also be working under strict guidelines. Initially we are not having bookings for weekdays, but it may come to that. (Please refer to the back page of the newsletter for details.) So, it is a time of joy and relief tinged with anxiety. Please co-operate with those who are helping to enable a safe celebration. If we have weather like today (Friday) we will be able to celebrate in the church grounds. If you are struggling with a decision as to whether to attend or not . . . err on the side of caution. Give Fr Gus a call and he will be able to arrange for you to receive Holy Communion/Sacrament of the Sick at home.

### We open for Masses starting Monday, 10 August 10.00am.

However, we realise we now need more stewards to ensure we have sufficient numbers to cover all the Masses. **Please note, if we do not have enough volunteers it will not be possible to sustain the number of Masses on offer.** If you would like to volunteer please email Fr Gus or Liz Mason as soon as possible to [olstsheffield@btinternet.com](mailto:olstsheffield@btinternet.com) or [lizemason@hotmail.com](mailto:lizemason@hotmail.com)  
Please remember, if you are **70 or over; shielding or live with someone who is shielding or have or underlying health issues**, you cannot volunteer.

**A young lady, Rachael Booth** is attempting to walk the 3 Yorkshire Peaks in under 12 Hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 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>

**We understand the challenges and disruption COVID 19** is having on the quality of life and mental health. We offer support in managing anxiety as we leave lockdown; coping with working from home; uncertainty in a changing society; social distancing and loneliness.

We are now able to offer Counselling for Men by Men!

Our regular quality assurance reviews guarantee high standards of service by our practitioners. You do not have to go through this alone.

**Please contact Bernie Ware : 07980 406198**

**Table-Top freezer** free to a good home. If you **need** a small table top freezer, in excellent condition and in full working order please contact Alan Southeran on 07941 464908. The dimensions are 17"x18"x20".

### **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 Cantic 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: Cantic; Amazon voice; penitential prayer; plea for intercession.

#### **First prayer: Sunday**

**"We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures, especially for Brother Sun, who is the day through whom you give us light."** (*St Francis of Assisi*) "I dream that this Amazon, so beautiful and diverse, a gift from God, this earth which gives life, our life, our mother, is not transformed into a desert."

(Fr. Henri de Roziers, Pastoral Land Commission, Brazil)

#### **Creator God,**

*We are nourished by your radiance.*

*Forgive us for the harm we cause your earth,  
the heat and drought unleashed by climate change.*

*St Francis, you loved our sacred world,  
you praised God ceaselessly  
for his dazzling creation.*

*May we learn from your example.*

***St Francis, pray for us.***

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2020**  
**The Power of Faith**

The Christian disciple is one who has heard the words: 'Courage, It is I! Do not be afraid.' Disciples know from experience that on their own they cannot withstand the storms, fears and sinking experiences of life. But they have learnt to reach out in prayer to God: and they know that his hand sustains them, that his words give courage, and his presence brings them peace.

Fear is one of the great obstacles in life. It is one of the clouds that can block out the sunlight of God's love from a person. When we no longer feel his light and warmth, our strength is frozen and our ability to deal with life is paralysed. It is not surprising that a most frequently repeated phrase in Scripture is, 'Do not be afraid.' Somebody has counted more than 360 instances of that message, as if God wishes us to hear it almost every day of the year.

On a worldwide scale there is an ominous sense of threat. The factors of change appear to be beyond our control. People feel menaced and helpless. Families are under stress as the values and codes which traditionally guided life are questioned or disregarded. Parents are racked with fears about how their children will turn out. Young people have to cope with anxiety about employment, their education, and uncertainty at this time. Further pressures are put on them by the expectations of their peer groups. All these factors weigh together in a depressing burden which many find heavy to bear. Social engagement is not encouraged. Now is the time to be attentive to the voice of the Lord: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

Peter emerges as our model: not because of any greatness on his own part; but because of what he became by the power of God. He had once made the magnificent, blind gesture of leaving everything and following Jesus. But he still had much to learn about himself and the long-term cost of being a disciple. When Jesus came to them in the storm, again Peter ventured overboard in blind abandon. But he quickly reverted to relying on his own powers... and began to sink. At least he had faith enough to cry out, 'Lord save me!' And it was here in the moment of weakness that he found a strong hand: in the moment of sinking he found power to sustain him: in the moment of paralysing fear he found a source of courage.

The greatest gestures of abandonment which Peter made were admirable in their own way. But for his own development it was more important that he came face to face with his weakness and fear. He is now a greater model because of admitting his weakness than if he attained power to walk on every ocean. Recognising weakness made a greater man of him than the moment of the daring miracle.

God allows us to experience failures, frustrations and 'sinking'. These are valuable moments if they make us reach out in trust to the hand of God. Even a little faith, like Peter's, is enough to make one call out to God. Elijah was terrorised by earthquake, wind and fire, but only found God in the gentle breeze and covered his face. It was when the storm subsided that the disciples bowed down and said, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' Let us dedicate our prayers to the overpowering of the 'pandemic storm' engulfing us at this time. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

## **Online talks and presentations**

Listen to inspiring talks online about the great work you support, all from your own living room!

### **[CAFOD live with Deputy Head of Africa, James Marchant](#) Tuesday 11 August, 7pm-8pm**

Join our Deputy Head of Africa, James Marchant to hear about our work across Africa and how they are implementing lessons from previous Ebola outbreaks.

[Register](#) to join us.

### **[Carbon capture & Climate Change, the scale of the challenge](#) Thursday 13 August, 11am-12pm**

What does a net zero world look like? And what does capturing, utilising and storing CO2 have to do with it? Join us to hear Dr Doug Barnes, the Head of Chemistry at C-Capture.

[Register](#) to join us.

### **[CAFOD campaigner : Phil Kingston speaks](#) Thursday 20 August, 11am-12pm**

Join us for an inspiring talk from Phil Kingston, a longtime CAFOD campaigner now based in Bristol and his involvement with Extinction Rebellion. Phil is 83 and 10 years ago founded Grandparents for Safer Earth.

[Register](#) to join us.

**Past online talks**   [Browse all past online talks](#)

**Fr Gus is willing**, under certain 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.*

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday A

**First Reading [1 Kings]:** During the reign of Ahab in Israel, Elijah took on himself the task of combating the Baal-worship sponsored by queen Jezebel. However, his course of action was too aggressive. He had to escape as quickly as he could, and he headed for Mount Horeb where he takes refuge in a cave. There he learned that his ways were not God's way. God's ways are not man's ways. His approach is not a violent one, rather it is a gentle one symbolised by the breeze.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading [Romans]:** St Paul tells of the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refuse to accept Christ as the Messiah. His pain is not unlike what is experienced by those who become separated from family and friends over issues of faith and religion.

**Gospel [Matthew]:** The disciples in the boat represent the infant Church; the wind and waves represent the persecution of the Church. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven. However, in the Church's direst need, when all seems lost, her Lord comes to save her. Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith, why did you doubt?' is directed at us also, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crises.

**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

#### *The Blessing of Unanswered Prayers*

I asked God for strength that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;

I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I had asked for,  
but everything that I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

#### *The prayer of a Confederate soldier*

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help those who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God. Just as we have a share in Christ's many sufferings, so also through Christ we share in his great help.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

### This Week's Readings Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *1 Kings 19:9, 11-13*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *84*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 9:1-5*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14:22-33*

### Next Week's Readings THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**First Reading:** *Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *44*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:39-56*

## **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.