From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus came into the region of Tyre and Sidon where the people of Canaan lived. A Canaanite woman came to him, crying out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is tormented by a devil." But Jesus sais, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." So the woman came and knelt before him him, "Lord" she said, "help me." But Jesus said, "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." And she said, "Ah yes, Lord, but even dogs eat the scars which fall from their master's table," Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith, let is be

as you wish." At that moment the woman's daughter was healed.



Pope Francis writes:

"Love by its nature is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. We are called to receive the word of God with

open hearts." Jesus, at first, seems to refuse the woman's request for healing for her tormented daughter, because she is a foreigner and he has come for 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But she persists and Jesus, impressed by her faith, heals her daughter. Are we sometimes put off when we don't get what we want immediately, or do we persist, knowing that we are loved by God?

<u>Ministers</u>

Liturgy of the Word 6.00pm M.Jefferis 8.30am C.Ivatts 10.00am S.Gibson

6.00pm C.Stokes8.30am M.Crewdson10.00am C.Street-Brown

August 20th

Liturgy of the Eucharist S.Dyson/T.Spalding S.Crewdson/M.Booth C.Ward/K.McKune August 27th S.Dyson/T.Spalding S.Crewdson/M.Booth M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20th 2017 (Matthew's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	James Norbury
Sunday	8.30am	In Thanksgiving
	10.00am	People of the Parish
		Refreshments after Mass
Monday	9.30am	Jim Reid
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention
	No Taizé	Prayer group this evening
Wednesday	12.00 noon	November Dead List
Thursday	9.30am	Keith Tidy (Recovery)
Friday	9.30am	Charles Whitehead
Saturday	10.00am	Kathleen Atkinson
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Eddie Hargreaves
Sunday	8.30am	Private Intention
	10.00am	People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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Coffee Morning at 22 Church Road



Eamon and Pauline O'Daly have arranged a Coffee Morning for Saturday 26th August at their home, 22 Church Road from 10.00am—2.00pm. All proceeds will be split between The Sheroes Café in Agra, India and CAFOD. The Sheroes Café helps women who have been subject to acid attacks, both to get over their injuries and to give them a way into

employment. All very welcome.

Aspire Channel Swim 2017 by Nick King (Chair of the Parish Council)



My team (Team Osprey) have a tide date of the 29th August which means that we could go any time from that date or the subsequent seven days, weather permitting. There are six of us who will take it in turns to swim for an hour a time until we reach Cap Griz Nez in France. The distance is approximately 22 miles from Dover as the crow flies, without factoring in the tides both sides of the

Channel. My charity is ASPIRE. They are an organisation who provide practical assistance for people who have a spinal cord injury and are based at The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in London. They help people to live independent lives by providing grants, housing, advice and technology etc. They are fantastic people who are making a real difference to people with spinal cord injury. Sponsorship sheets available from Sunday.



Our Lady of Fatima

This year marks the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima to three Children, Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco. There will be an event at Leeds Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd September**, 10:30am – 6pm, in the presence of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady that was blessed at Fatima by Pope Paul VI. The programme for the event includes a talk, a procession with the

statue, Mass, veneration of the relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, a film, rosary, adoration and Benediction. All very welcome

Sacred Heart & St William Parish Retreat



Friday 27th to Sunday 29th, 2017 at The Loreto Centre in Llandudno. Nine people have responded so far to the invitation to attend the retreat which will begin with an evening meal on Friday 27th and end after lunch on Sunday 29th. As last year it will include opportunities for

prayer, reflection, discussion, socialising and relaxation. The retreat is full board and will cost £5.00 more than last year, namely £115 per person all in. **There are**

Booking Forms at the back of the Church and, given the shortness of time between now and the retreat itself, anyone wishing to take part is asked to take a form and return it with a non refundable deposit of £30.00 by Sunday 3rd September. Thank You

CAFOD'S Power to Be Campaign



Over the past decade, we have made huge steps forward on tackling poverty and climate change, and shifting towards renewable energy. This has come about thanks to your actions, filled with love and hope for our sisters and brothers around the world. In 2008, you campaigned for the UK to pass the world's first legally-binding commitment to cut carbon emissions. In 2015, in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', you

ensured the voices of the world's poorest communities were heard by people in power. 195 countries signed the ground-breaking agreement, calling the world to take urgent action. In the same year, nearly 200 countries set new global targets

to end poverty and protect the earth. This included a commitment to ensure "affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all" by 2030. In 2016, 47 of the world's poorest countries, including Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Haiti, agreed to shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050. 18 of 22 Catholic dioceses in England and

Wales, Leeds included, have already switched to renewable energy.

Please take a card from the back of church and ask the UK's representative, Melanie Robinson at the World Bank to support local, renewable energy which tackles poverty, so that everyone can have a chance to fulfil their God given

potential.