

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed dandel weeds among the wheat. When the wheat sprouted the weeds did as well. The farmer's servants wanted to pull up the weeds straightaway, but the farmer said to them, 'Don't do that because when you pull up the weeds you might well pull out the wheat as well and we won't have a crop.' So the farmer let them grow side by side until harvest time when the wheat could be separated from the weeds, and then the wheat could be gathered into the barn."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather we journey and grow in community, in a family." The parable of the wheat and

weeds remind us that we live in a world where we see both good and bad and we have to make choices each day. Sometimes we make the wrong choices, but if we realise this and say sorry, God not only forgives us but helps us all the more. During the summer holidays how can we help each other to make the right choices so that the kingdom of heaven will grow here on earth?

Ministers

July 23rd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am M.Crewdson
10.00am S.Rudd

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
G.Leggat/C.Hall

July 30th

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am E.Davies
10.00am J.Sheard

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £429.80: Second £169.08 Shop: £257.25 Thank You
Rotary Club for use of the Parish Centre £50.00 Thank You

If you are making out a cheque please make it payable to
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 23rd 2017 (Matthew's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Ann McCarthy
Refreshments after Mass		
Monday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
No Taizé Prayer group this evening		
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	10.00am	Fr Pat Smythe (Golden Jubilee)
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	In Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Michael Friedrich

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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Yanks Weekend



The Yank's "Naafi Café" will be held in the Parish Centre on the weekend of August 5th and 6th. This is to raise funds for Whit Friday and is run jointly by ourselves and St Chad's. Volunteers are needed to help on both days with preparing, serving, clearing, washing up etc. The helping sessions are in two hour blocks (9.00am-11.00am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm. Please see the Rota at the back of the church.) Donations of homemade cakes will also be gratefully received. Many thanks for any help you are able to provide. Mary Booth.

Summer Holidays 2017

Sharing Sunday's Gospel



Although we do not have another Sunday School until September, the Wednesday Word is available for families throughout the summer

holidays. Please collect the single booklet from the back of the church which takes us up to Wednesday 6th September. It is a wonderful way of preparing for Sunday Mass and also for having some time together as a family with a Gospel Passage.

Sunday School 2017-2018



This week letters including an enrolment form for Sunday School 2017-18 have been sent to the parents of those children who will be 4 years of age before September 1st 2017, and who have been baptised in the parish. Parents have been asked to return the completed form by SUNDAY AUGUST 6th. If your child is eligible for Sunday School but was baptised elsewhere, please let Fr Bernard know so that you can receive a formal invitation to enrol your child for Sunday School September 2017-July 2018. The First Sunday School of 2017-18 will take place on Sunday 24th September after the 10.00am Mass. (This might change depending on the Saddleworth Olympics!)



Prayer of the Holy Father for young people in view of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops 2018:

"Young people, faith and vocational discernment"

Lord Jesus, in journeying towards the Synod, your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered. Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others. Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. Amen.

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has announced the opening of a website in preparation for the Fifteenth Ordinary Assembly on the theme "Young people, the faith, and vocational discernment," which will be held in October of 2018. The website is available at <http://youth.synod2018.va>.



The Franciscans of the Renewal, Bradford

Three Peaks for St. Patrick's

A group of walkers will be taking part in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge on Saturday 5th August, to raise funds for the restoration of St. Patrick's Church. If you would like to be one of the walkers – or would like to support the event in another way – please contact Matt Campbell by phone: 07921 700176 by email: matthew.campbell66@ntlworld.com. Please sponsor the walkers by visiting: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stpatwalk



Thought for the week



"Resurrection does not simply spell the survival of the soul, but requires the transformation of the world as we know it."

Elizabeth Schusler-Fiorenza