

From Sunday's Gospel

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said "A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me." John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



Pope Francis writes: "Let us ask Our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his love in every area of our lives."

John the Baptist witnessed to the truth about Jesus, and we too are called to do the same through the way we live and how we treat other people, by the words we use and how we speak to others. The truth is we do not have to do anything extraordinary to bear witness to Jesus, simple things like a kind word, a willingness to forgive when we have been hurt, a listening ear, and using the opportunities we have to tell others about our love for Jesus!

Ministers

January 15th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am A.Kirkman

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

January 22nd

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am M.Crewdson
10.00am S.Gibson

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £455.00 Second: £198.39 Thank You Shop now open
Christmas Offerings: £60.00 Thank You

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 15th 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)**

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Louisa Keogh
	10.00am	Johanna Friedrich

Refreshments after Mass

Monday	9.30am	Sr Bridget Carey
Tuesday	9.30am	Geoff Haigh

8.00pm Taizé Prayer group

Wednesday	12.00 noon	Danielle Rahon
Thursday	9.30am	Michelle Bickers
Friday	9.30am	Carol Gosbee
Saturday	10.00am	Canon Peter Maguire
Vigil	6.00pm	Patricia Riley
Sunday	8.30am	The Cunningham Family
	10.00am	People of the Parish

11.00am Unity Service in Uppermill Methodist Church

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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Peace Sunday—15th January 2017



Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace

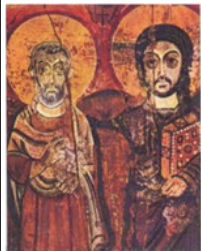
2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the World Peace Day. With his chosen theme *Non Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace*, Pope Francis affirms the place of non violence—such as negotiation, diplomacy and citizens' action— in preventing war and resolving conflicts. His message offers a timely opportunity for our parishes to explore the Catholic tradition of Nonviolence which goes back to Jesus and explore better ways of making Gospel nonviolence better known through our sacramental and catechetical programmes as well as well as an effective influence on our social work and political choices.

Pax Christi recognizes that it is our members and supporters who put peace into action locally. We seek to be a key resource for Catholic Christians and others through our prayer and spirituality resources and through the clear direction we give in our campaigning and advocacy materials.

Following a ground breaking conference on Nonviolence and Just Peace, held jointly with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Pax Christi International has launched the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative www.nonviolencejustpeace.net to deepen the Church's commitment to Gospel nonviolence.

Thank you for your continued support of Pax Christi
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP—National President of Pax Christi
British Section.
www.paxchristi.org.uk

Opportunities to deepen prayer in 2017



Week of Accompanied Prayer in the Parish

Monday February 6th—Friday 10th

Individually Guided Retreat—Old Colwyn Residential

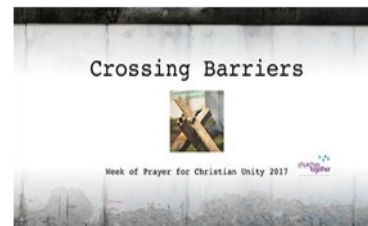
Sunday 7th May—Friday 12th

Please see the back of church for more information and for booking forms etc.

Parish Residential Weekend—The Loreto Centre—Llandudno

Friday October 27th—Sunday October 29th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—Crossing Barriers



The annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday January 18th and ends on Wednesday 25th January. During this week we are asked to make Christ's prayer— That they may be one—our own prayer. Next Sunday, January 22nd, there will be a Unity service held in Uppermill Methodist Church at 11.00am organised by Churches Together in Saddleworth. Those attending the 10.00am Mass next Sunday will have time to get to the 11.00am Unity Service! All welcome.



Due to the Unity service the Liturgy of the Word for Children will take place on **Sunday 29th January** and not next Sunday.



Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please send any items for the Agenda to Catherine Ivatts or Fr Bernard. Thank you.



CAFOD Quiz

This year's quiz has, unfortunately, had to be put back a little so it will take place on **Friday March 10th**—please make a note of it in your diary—tickets will be available very soon.



Postage Stamps

Many thanks for all the stamps you have donated to the RNIB over the last year. We are well on the way to helping them achieve their £25,000 target. Please continue to bring used stamps to church.

Thought for the week



“Wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, schools, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.” Pope Francis