

### From Sunday's Gospel



As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. So they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered, "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Another to whom he said, "Follow me," replied, "I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home." Jesus said to him, "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



**Pope Francis writes, "Good choices are not always easy to make, but God loves us, and sent Jesus to help us make good and wise choices. ."** Today's word is **Choices**. Life is

full of choices. God has created us with the ability and responsibility to choose – and he trusts us to choose well. Pope Francis reminds us: "Constantly make the right choice, the choice for good." In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses blunt language to grab the peoples' attention. Deciding to follow Jesus involved making some difficult choices. Some chose to reject Jesus, while others chose to follow him. Choosing to follow Jesus greatly influences our life; it demands commitment but is rewarded with peace and eternal life. Making choices with the help of Jesus, leads us on life's right and joyful path. Whenever we have difficult or important choices to make, we can ask ourselves 'What would Jesus do?' - and then try to do the same ourselves. In this coming week, what else can we do to help us choose wisely – to do the right thing?

### Offertory Collections and Shop Income May 22nd

**First Collection: £472.07 Second: £116.40 Thank You**

**Shop: £309.00 Thank You**



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## **PARISH PATRONAL FEAST**

## **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart**

**June 26th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>8.30am</b>	Terry Farmer
	<b>10.00am</b>	Brenda Regan
Monday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Betty Kay
Tuesday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention (DG)
Wednesday:	<b>12.00pm</b>	Eileen Hayden & Anthony Hayden (St Peter & St Paul)
Thursday	<b>9.30am</b>	Joan McMahon
Friday	<b>12.00noon</b>	John Marples (First Friday)
Saturday	<b>8.30am</b>	Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast (Parish Centre)
		<b>No Morning Mass today</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Michael Bernard Crewdson
Sunday:	<b>8.30am</b>	Ann O'Neil
	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

**Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment**

**Exposition 40 minutes before the Weekday Masses**

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### The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Although The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart falls on Friday, 24th June, we will celebrate it over the weekend Masses, giving as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to participate. The prayers and Readings will take the place of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (See the Wednesday Word at the back of the Newsletter for the Gospel and practical thoughts.)



### First Holy Communion

Last Sunday we celebrated the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) This celebration coincided, wonderfully, with First Holy Communion in our parish. Esmail and Sophia celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, and Charlotte, Chloe, Emily, Freya, Hugo, Joseph, Lucy, Natalia, Oliver, Patrick, Samuel and Sofia celebrated on Sunday There was a Communion Breakfast after Mass for the children and light refreshments for everyone else. Our thanks to all who helped in any way to make last weekend so special and our Congratulations as a parish to all the children and their families.



### Unity Week Service and Prayer Breakfast

#### We saw his star in the East

Unity Week occurs between the 18th and 25th January each year. This year, because of COVID it was decided to postpone the service until later in the year. The Unity Service for our area will now take place **next Sunday, July 3rd at 11.00am** in the Methodist Church. Fr Bernard will be preaching at this service which will be led by Canon Sharon Jones, Anglican Team Leader.

The day before, **Saturday 2nd July there will be a Prayer Breakfast** held in the Parish Centre. This starts at **8.30am** with a simply breakfast of cereals and toast, followed by a period of prayer. Fr Bernard will be leading this and members of other churches in Uppermill will be involved in the service. Everyone is most welcome to attend. **There will be no morning Mass next Saturday.**



## THIS SUNDAY

This year's Summer Fair will take place **THIS Sunday June 26th in the Parish Centre from 11.00am to 3.00pm.** Thanks to those who have volunteered for the various stalls, and

also to those who have contributed items for the stalls, books, bric a brac, nearly new items, cakes, tombola, raffle, toys etc. The Parish Fairs have always been wonderful social occasions as well as raising funds for the Parish. Look forward to seeing you and your friends at the Fair. Thank You.



### Sustainable Global Gardens (SGG)

Cream teas for THE ORPHAN PROJECTS  
(Back by Popular Demand!)

**SATURDAY 9th JULY PARISH CENTRE 11-4pm**



### Farewell Refreshments

The parish council invites everyone to light refreshments after 10am Mass on **Sunday 10th July until 1.00pm** as a farewell to Fr Bernard.



### Dementia Friendly Communities—follow up from last week:

**Speak Clearly**—calmly and slowly to allow the person time to understand information. Use simple, short sentences and avoid direct questions. Keep choices to a minimum and don't raise your voice. Where possible, talk in a non distracting place. If the person struggles to find a word, then you could suggest one...but be careful not to interrupt or finish the sentence for them.

**Body Language**—People with dementia may find it difficult to understand what is being said, but can be quick to interpret the message on people's faces and be aware of body language. Smile warmly, make eye contact, make sure you are at the person's level, use a friendly tone and respect their personal space.

(Adapted from the Alzheimer's Society)