

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who chose to sit down in front of Jesus to listen to him. Now Martha, who was busy preparing the meal said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is good; this will not be taken away from her."



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you" Today's word is **Listening**. What did Mary do that was good? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus knows

that household jobs are important, but he reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Listening is a sign of real love – it's a powerful way of showing that we care. **"Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart."** St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) This Gospel reminds us that rushing frantically around can stop us hearing the wisdom of Jesus. We need first to listen to Jesus, to be reminded of what's really important in life; then it's time to swing into action. As the summer holidays approach, We might explore ways that can help us to listen to Jesus in these coming days and weeks.

Offertory Collections and Shop Income June 26th

First Collection: £329.00 Second: Stella Maris£90.40

Shop: £221.40 Thank You



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday: **6.00pm** People of the Parish

Sunday **9.30am** John Whitehead

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME OF 9.30am and that there will NOT be an 8.30am Mass in the future. Please also note the DIFFERENT times for Weekday Masses and Liturgies

Monday: No Public Liturgy

Tuesday: **10.00am** Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Wednesday: **10.00am** Mass—Sr Marion McCarthy

Thursday **10.00am** Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday **10.00am** Mass—Mary Kelly

Saturday No Public Liturgy

6.00pm People of the Parish

Please Note there is **No 8.30am Mass**

Sunday **9.30am** Fr James Moore

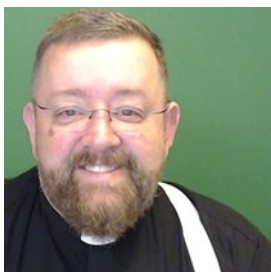
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Welcome to Fr Jim Clarke

It was wonderful to meet Fr Jim on Friday and to show him around the Presbytery, Church and Parish Centre. He now has a full set of keys so will be able to let himself into all the properties. He told me that he had been made very welcome at St Joseph's, Mossley and I assured him that he would receive a very warm welcome here as well.

His contact details are:

To access the parish website: stjosephsmossley.com

This coming week Fr Jim will begin celebrating weekday Masses here on Wednesdays and Fridays at **10.00am**. The weekend Masses will be **Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm** and **Sunday Morning at 9.30am**. This coming week there will be Services of The Word & Holy Communion on Tuesday and Thursday at **10.00am**. There will **NOT** be a public liturgy on Monday or Saturday morning.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje—27th September—4th October 2022



Flights from Manchester price From £595*

Return flights from Manchester, hold luggage (23kg), 7 nights at Hotel Grace (4 star) breakfast and dinner, wine with dinner, airport transfers between Split and Medjugorje, local guide, full religious programme, daily Mass, visit Community Cenacolo; 24/7 emergency support from our local rep, 100% Financial protection. *Single supplement £125 subject to availability.

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The Charity Shop will Re-open on Tuesday 19th-Wednesday 20th July

Now that the work on the dilapidated building has been put on hold for some weeks, and protective fencing has been put round the building, the shop will be able to open again this coming week. However there is to be very limited access for parking and the gate will be kept closed to vehicles.



Farewell Refreshments and Farewell to all

My huge thanks to all those who prepared the refreshments after the 10.00am Mass last Sunday and to all those who found the time to come and enjoy them. I was very moved by the kind words that were said and I would just want to reiterate that the past 10 years have been the happiest and most fulfilling years in the 49+ years I have been a priest. So many people have let me into their lives in a very deep way, times of great happiness and sometimes of sadness, and it has been a great privilege to have served as parish priest since 2012.

I believe that priests are called to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, help to build community, offer appropriate pastoral care and encourage people to use their God given gifts and talents in building the Kingdom of God on earth. No one can do this alone and the number of people in this parish who are involved in different areas of parish life is a real sign of working together.

There is always more to do than can be done and for the gaps, the loose ends, the failings and the let downs I apologise. For your love and care and for showing me how to be a priest in a parish I am deeply grateful. Go gently and let's all remember that what God asks of us is the *we act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly before our God*.



Dementia Friendly Communities—follow up from last week:

Be a Good Neighbour—Neighbours with dementia, particularly if they live alone, might forget to do everyday tasks like putting the bins out, taking the washing in. A simple reminder can rally help, or offer to do it for them. Offering to take a neighbour with you to the shops, or picking up a few things for them when you are shopping can really help too.

Every day can be different—For some people with dementias what they can do changes from day to day, so how you help them may need to be different every time. Look out for signs and offer to help when needed, bearing in mind the privacy of the person. Do not be offended if they do not want the assistance you offer. (Adapted from the Alzheimer's Society)