

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to have service rendered to Him, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for (instead of) many.

From Sunday's Gospel

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the

other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served – I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."

From the Gospel of Sunday 17th October 2021 Cf. Mark 10: 35-45 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



St Francis de Sales writes, "My dear young people, Doing little things with a strong desire to please God makes them great."

Today's word is **Greatness**. What did Jesus

say he had come to do? It's natural to want to be great. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God wants us to live, to become the best that we can be. God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. We might ask ourselves what the word 'greatness' means. Who do we know at home, at school or in the community who shows true greatness by putting others' needs first? Then we might choose a way in which we can be 'great' for each other this week.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday: **6.00pm** People of the Parish
 Sunday **9.00am** Joseph Priestley
(people welcome to attend this Mass)

10.30am Wasyl Dydyk

Monday: **9.30am** Sister Cathy Edge

Tuesday: **9.30am** Holmes & Richards' Families

Wednesday: **12.00pm** November Dead List

Thursday: **9.30am** Special Intention

Friday **9.30am** Dorothy Lilian Platts

Saturday: **10.00am** Judith Suddaby

6.00pm John Lancashire

Sunday: **9.00am** Monica Marples

(live streamed without a congregation)

10.30am Johanna & Michael Friedrich

Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment

Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass

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Pope Francis has asked every Bishop throughout the world to celebrate Mass in their diocesan cathedral this Sunday October 17th to launch the beginning of the Synod which will meet in 2023.

The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. Rather it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

In our diocese, as in every diocese throughout the world, this 'Synodal' pathway will begin on the weekend of 16/17 October. Our immediate part in the process is short and concentrated: as a diocese we have to have our reflections brought together by February. So in the next few days and weeks there will be invitations issued for a variety of ways in which we could take part in our parish. Joining in will focus not so much on discussing ideas but in sharing experience and, on that basis, trying to sense what needs to be done, all shaped by prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We all know the adage 'It's good to talk'. We know how important communication is for every relationship. But talking must be matched by listening. Indeed, often the listening is more demanding, and really it should come first. So it is with this 'Synodal' invitation. The pathway is listening, the task is discerning together the important lessons and prompting of the Holy Spirit, and the outcome greater participation in the life and mission given to us by the Lord.

This lovely initiative of Pope Francis is an opportunity for us to show our care for the family of the Church. It shines with the Holy Father's character of openness, compassion, and eagerness for renewal. May God bless our efforts, open our hearts to one another and prompt us powerfully to know more clearly the way God has set out for us to be messengers of the joy and consolation which God alone can provide.



Getting Back to something like NORMAL!



Delighted to say that numbers at weekday Masses have picked up this last week and that from this Sunday onwards people are welcome to attend the 9.00am Live Streamed Mass on Sundays.

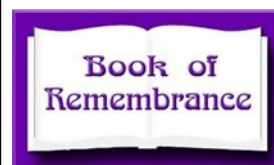
Sign of Peace

Although we are encouraged **NOT** to shake hands or touch one another at the sign of peace, a suggestion has been made that we simply acknowledge the presence of those around us by a nod and or a smile! This is happening in many churches and works well.



Red Boxes

Julia asks those who have Red Boxes for Missio/Association for the Propagation of the Faith, to bring them to church for her to collect, empty and then return the empty boxes to the church.



As in previous years we will have a Book of Remembrance in front of the altar during November. The first page will contain a list of those parishioners who have died since last December. If you would like a family member or friend who has died to be named in the Book of Remembrance, please take a brown envelope with NDL on it and return it with the names of those to be included. Alternatively you can email the names to Fr Bernard. Thank you



Animals and Dementia (2).

Animals make great topics of conversation and the presence of pets has been known to help with memory, especially with those who have owned pets previously. Animals make great companions that offer unconditional love and attention.

Pets also help those with dementia stay calm and feel relaxed. The actual act of petting or stroking an animal can bring peace and comfort. Animal visits encourage exercise and cause bursts of energy. For people with dementia spending short periods of time playing with pets or getting outside and going on walks can go a long way. These visits can give those with dementia something to do and something to look forward to.

Adapted from SuperCarers—How animals can help with dementia

