

From Sunday's Gospel

Mark 10 : 14 (NIV)

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant.

He said to them,

**"Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

As in Mark chapter 10 verse 14.



People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children

come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

Adapted from Mark 10:2-16 The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing." Today's word is **Openness**. In this Sunday's Gospel,

Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds – and that includes you and me too! Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency – or a child's openness to God? God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God. Jesus is open to everyone – he has time for us and cares for us. Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person. Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another. How can we be more open to God and to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: spend a little more time in prayer; try to listen and understand if someone has a problem; be ready to forgive someone who may have upset us; ; be open and ready to accept praise or correction.



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3rd 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

Mass times in BOLD with a congregation.

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Kathleen Grimshaw
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
	10.30am	Fr Vincent O'Hara
Monday:	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday:	9.30am	The Sheridan Family
Wednesday:	12.00pm	William Butler
Thursday:	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	9.30am	Colette Keck & Family
Saturday:	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
	6.00pm	Margaret Leeming
Sunday:	9.00am	Those suffering with dementia & Families (live streamed without a congregation)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Confessions by appointment

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 30th September



Despite the torrential rain the PPC meeting took place on Thursday evening. Fr Bernard had asked Susan Gibson as Secretary to the PPC to be the link person with the Diocese over the Synodal Process. Susan agreed and will keep us informed as to the progress of the process and the expectations on the parish.

As from this Monday, October 4th, we will return to daily Mass with a congregation with the Mass times as before the closure due to the pandemic. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9.30am, Wednesday 12.00 noon and Saturday at 10.00am. Mass on the First Friday of the month will be at 12.00 noon. At present we will stay with Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm, Sunday Live Streamed Mass at 9.00am and Mass at 10.30am. We are looking into the possibility of having a congregation at the 9.00am Sunday Live Streamed Mass so please watch this space or wait for an announcement. These arrangements will be reviewed in light of any further wave of covid infections.

We are now able to use hymn books and can re-use Mass and service sheets. We are encouraged to continue wearing masks and to sanitise hands before entering and leaving the church building. We are still not to have holy water at the back of the church, not to offer the sign of peace and not to offer the Precious Blood. Hopefully more people will feel able to come to Mass either during the week or at the weekend.

The Bishops of England and Wales are proposing to re-introduce Sunday Obligation on the First Sunday of Advent which falls on Sunday November 28th. This also will depend on the Covid situation. Again, please watch this space.

Fr Bernard will call a meeting of the Catechists with a view to restarting catechesis/sacramental preparation.

There were differing opinions as to having a Christmas Fair this year and further discussions will take place. If it agreed that this can take place safely the proposed date is Sunday November 28th.

Please see the minutes at the back of church for further information.

Offertory Collections and Shop Income September 19th

First Collection: £266.62 Second: £74.00 Shop: £366.00 Thank You

Henshaws Pennine Vale: £25.00 Thank You

Harvest Family Fast—Friday October 1st 2021—Climate Crisis Appeal



This Family Fast day out parish can help the poorest people in the world adapt to the climate crisis which is affecting each and every one of us, and damaging our world, our Common Home, God's Creation. The poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are being hit the hardest by the climate crisis. Harvests are failing, cities are flooding, entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive.

Family Fast Day was Friday 1st. If you took an envelope last weekend please return it with a donation, or it is possible to donate on line by visiting cafod.org.uk

The Charity Shop



The Charity Shop had another very successful two days raising over £250.00 and providing a safe social space for people to meet. The shop has received a huge amount of donations and there is no room for any more at the moment. There is still a need for HELPERS to set out the shop on Sunday/Monday and to put everything away on Wednesday. If you are able and willing to help please contact Eimer, Lesley, Claire or Fr Bernard. Thank you.

helpline@dementiauk.org

Dr Eamon O'Daly, who with his team runs the Dementia Carers Group on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month in the Parish Centre has kindly left a few cards advertising the Admiral Nurse Dementia Helpline which he recommends. The website is easy to access and there is a great deal of very useful material covering such topics as: **Calming Techniques**; **Changes** in perception and hallucinations; **Coping** with distress; **Tips** for better Communication; **How** to handle Communication Challenges; **Confusion**; **Delusions**; **Dealing** with Restlessness; **When** someone doesn't Recognise you; **Difficulties** with Sound; **Sundowning** (changes in behaviour that occur in the evening or around dusk) and **Understanding** Dying. Also see from last week:

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/coping-agitation-and-aggression-alzheimers-disease>



"Your willingness to look at your darkness is what empowers you to change."

Iyanla Vanzant