

# Love, the Greatest Commandment, Introduction

Hundreds of years later, the Pharisees asked Jesus:



St Teresa of Calcutta writes, "My dear young people, It is not enough to say 'I love'. We must put that love into a living action. Those who are filled with love are filled with God." Today's word is **Love**. In

this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God first of all with all our heart, indeed with the whole of us. This will help us to love other people. Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known in the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us. Can we choose a special way in which we can show our love for God and for each other this coming week? Perhaps we can actually tell members of our family that we love them, and show this through an unexpected act of kindness. We might try to be more patient, tolerant and understanding, and if someone has upset us or hurt us, we can forgive them and begin again. There are so many ways we can choose to love God and others.



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**The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 25th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday: John Lancashire  
 Sunday: People of the Parish  
 Monday: Special Intention  
 Tuesday: **9.30am** Sheridan Family (Church open for Mass)  
 Wednesday: November Dead List  
 Thursday: **9.30am** Prisoners Buckley Prison (Church open for Mass)  
 Friday: Mooney Family  
 Saturday: **6.00pm** Leslie Osbaldeston (Church open for Mass—  
 Booking necessary, please see newsletter for details)  
 Sunday: People of the Parish

**The Church is being opened for three Masses a week as indicated above. Social distancing and the wearing of masks applies**

Confessions by appointment.

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### Re-opening the Church for the celebration of Mass



Thanks to the generosity of our stewards and cleaners we have been able to celebrate Mass again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturday evening. **To ensure a place at this Saturday evening Mass parishioners are asked to 'book' a place.** To do this please phone Susan Gibson between **4.00-6.00pm on FRIDAY 16th October** on 01457 878055 or 07778856089



**The Live Streaming of Mass on Sunday Morning at 9.00am will continue as over the past few months.**

### Stewards/Cleaners for the coming week



**CHURCH STEWARD**

Saturday October 24th, 6.00pm: Celia Hall & Mary farmer

Tuesday October 27th, 9.30am: Carole Street Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday October 29th: 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Chris Ellis

Saturday October 31st 6.00pm: Celia Hall & Mary Farmer

**IF ANYONE IS ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET FR BERNARD KNOW. No stewards means no open church. Thank You**

### Offertory Collections



**October 18th** First: £401.00 Second: £82.20 Banked £485.00

If anyone would like to pay by standing order our bank details are as follows: HSBC Leeds City Branch Sort Code 40-27-15  
Account Number 31018108

Beneficiary Sacred Heart & St William Parish, Uppermill. Thank You

**Payments made: Two Second Collections made up to:**

PACT (Prisoners' Advice & Care Trust) £185.00

Missio £250.00

The work on the Tower £9,776.80—This included extra scaffolding which was necessary to enable safe working conditions at the top of the tower. This cost an extra £1500.00. Even so the work came within budget.



"It is love alone that gives worth to all things."

St Teresa of Avila

### A Message from Nicaragua



One of the great blessing for our parish over the past couple of years has been the wonderful relationship we have with so many people in some villages on the outskirts of Managua the capital of Nicaragua. This began with Fr Ernesto and continued after his death, may he rest in peace, with Fr Luis. When we began live streaming Mass on a Sunday Morning Fr Luis was able to get connectivity and people gathered from the different parishes that make up the parish to celebrate with us. Over time people in their own villages managed to make connection, as did Sr Anna Maria, in the barrio in which she lives and works. After last Sunday's Mass Fr Luis sent an email part of which read as follows: ***Now - apparently all the parishes had connectivity. Don't ask me how they do it. Have no idea but great creativity and teamwork. Hope you are sitting down but between all the villages there were about 4,000 in all. I had 200 here. Ana Maria told me she had 217 total In two different parts of the barrio. So we are connected. And we saw a cloth from Nicaragua. It was the one small one near the lectern on the floor. That is from NICARAGUA. We all got excited!!!!***

It is wonderful that we have this connection and sobering to think that with our numbers before lockdown it would take us SIX MONTHS to have 4,000 at Mass!

### Council of Priests-Celebrating Christmas!



On Thursday there was an on line Council of Priests meeting with Bishop Marcus. One of the points for discussion was the celebration of Christmas this year. It is highly unlikely that the churches throughout the diocese will be able to open without the current or very similar restrictions, limiting numbers very significantly. Given the smallness of our church we would have to celebrate 12+ Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to accommodate all those who have been coming over the past few years! This is neither possible or sensible. One suggestion was to make use of the OCTAVE of Christmas, i.e. Christmas Day and the week following. Christmas is a time when people who do not normally come to Mass, make the decision to come, so publicising widely what will be on offer will also be needed. Christmas may seem an age away but it is a shade over two months. If anyone has suggestions please let Fr Bernard know.