

### From Sunday's Gospel



John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out evil spirits in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to

drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you most truly, they will most certainly not lose their reward."

Sunday 26th September 2021

Adapted from Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness." Today's word is Goodness.**

God's gift of goodness is here, now – for free

– for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness – wherever it is found. Parents and parish working together help our children grow in goodness, and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others."

Whenever we perform an act of goodness for the love of God (without looking for personal praise or for thanks), even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others – showing God's goodness at work in our lives.

We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of us can decide on a particular act of goodness which we will offer to make life better for others this week. Perhaps we can be more compassionate and caring and ask God to help you grow in goodness.



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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Please visit the website above.

### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 26th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)**

**Mass times in BOLD with a congregation.**

#### **The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	Tara Dyson
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Marie Dixon
Monday:		Joan Bradbury
Tuesday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Harry Heaton & Janet Heaton
Wednesday:		Dorothy Lilian Platts
Thursday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Sr Cathy Edge
Friday		Seamus & Breda Kirwin
Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kathleen Grimshaw
Sunday:	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Fr Vincent O'Hara

#### **Confessions by appointment**

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### Guidance from The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales



This coming week we will continue with the practice of having Mass with a congregation on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.30am; Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm and Sunday Morning at 10.30am. There will also be a live streamed Mass at 9.00am without a congregation. **As promised this will be reviewed at the Parish Council Meeting to be held this coming Thursday, October 30th at 7.00pm in the Parish centre.**

#### Stewards and Cleaners

Saturday 26th September 6.00pm: Susan & Jan Gedziewelski

Tuesday 28th August 9.30am: Liz Moores & Carol Street Brown

Thursday 30th September 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward

Saturday 2nd October 6.00pm: Mary Farmer & Celia Hall

### The Charity Shop



Since opening in mid August the Charity Shop has raised £1,338.27, a truly marvellous amount. The shop also provides a meeting place for people to have a drink and a chat, all in a safe environment. Those who run the shop are now appealing for donations of all kinds as the stocks are running low. If you have things you no longer need or use please think of donating them to the shop for sale.

There is also a need for HELPERS to set out the shop on Sunday/Monday and to put everything away on Wednesday. This is physical work which a very small number of people have carried for some years. If you are able and willing to help please contact Eimer, Lesley, Claire or Fr Bernard. Thank you.

### From Parish to Mission and the Synod of Bishop 2023



In his recent Pastoral Letter of a fortnight ago Bishop Marcus asked us all to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the work of evangelisation. He said that a diocesan prayer card will be distributed in due course. This is now available for collection at the back of the church.

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



In their Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021 the bishops remind us of Pope Francis' words—that global politics must look beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially those who are poor and excluded. 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 this coming Friday is an opportunity for each of us to support the CAFOD Fast Day appeal. There are envelopes at the back of the church that can be taken and returned with a donation, or it is possible to donate on line by visiting [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

### Coping with agitation and aggression in Alzheimer's disease

People with [Alzheimer's disease](#) may become agitated or aggressive as the disease gets worse. **Agitation** means that a person is restless or worried. He or she doesn't seem to be able to settle down. Agitation may cause pacing, sleeplessness, or **aggression**, which is when a person lashes out verbally or tries to hit or hurt someone. Most of the time, agitation and aggression happen for a reason. When they happen, try to find the cause. If you deal with the causes, the behaviour may stop. For more information including:

1. Possible causes of agitation and aggression
2. Tips for coping with agitation and aggression
3. Safety concerns

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

### Offertory Collections and Shop Income September 19th

**First Collection: £349.50 Second: £52.50 Shop: £314.50 Thank You**

Friday 17th September 2021



Mary Farmer successfully completed the Sleep Out on Friday 17th September and she thanks everyone who has helped her to raise £800 for the Cornerstone Charity which our parish has supported for many years.