

### From Sunday's Gospel



One day Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' His son replied, 'I will not go,' but later changed his mind and went. The man said the

same thing to his other son and the son replied, 'Certainly sir, ' but did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?' They replied, 'The first.' Then Jesus said to them, 'I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of heaven. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him, and even then you did not change your minds and believe him.'"



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, we can all improve and change for the better."** Today's word is **Change**.

In this Sunday's gospel both sons changed their minds, but only one of them changed it for the better. Each new day is an opportunity for us to change. We can ask God to help us change and so enrich our lives and the world around us, to love as Jesus loved, and so to change for the better. We might like to ask ourselves if there is anything about ourselves that we would like to change? If there is, for example to listen more than speak, how can we make that change? Do we need someone to help us? St John Henry Newman wrote, 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.' What changes are we going to make this week?



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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### **The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

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

Sunday: People of the Parish  
Monday: SR Philippa Kohlbecker  
Tuesday: **9.30am** Harry Heaton (**Church open for Mass**)  
Wednesday: November Dead List  
Thursday: **9.30am** Eilish Sexton (**Church open for Mass**)  
Friday: Sr Evelyn Gallagher  
Saturday: **6.00pm** Frank O'Daly (**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.

#### **Contact Details:**

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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. On Tuesday there were 13 and 20 on Thursday. It was again very encouraging to hear people being greeted in the porch and then being shown to where the seats were available. The benches have been arranged in such a way that it is easy to keep the 2 metre distance. Thanks to Susan we had a full turn

out last Saturday evening at the 6.00pm Mass for which booking is required. **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 25th September on**

01457 878055 or 07778856089 (and subsequent Fridays)

Currently we have 17 'places' available so our numbers will be limited, but not necessarily to 17. If people from the same household come together they take up one place, e.g. a family of 4 would occupy one place just as an individual would occupy one place. Once those 17 places have been allocated Susan has to advise any further callers that the Church is full for this Mass. In this event Susan could offer a place for the following Saturday 6.00pm Mass, but she is **not able to take block bookings for the weeks ahead!**

If the Church is fully allocated and someone arrives who has NOT booked a place they will be advised by a steward that, unfortunately, on this occasion, there is no room.

**The Live Streaming of Mass on Sunday Morning at 9.00am will continue as over the past few months.** Once we have established a pattern in terms of stewarding and cleaning we will be in a better position to know the way forward. For the church to be open for Mass we are required to have TWO stewards present. If you feel able to offer your services as a steward please let Fr Bernard know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY—Coronavirus Appeal—Survive—Rebuild—heal



This is a Harvest like no other as families around the world face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. This Family Fast Day on **Friday 9 October** let's stand alongside the poorest and most vulnerable people and help them to rebuild their lives. The Envelopes will be left at the back of the church from this weekend onwards for people to collect. We are in very different times and many charities have suffered a huge loss of donations during the pandemic. If you are unable to pick up and return an envelope please go to the CAFOD website where there is an opportunity to make a donation on line. Thank You.

### Stewards/Cleaners for the coming week

Saturday 26th, 6.00pm: Tessa Spalding & Liz Taylor

Tuesday 29th, 9.30am: Carole Street-Brown & Emma Kirkman

Thursday October 1st, 9.30am: Liz Taylor & Claire Ward

Saturday October 3rd: 6.00pm : Mary Farmer & Celia Hall

Tuesday October 6th, 9.30am: Carole Street Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday October 8th, 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward



### A Date for the Diary



Although May 20th 2021 seems a long way in the future, Mary Farmer has provisionally booked a Day Retreat to take place in Theodore House, Stonyhurst on that day, inviting people to experience a morning of prayer, reflection and

meditation on scripture, and an afternoon with prayer stations. For this to take place Mary needs a minimum of 10 people. The cost including lunch and refreshments will be £38.00. If you are interested please contact Mary on 01457 810189 or 07518297954, email: mickandmaryfarmer@btinternet.com The retreat cost may well be less if more than 12 people go. Mary will have to confirm the booking before the end of the year so early notice appreciated.