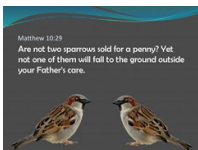


From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid. What is now hidden will be made known. What you have heard said in whispers, I want you to tell out loud to everyone. And do not be afraid of people; they cannot harm your soul. Think more about God who has power over both body and soul. Aren't two sparrows cheap to buy—sold only for a penny? Yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing about it. So, do not be afraid. You are worth much more than lots of sparrows. If anyone speaks up for me in front of other people, then I will speak up for that person in front of my Father in heaven.



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that Jesus never fails to give his support"

Today's word is **Courage**. In the gospel for the 12th Sunday in ordinary Time Jesus is sending out his disciples to heal and preach the good news. Even when they meet opposition and hostility they are to be true to Jesus. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming the truth and exposing falsehood and now his disciples must have the courage to do the same. All of us can help each other to be courageous, even our young children are sometimes ridiculed for doing what is right, so they also need help. We know we can ask the Lord to give us the courage we will need during this coming week so that we can face those difficult moments Pope Francis mentions above.



Wishing all Fathers and Grandfathers a very happy Sunday June 21st. May their day be blessed by the Father of us all. May those who have died be at peace with God for ever, and those who are still with us experience the love of their children and grandchildren.



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass
IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

The Solemnity of The Sacred Heart of Jesus June 21st 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	People of the Parish
Monday:	Shirley Keefe
Tuesday:	Special Intention (LC)
Wednesday:	Intentions of Fr Joe Falloon
Thursday:	Andrew Marples
Friday:	Special Intention (HT)
Saturday:	Hilda McGrath
Sunday:	Brenda Regan

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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Mrs Michelle Moore

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart



In the recent past we have celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on the Sunday following the Friday's Feast Day. Having consulted with members of the Liturgy Committee we had different opinions so I asked Fr Luis what he thought. After consulting some of his people they were unanimous that they would like us to celebrate the Sacred Heart this SUNDAY which is what we will do. The prayers and readings at Mass are taken from Year A and will take the place of those for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Opening of Places of Public Worship



Bishop Marcus has asked that the following be printed in the newsletter, unfortunately it came too late for last week. ***"From Monday, 15th June 2020, Catholic Churches in England are being allowed to open for individual private***

prayer. The conditions for this are that social distancing, stewarding and sanitizing arrangements have been put in place and agreed. This does not mean that every church in our Diocese will be able to open immediately, and it may be that some churches will not be able to open for some time. Please, do be patient and understanding; there may be a number of very good reasons why individual churches will not be able to re-open straightaway. Individual parishes will publish the opening times and days of when the church will be open. This will depend very much on the availability of volunteer stewards and with social distancing arrangements having been put in place. Please continue to check the websites of your local Catholic churches and the Diocesan website for further information."

Fr Richard Carter, our local Dean, has very kindly offered to visit the parish in the next week or so to share what has taken place at St Patrick's Church in Huddersfield, where last week a member of the Property Office spent four hours taking measurements and giving advice as to what must happen before the church can be opened for Private Prayer.

Our thanks to Fr Elliott Wright for bringing the oils which Bishop Marcus blessed and consecrated at Pentecost for use during the coming year.

FINANCE UPDATE



Over the past three months parishioners have been asking about their weekly offerings. 14 weeks have passed since the church was closed during which time some parishioners have handed in their weekly envelopes and a deposit of £1,000 was paid this week. If any parishioner wishes to make an offering this would be greatly appreciated. There are a number of ways to make payment:

1) By cheque. You can either bring it in or send it to the church. Cheques should be made payable to 'Diocese of Leeds- Sacred Heart'. Don't forget to enclose one of your numbered weekly envelopes (it doesn't matter which week) as it is needed for claiming Gift Aid.

2) By BACS direct into the Parish bank account. The details are:

Name of account: Diocese of Leeds- Sacred Heart

Sort code: 40-27-15

Account Number: 31018108

3) By standing order to the same account as above.

If you are paying by BACS or Standing Order please use your surname as a reference so that the payment can be allocated correctly. If you need any further information please feel free to contact Fr Bernard. Thank You.



Dear Friends,

We are writing to express our thanks for your generous donations of food and essential items to Oldham Foodbank. Your donations are very important to the foodbank and have enabled us to support more people in need. This has

been especially important in the current climate as we respond to the increasing demand and needs of our community due to the effects of the Covid-19 emergency. In order to respond to the increased support needs, we have partnered with Action Together (www.actiontogether.org.uk) and Oldham Council (www.oldham.gov.uk) to grow Oldham Foodbank to three times its usual output. Hope you are keeping well and safe, Fr Tom Davis, Chair of Trustees



You can never leave footprints that last if you are always walking on tip toe.

Leymah Gbowee