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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th September 2022



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Sun 4th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	P Mulligan R.I.P. E M Vas R.I.P. T O'Reilly R.I.P.	NO EVENING MASS
Mon 5th	Feria	S O'Donnell R.I.P.; E Da Costa R.I.P.	
Tues 6th	Feria	Sr Raymunda Int	
Wed 7th	Feria	7 p.m. A Fernandes R.I.P. G Chandrasena R.I.P.; E Kimpton R.I.P.	
Thurs 8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	M Fahy Birthday	Exposition until 11 a.m. Requiem Mass: L Belmar R.I.P. 11.30 a.m.
Fri 9th	Feria	M Breen Int	Requiem Mass:: A Hehir R.I.P.
Sat 10th	Our Lady's Saturday	J Hennigan R.I.P.	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Created Good

Giving up possessions is a huge demand of Jesus, it can be misunderstood and cause grief. What Jesus means is that we identify what it is in us that may block us being his disciples. Wealth may provide comfort status in society or the Church/ security, or whatever centers our concerns/ and whatever keeps us from acting justly with and for others.

Created in the likeness of God/ we are created good. In each of us is the desire to nourish what is good and best in us. We wish to do the same for our children/ our pupils or anyone in our care.

We nourish the good in ourselves by prayer, community by good deeds and an honourable way of life, we watch the example of Jesus and listen to how he teaches us in his stories. Today he asks us to know ourselves, just like the man building a tower plans what he has and what he can do.

Our goodness in life is a gift from God. We find goodness also in each other. Good people make good people better! Saints we like show us a way to God and inspire us, and even help us. The gospel is full of people trying to do their best and learning with fresh starts and after their mistakes how to follow Jesus.

Goodness is vulnerable. We can try our best and fail. We make promises that don't last despite our best efforts. In the eyes of God goodness is in what we do and in what we try to do. God sees the goodness of the heart.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Please remember Mrs. Heath and all the school community in your prayers as they begin a new academic year
- To all our young people starting secondary school our best wishes for a smooth beginning. And for all heading to college or university every success.

A Pupil's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

- Fr Albert will not be available on Monday evening.
- If you are planning to get married in this parish or elsewhere you will need to give the
 parish <u>at least six months' notice</u>. Engaged couples can find up to date information on
 Marriage Preparation Courses in the diocese at <u>www.rcdow.org.uk/pastoralaffairs/marriageandfamilylife</u>
- Church Cleaning: We desperately need more volunteers to help clean the church on Mondays after morning Mass. Many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare, please come along. Thank you.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramen-

tally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
Body of Christ, save us.
Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
O Good Jesus, hear us.
Within Thy wounds hide us.
Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend us.
In the hour of our death call us.
And bid us come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
we may praise thee
Forever and ever. Amen

Dates for your Diary:

- Friday, 16th: Meeting for new Readers in the church at 7 p.m.
- Saturday 17th: Meeting for ALL altar servers at 11
- First Communion 2023: Registration forms will be available next weekend for children in Year 3 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.
- Confirmation 2023: Registration forms will be available next weekend for candidates in Year 9 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.
- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday Friday 12.00 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome)
- Can you Help? An elderly lady from the Church Lane area is looking for transport to the 11 a.m. Mass. If you can help please let us know.



Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £724 Loose Plate: £645

Contactless: £106

Building Fund: £60

You can now donate to the Building Fund using contactless

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto us according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross

we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.