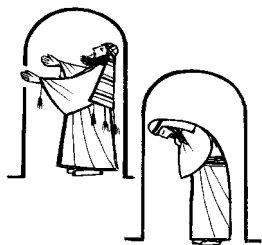




Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time



A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life - today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are

linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord's teaching! The sin of "self-exaltation" consists in putting others in a lower place - as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today's Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying "this prayer to himself," rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn't talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

Marriage Matters

Piercing the clouds with our humble prayers: *'The humble man's prayers pierce the clouds.'* That is why Jesus said the prayers of the repentant tax collector won God's favour, and why the judgmental attitudes of the Pharisees didn't. There is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us; humility is knowing the truth about ourselves. Proud people deceive themselves; let us grow in humility together.

Think Vocation

"I have run the race to the finish: I have kept the faith." Commitment seems to be lacking somewhat these days. A lifetime seems a long time to commit oneself to something. Short-term contracts and commitments seem to be more comfortable. In this Year of Faith, may St Paul's tremendous zeal and example inspire others to a lifelong commitment to serve in the Church in the priesthood or Consecrated Life.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 475; Readings page 480; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 27 October 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1.30pm Parish Trip to Wardley Hall</p>
<p>Monday 28 October - St Simon & St Jude 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 29 October 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 30 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm PET Meeting (SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 31 October 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Vigil Mass for All Saints (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 1 November - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation 9.15am Mass with whole school (SB Church) 9.30am Mass with whole school (SJ Church) 10.45am Mass with whole school (SC in School)</p>
<p>Saturday 2 November - All Souls Day 10am Litter pick at St Brendan's 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 12noon Mass (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Sunday 3 November 9am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Sister Mary Doyle of the Sisters of Evron, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin

Lately Dead: Isabelle Owen, William Everest, James Hindle, Marivic Obendencio England, Curt Vosper

Anniversaries: Winifride O'Connor, Kathryn Hinks, Mike Wilton, Danny McKenna, Mike Greenhalgh

Mass Intentions: Winifride O'Connor, William Everest, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Danny McKenna, Kathryn Hinks, Mike Wilton, For the wellbeing of two people, Marivic Obendencio England, Curt Vosper, Isabelle Owen and the Owen family, Mike Greenhalgh, A Special Intention, The Rebello family

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

Hope in the Future

For the people of the parish of St Peter, Stonyhurst, and for Fr Timothy Curtis, SJ, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for Stonyhurst College.

Facts and Figures for 19/20 October

Offertory Collection: £1,085.40

Standing Orders (18-24 Oct): £130

Mass Attendance

5pm-115; 9am-159; 11am-146; Total-420

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Parish Social Events

Parish Litter Pick: Around St Brendan's Church on Saturday 2 November at 10am. Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parish Quiz: Will be held on Friday 8 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets Cost £8 per person (including pastie supper). Teams should be a maximum of six people. Tickets are now on sale.

Request from the Parish Social Committee: Donations of bottles and chocolate would be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks for the tombola at the *Family Bonanza* in St Brendan's School Hall on Friday 22 November. Tickets are now available from either St Brendan's school or at either church. Thank you!

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend 31st Sunday in OT (2/3 November 2019)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	F Smith	TBA
9am (SJ)	L Rule	P McArdle, M Speed, J Carroll, T Armstrong, A Grundy, L Rule
11am (SB)	C Owen	T Smith, T Proctor, M Meagher

Congratulations: To Charlie Jane Urmsom who was Baptised at St Brendan's last weekend. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Readers' Rota: A new rota will be published in time for Advent. If you feel you would like to become a reader at weekend Masses, please do let us know, similarly, if you wish to be taken off the rota, please contact us at the parish office.

Harbour Room Book Club Reminders: The Next meeting is Wednesday 30 October. Please bring a plain wrapped surprise book for the Lucky Dip in November! Meet the Author is 28 October at Bolton Library (1-2.30pm) with Tess Gerritsen, crime writer. All welcome.

Formation Lecture Series: Liturgical Formation led by Fr James Manock on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm (tea/coffee from 7pm) St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. Register at: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/ or email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214

Diocese of Salford Vacancy Deanery Confirmation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Appointment Type: Full Time, permanent
Working hours: 35 hours per week
Location: St Mark's Presbytery, Pendlebury
Salary: £20,000-25,000 per annum

The diocese is currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to co-ordinate the implementation of the Diocesan Confirmation Programme in the Deanery of St John and develop ministry to young people more generally in each parish.

The successful candidate will have an ability to engage others, deliver effective training and demonstrate a clear passion for sharing the Catholic faith with the younger generation.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 11 November 2019

To request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:

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