

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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The Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time 5th September 2021

If you have Corona Virus Symptoms:

High temperature and new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, take a test and stay at home. (NHS Advice) Wear a face mask in church.

Please sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 4 th	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Eunice Park (LD)
Sunday 5 th	23 rd Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Fred Edwards (A)
	In Ordinary Time	10.30 a.m.	Stella Scrivener (A)
Monday 6 th	Weekday	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 7 th	Weekday	7.30 p.m.	Lilian Price
Wednesday 8 th	Birthday of Our Lady	10.00 a.m.	Zofia & Wojciech Rajchel (B'day R)
Thursday 9 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Francis Livsey
Friday 10 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	John Capstick (LD)
Saturday 11 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Jim Hindle (LD)
Sunday 12 th	24 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Peter Mercer (LD)
	In Ordinary Time	10.30 a.m.	Isabel & Byron Blessed (Golden Wedding)

Confessions: Saturday 9.30 – 10.00 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m., or by appointment.

Weekly Offerings: (1.9.21) £459.00 Thank you.

Numbers at Mass: 5.30 – 33 9.00 – 32 10.30 – 34 Total: 99

Day of Recollection – Saturday 11th September at the Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley LS29 9BW. 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Theme: St Joseph – Father, Dreamer, Worker. Led by members of The Briery Team. See the poster at the back of church.

Sunday Obligation: The Bishops of England and Wales will be re-imposing the obligation to participate in weekend Masses at the beginning of Advent.

Red Mission Boxes: If you have one of these at home please bring it into church for emptying. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Salary: 3-8. NOR: 129

Required: 1st January 2022

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our school which was rated as good by Ofsted in 2017 and in our Section 48 inspection of November 2018. Governors are seeking to appoint a strong, highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who is a practising and committed Catholic, to join our dedicated and caring school team. In partnership with the Headteacher you will work effectively and pro-actively with the children, parents, governing body, staff, the church and the local community.

Closing date: Noon on Thursday 30th September 2021

Applications must be made using the CES Application Form only. Application forms can be downloaded online or can be requested from: recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk

Applications are encouraged to be returned electronically to: recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk
St. Joseph's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure application to the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

Special Prayers

Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kिरrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Pat Maloney – Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Jo Walton – Gladys Maloney – Jack Greenhalgh – Paul McLaughlan – Tony Russell.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Events in the Parish Centre:

Monday	10.00 – 12.00 noon	Rhythm Time for babies, toddlers and pre-school.
	6.30 - 7.30 p.m.	Yoga
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	PROBUS, coffee – speaker Anne Drake on 'This Little Piggy' an amusing account of farm life.
	1.30 - 2.30 p.m.	Yoga
	5.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Slimming World
	6.45 – 7.45 p.m.	Zumba
Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Parents and Tots.
	6.00 - 8.00 p.m.	Dog Training
Thursday	9.45 – 11.45 a.m.	Pilates (2 hours)
	6.00 - 7.00 p.m.	Rainbows and Brownies
	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.	Yoga
Friday	10.15 – 11.15 a.m.	Grace's Exercise Class for Mums and Babies.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 3

JESUS A MAGICIAN?

(MARK 7:31-37)



Jesus continues his journey through Gentile territory. Mark gives us a particularly detailed account of Jesus healing a man who has no hearing and limited power of speech.

This recalls the promise in Isaiah of the signs which will accompany the saving coming of God to Israel. The reaction of the crowd that Jesus “has done all things well” reminds us of God surveying the completed Creation. Mark’s vivid presentation has a couple of interesting features which would not be surprising in a setting familiar with stories of healing by magic: the groaning by Jesus, the placing of his finger in the ears, and the anointing of the person’s tongue with spittle. However, Jesus cures the person by speaking, by word. Jesus is therefore superior to any pagan healers, just as Moses and Aaron are vindicated in their competition with the Egyptian magicians.

We find another Markan motif in this episode: Jesus enjoins silence about what has happened on those who have witnessed it, only for this to have the opposite effect. This is part of the “Messianic Secret”: most likely, it expresses Mark’s concern that people (then and now) should not understand Jesus as being the Son of God simply because he can work miracles. Jesus’ true identity as God’s Son will be revealed at the cross, when there is no further possibility of misunderstanding.

The Gentile audience reacts with enthusiasm to Jesus: this contrasts with Mark’s usual presenting of the disciples as failing to understand who Jesus is and the meaning of his actions. ■

SAY

“Speak, Lord, your servant can hear and is listening.”
(see 1 Samuel 3:10)

DO

Look up Tyre, Sidon and the Decapolis on a map of biblical lands: this will give you an idea of where Jesus carried out his ministry.

LEARN

Tyre and Sidon are non-Jewish coastal cities to the north-west of Galilee.

Decapolis means “Ten Cities”, although there is no fixed list of these towns: it refers to an area on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan.

The important point about all these places is that they are largely Gentile. ■

REFLECT

Miracles in the Gospel tradition and text are described as *works of power*: they are signs of the kingdom of God breaking through into human life and confronting sickness and death. The person in the Gospel extract today is now able to communicate fully with those around him; the restrictions on his everyday relationships have been lifted.

It is a great temptation for preachers and teachers to emphasise Jesus’ ability to perform such actions as revealing Jesus as the Son of God. But there is a very fine line between presenting these as

signs of the kingdom and (inadvertently) giving the idea that Jesus could work magic, which might be the reason why neither Matthew nor Luke includes this graphically detailed story in their own Gospel accounts. Mark’s theme about Jesus’ paradoxical insisting on not publicising accounts of healings or other experiences (the “Messianic Secret”) only makes sense in such a setting.

When we read or listen to the Gospels, the evangelists want us to ask ourselves, “What does this mean?” not “Did it actually happen?” That Jesus worked what we call “miracles” is very much part

of the Gospel tradition. But miracles are symbolic of what Jesus’ ministry is all about: they are recorded as catechetical aids which show God’s kingdom breaking into situations where human beings are in need. Mark shows Jesus going beyond the confines of his own people and land and confronting suffering in those places as well as preaching the word of God. Perhaps it might remind us that our Church is called to be like the Master, who goes out to others and is not concerned simply with “spiritual” matters, but with confronting human suffering and injustice as well. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts,
"Courage! Do not be afraid.

"Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145

Response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.
or
Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats;" then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "You can sit on the floor by my footrest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection – short, not because easy, but because pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.

St John Henry Newman