

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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The Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 19th 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) Please wear a face mask in church.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 18 th	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Hilda & James Marshall
Sunday 19 th	25 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
	In Ordinary Time	10.30 a.m.	Jean & Jimmy McGuire (LD)
Monday 20 th	St Andrew Kim & Companions (Korean Martyrs)	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 st	St Matthew	7.30 p.m.	Kathleen Gorton (LD)
Wednesday 22 nd	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Louise Whalley (A)
Thursday 23 rd	Padre Pio	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Tony Scott (LD)
Friday 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00 a.m.	Joan Gray (LD)
Saturday 25 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Hilda Calder (A)
	1.30 p.m. Nuptial Mass : Sophie Hunt and Sean Burke		
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Margaret Smart
Sunday 26 th	26 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
	In Ordinary Time	10.30 a.m.	Louise Whalley (A)

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

Please Pray for Tony Russell who died on 10th September and for his family at this time. **Reception** into church on Sunday 26th September at 2.00 p.m. Requiem Mass on Monday (27th) at 12.00 noon. Burial at Ghyll.

Congratulations to Sophie Hunt (from Dorset) and **Sean Burke** (from Liverpool) who are getting married next Saturday here at St Joseph's at 1.30 p.m.

Mass Intentions Received: Tony Russell (LD); Joan Gray (LD); Tony Scott (LD); Refugees; SVP & Friends; Eric Wood (Sick); Louise Whalley (A); Robert McCaigue (Sick).

St Joseph's Schoolchildren, Classes 2 and 3 will be taking part in Mass on Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m.

From 'Parish to Mission': Last week's pastoral letter from the Bishop. We need three or more volunteers from the parish who are willing to visit another parish to ask questions and write the responses. If you would like to know more before volunteering, please contact our dear Mgr. Summersgill (Skipton) by email: andrewsummersgill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or Tel: 0771 262 2635.

There will be two sessions of training at Hinsley Hall, Headingley, Leeds on Saturday 16th and 23rd October with a commissioning taking place at the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 17th October.

Our parish needs to come up with two dates for listening to the three people who come to our parish, from the end of October to mid-December.

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

St Vincent De Paul Society

The next meeting of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be on Saturday 2nd October at 10.30am after Mass at 10.00am.

Sponsored Walk by the SVP on Sunday 26th September from Wetherby (St Joseph's Parish Hall) five and a half miles. Anne and Les Wood would be grateful if people would sponsor them – the funds are for SVP projects in our diocese to provide for those in need. Sponsor cards are at the back of the church.

Weekly Offerings: 15.09.21 - £560.90

Number at Mass last weekend: 110

**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 Kirrage – 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 – Eric Wood – Robert McCaigue.

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.

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

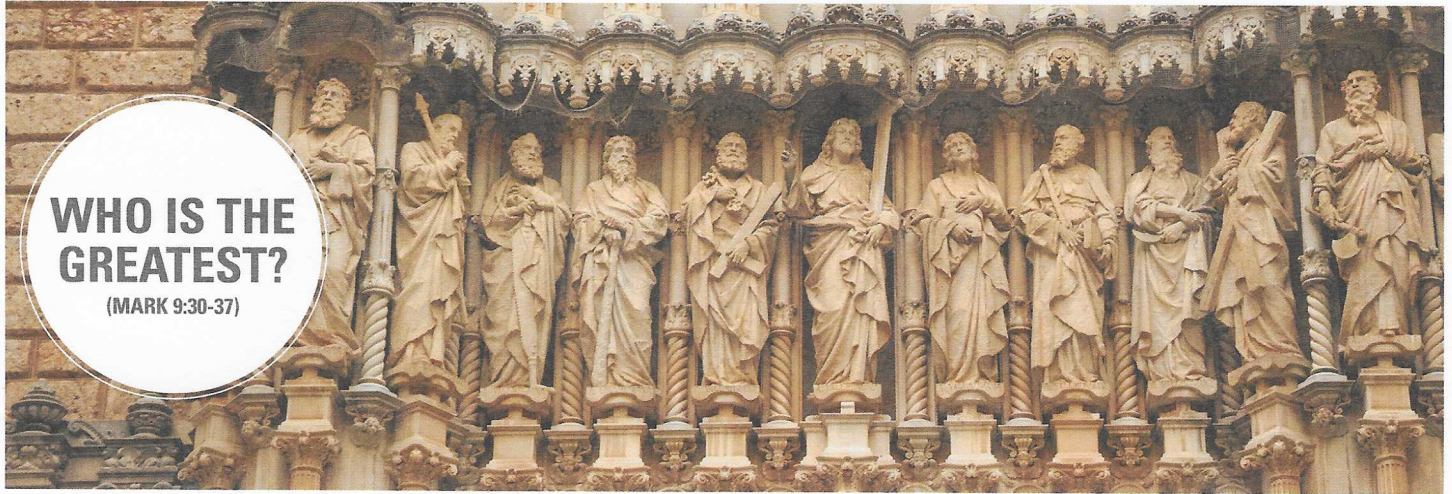
There is now NO more signing in when entering Church!

St Mary-le-Ghyll Church, Barnoldswick: Tea, coffee and cakes are served in the coach house on **Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday 10.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.** Call in and enjoy a cuppa and cake – the church is also open for a visit!

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	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



WHO IS THE GREATEST?

(MARK 9:30-37)

Christ and the disciples, façade of Monestir Monastery of Montserrat, Barcelona

After the experience of the transfiguration, Jesus and his companions continue their journey through Galilee.

Jesus' public ministry there is over: he will now instruct his disciples privately, beginning with his second teaching about his coming suffering and resurrection, and, as usual, they fail to understand the mystery of the cross as the unfolding of God's plan. They even seem to be moving into a state of wilful ignorance, being reluctant to ask questions.

The disciples' lack of understanding is heightened when we learn that they have been arguing among themselves about who is the most important. This provides the opening for Jesus' subversive teaching which we find throughout the Gospel versions about rank and status. Illustrating the lesson by introducing a child is not for sentimental effect: in the society of Jesus' time, a child did not represent innocence or the like, but rather someone who had no rights, no social standing, was totally dependent on others. There is nothing to be gained by being kind to someone who is, in effect, a "non-person". Jesus has called the Twelve apart from the wider group of disciples and directed this teaching at them in particular. Jesus puts his arms around the child, thus showing that this "non-person" deserves care and respect. Mark introduces the theme of treating Jesus well (or badly) in socially insignificant persons with the phrase "in my name", and welcoming Jesus means welcoming the one who sent him. ■

REFLECT

It is interesting that Jesus' teaching on humble and disinterested leadership is directed specifically at the Twelve, members of his inner circle. Given the social attitude to children of his day, his example of a child as being especially worthy of respect is nothing short of revolutionary. The Gospel presents us with values and principles which we are supposed to apply to our own times and circumstances. If a child represents a non-person in the society of Jesus' time, who fits that category in ours and what is our attitude towards such people? Who are our leaders most concerned about?

We might take comfort in Mark's description of the disciples and their difficulties in understanding Jesus and his message. In today's Gospel reading, their mistaken arguing about rank offers an opportunity for them to learn an important lesson from Jesus. The important thing about mistakes is that we should learn from them, not that we should not make them in the first place. The biblical picture of the people of Israel was that none of their repeated failures was the last word: God was always prepared to give them another chance. Even the disciples' ultimate abandoning of Jesus in Gethsemane was not to be the final scene in the story, as Mark's very writing of his Gospel shows. Our knowledge and understanding of Jesus is deepened by our questioning what we believe: the opposite of faith is less likely to be doubt than certainty, where there is no room for mystery. ■

DO

Make the Sign of the Cross and ask for the courage to keep asking questions about your faith.



LEARN

In the Synoptic tradition, Jesus makes three prophecies about his passion, death and resurrection.

The figure of Simon of Cyrene will illustrate Jesus' teaching on taking up the cross and following him.

A child, in the time of Jesus, was effectively a non-person, of no social standing.

SAY

**We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you,
because by your holy
cross you have redeemed
the world.**

(from the Stations of the Cross)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord
for ever.

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, who founded all the commands of
your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say to themselves,
"Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since
he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself
will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will
take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his
word for it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 53

Response:

The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
- For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
- But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work
for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit
in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight
to get your way by force. Why you don't have
what you want is because you don't pray
for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it
is because you have not prayed properly, you
have prayed for something to indulge your
own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
he did not want anyone to know, because he
was instructing his disciples; he was telling
them, "The Son of Man will be delivered
into the hands of men; they will put him to
death; and three days after he has been put
to death he will rise again." But they did not
understand what he said and were afraid to
ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, "What
were you arguing about on the road?" They
said nothing because they had been arguing
which of them was the greatest. So he sat
down, called the Twelve to him and said,
"If anyone wants to be first, he must make
himself last of all and servant of all." He then
took a little child, set him in front of them,

and said to them,
"Anyone who welcomes one of these little
children in my name, welcomes me; and
anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me."

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly
mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;**

**may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your
redemption

both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.