



*Newsletter for the Parishes of
St Catherine of Siena &
All Saints and St Lewis*



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SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 2021

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR B

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In the film *Jesus of Montreal* (1988), a group of actors stage a passion play and gained praise for their gritty, stripped down re-telling of the Jesus story. While their play casts doubt on the divinity of Jesus, their lives outside the drama begin to imitate his story. The lead actor, Daniel, is heralded by one of his fellow actors and gathers a group of actors around him. A cynical lawyer tempts him with fame and fortune in a skyscraper 'wilderness.' Like Jesus, Daniel eats with those who have dirty hands.

Mark's authorities miss the point of their 'human' traditions. Jesus offers a more radical way of thinking, which ultimately leads to his trial, death and glorification. For the Pharisees, Jesus is an impious lawbreaker. But Mark reminds his readers that the authorities have mistaken their own customs for God's law.

The movie finds an apt allegory for this in Daniel's motley crew of actors. While some might find the replacing of Christianity with theatre disturbing, the parable, like all parables, reveals a truth. The Gospel plays with our boundaries. Those with dirty hands seem outside but it is the expected insiders who are ultimately rejected. Both stories end unresolved, to be continued in the lives of those who eat without washing.

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World Day of Prayer for the 'Care of Creation'

During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy. Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the UN warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe and the United States, as well as unprecedented flooding in various cities. In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter—*Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home* - and established a **Season of Creation** in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins on 1 September with the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and runs until the 4th October which is the feast of St Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of ecology. All Christians are asked to pray on this day for our environment, in particular for the devastating effects of climate change and its effects on the poorer nations.

A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no-one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten
of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world
and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united

with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Refugee Project

Ten sacks of garments and blankets went off to the Asylum Centre in Wigan on Thursday. This batch has brought your total to 637 new garments, 52 knitted blankets and 12 sacks of good-as-new items for small children. Thank you and well done to everyone involved. The report from the Centre is that refugees are now arriving in a desperate state with fewer belongings than ever before, so your support is greatly needed. The next collection will be in late September or early October. Any new knitters would be very welcome, as would any donations of wool. Thank you.

All Saints Food Bank: A pause in your generosity?

For the next few weeks could you take a rest from donating food for the foodbank here at All Saints? It may on the face of things appear to be a strange request, but allow me to explain. It is eight weeks since we have taken over from ACT Foodbank, providing help for those in need in the Golborne and Lowton area. As we thought, it has been a slow beginning whilst people got to know where we are and what help we can provide. So, that's why we got the Mayor to come and see us three weeks ago to provide a little publicity. As we know the furlough will lapse in the not too distant future and so will the £20 rise in Universal Credit. Undoubtedly, we will then see a rise in people accessing our services. At present we have a good deal of stock in hand. Now, none of us want food to go to waste and even the food that you donate has a 'use by' date on it. So, if you wouldn't mind for the moment simply pausing your donations until we get a rise in the take up and then we will have a better picture of how we can meet people's needs at this time. Thank you.

Pilgrim Mass for the Holy Hand

A pilgrim Mass for the Holy Hand will be held at on Sunday 29th August 2021 at St. Oswald and St. Edmund Arrowsmith church, Liverpool Rd, Ashton at 3pm.

Afghan Refugees ~ Can you help?

The charity Care4Calais is taking donations of clothes and shoes to distribute to refugees arriving in Britain from Afghanistan. The local drop off point is at Leigh Spinners Mill, Park Lane, Leigh, WA7 2BL but if you prefer, please bring your donations, securely sealed in bags to St. Lewis' Sunday morning mass and a member of the SVP will take them to the drop off point for you.

And if you wish to drop off donations of clothes and shoes at All Saints, we will do the same.

Civic Mass ~ Sunday 5th September 2021

We are delighted to tell you that this mass postponed in June, will now take place next week at the 10:30am Mass at All Saints. We welcome the Worshipful, the Mayor of Wigan Mrs. Yvonne Klieve, alongside her consort Mr. Mark Klieve and her family and friends. Many of you will already know Yvonne as she has been part of our community for many years as well as serving this community as a Councillor of Golborne and Lowton West. This mass is an important part of her year as Mayor.

All Mayors have a designated Charity for which they fundraise: this year Yvonne has chosen a local registered charity **Daddy's with Angels**. It offers support to families who have suffered the loss of a child. Should you require any further information or wish to donate, please contact: www.daddyswithangels.org



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community and all those who have died recently including Peter Ward and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 28th August 2021 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Jack Crane, Edward Wall
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Sunday 29th August 2021 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Cyril Conroy
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Lillian & Gerard Prior, Jim Wright
Sun 11.30 am	All Saints	Baptism	Jayden Oliver Nelson

Tuesday 31st August 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tues 11:00 am	St. Lewis	Requiem Mass for Peter Ward	
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Wednesday 1st September 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wed 9:30 am	All Saints	Mass	For All Priests
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Thursday 2nd September 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thurs 10:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	LISCF
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Friday 3rd September 2021 Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

Fri 9:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Robert Burns
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Saturday 4th September 2021 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 10:00 am	St. Lewis	Baptism	Arla Gabrielle Williamson
Sat 4.30 pm	All Saints	Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Rae & Ron Price

Sunday 5th September 2021 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Peter Ward
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Damian McCurdy
Sun 11.30 am	All Saints	Baptism	David Cristian Puscasu

This Weeks Joke:

How do you organise a space party?
Planet Early!!