



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



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On the face of it, today's Gospel is a story of healing, demonstrating Christ's ability to perform miracles & his divine nature. But is there more?

How often do you think that you listen to Christ's words? At least once a week, but probably more as scripture is found in many places. Maybe you read your bible, or listen to scriptural reflection on the radio or TV. It's easy to listen to, but not so easy to hear, to understand, to take into our hearts, to let it guide us and give us life. For we have to want to hear the message of Christ and cure our own deafness. We have to ask Christ to help us hear him, and listen prayerfully before we can really hear, understand and thus are ready to help Christ with his work as part of his Church.

The man we hear about today could be me, could be you. In fact it should be. We have to allow Christ to stick fingers in our ears, to open us up to his word and his gift of life.

And Christ calls us to continue to work as his Church for him, help build heaven on earth. So we need to think about how we go about doing that work. How Jesus goes about curing the man today is a lesson for us all— it wasn't what he said, but what he did, partly because the man was deaf. His language was in a manner 'sign' language, finding a way to communicate with him before he healed him. And so we too must find the appropriate way to communicate with people when we attempt to serve them in the name of Christ and his Church.

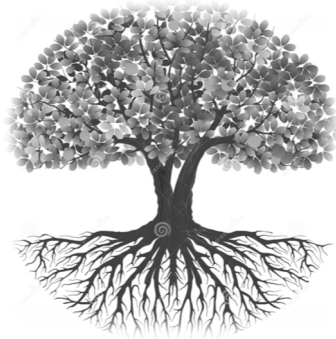
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Civic Mass ~ All Saints 5th September 2021

This Sunday, we are delighted to 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.

Caring for our Common Home



During the *Season of Creation*, you might like to dip into Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, "Laudato si', mi Signore" ("Praise be to you, my Lord"). These words come from the beautiful Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi. The subtitle of the encyclical, 'On Care for our Common Home', explains what the letter is about. Pope Francis urgently appeals "for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots,

concerns and affects us all". He challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. Quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be responsible custodians of creation: "Christians in their turn 'realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith' "

Although quite long, the encyclical is easy to read and can be downloaded from CAFOD's website which has lots of helpful resources exploring the encyclical: The link to this site is: www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical

Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon

We offer our congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, **Tom Neylon** who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3 September. Some of you will remember the ordinations at Heaton Park when John Paul II visited this country? Tom Neylon was one of those to be ordained that day.

The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination. Prayer cards for Bishop Tom, are available for you to collect in the porch.

Education Sunday ~ Second Collection 12th September

Education Sunday is marked this year on 12 September – just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is **‘A Word in Season’**, taken from Isaiah 50:4. On 12 September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty.

For the second year in a row, GCSE and A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers and pupils. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as “demanding and privileged callings” and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness.

LISCF: ever wondered what it is?

It is the modern day incarnation of relief (*financial support*) given to secular i.e. Diocesan clergy in the northern dioceses, who are infirm or in need, including retired clergy. The tradition goes back over four hundred years to the reign of Elizabeth I when collections were made amongst Catholics for the support of imprisoned recusants and their families. Later, under Charles II it was the clergy who were most in need of charity to assist them in sickness and old age. It continues today through the **Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund** and so when you see a mass for LISCF...you now know who it is being said for.

Foodbank Update

We thought you would like some details about who all the kind donations you have made have been helping. Since opening the food bank here at All Saints we have helped 29 Adults and 29 Children to bridge the gap mostly between applying for and receiving their benefits. With one referral people can come to the foodbank five times, although we would never turn anyone away.



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

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th September 2021 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time			
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	William Burke, John Calderbank
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Damian McCurdy
Sun 11.30 am	All Saints	Baptism	David Cristian Puscasu
Tuesday 7th September 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Tues 10:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Margaret Ward
Wed. 8th September 2021 Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Wed 9:30 am	All Saints	NO MASS	
Thursday 9th September 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Thurs 10:00 am	St. Lewis	NO MASS	
Fri. 10th September 2021 Memorial of St. Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr			
Fri 9:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Stephen Winstanley
Saturday 11th September 2021 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Sat 4.30 pm	All Saints	Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Michael Barrett, A.F. Tirol
Sunday 12th September 2021 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Barry Cain
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	The McGuinness Family

This Weeks Joke:

How does the moon cut its hair?

Eclipse it!!!!