

## Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter

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29/30th August 2020 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading;** Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me. .

**Psalm Response :** Ps 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God..

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** Matthew 16:21-27

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

Masses at the Weekend : Sacred Heart, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9.30am

English Martyrs, Sunday 11am. No Saturday Mass at Present.

Sunday and Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart are normally available on YouTube. Sunday Mass at 9.15 am (This is a recording of the Saturday evening Mass). There will be recorded Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart available on YouTube usually by 12 noon each day.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 1<sup>st</sup> September to October 4<sup>th</sup>, Feast of St Francis.

Pope Francis calls us to keep the Season of Creation at this time of year. He asks us to focus on the message of 'Laudato Si', his important letter published five years ago reminding the whole human family to be aware of our responsibility to care for our common home.

Now the lessons of this document need to be implemented in our thinking and acting in our personal lives, our community life and in the life of the global family. It calls us to ecological conversion and to see how our lives are connected with and affect the health and welfare of our world. We are using up the earth's resources and our actions are affecting the climate and future of the earth. It especially affects the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters.

So let us try to implement in a serious and practical way the measures needed to ensure the future of our common home. Each one of us has a part to play through prayer, reflection and concrete actions. We must support and encourage one another in this.

### A Prayer for Care of Creation

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us  
for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life  
affects our neighbours.

Inspire us  
to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.     *Stephen Davies/CAFOD*

*You will find more information and resources on Care for Creation on the CAFOD website.*

Thanks again to all who are helping us to celebrate public masses by their stewarding and care of the church. Thank you for your financial support of our parishes at this challenging time.

We celebrated our first Baptism at Sacred Heart this weekend after the lockdown, another sign of some normality returning. Please pray for schools which are reopening soon.

Best wishes from Fr Gerry, Fr Graham and Fr Matthew.

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