

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter

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12/13th September 2020 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel

First Reading; Ecclesiasticus 27;30-26:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Psalms Response: Ps 102

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14 :7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

WEEKEND MASSES : Sacred Heart, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9.30am

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 7pm. Mass in the Main Church at Sacred Heart.

Thursday 10am Mass at English Martyrs. Both Masses fulfil the Sunday obligation.

English Martyrs **Funeral Service** for John Naylor on Wednesday 23rd September at 2pm followed by burial at Watts Lane at 3pm. Congregation in Church is limited to 30. Graveside Family only. Contact family for further information on 562978. May he rest in peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER to observe the distancing rules when in Church and in moving around. It is one metre and wearing and wearing a mask. At Holy Communion please keep your mask on to receive Holy Communion into your hands and then remove the mask to consume the host.

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.

BAPTISMS : It is possible to celebrate infant baptisms again. Please contact us to arrange or rearrange the celebration of Baptism at English Martyrs or Sacred Heart.

CONFESSIONS : If you wish to make your Confession ,Sacrament of reconciliation , it is best to contact the Clergy to arrange a time and a suitable location.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 1st September to October 4th, 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.

PRAYER INSPIRED BY LAUDATO SI

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other.

You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.

Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS

God of all,

bleed our elected leaders with listening ears

that hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor,

bleed them with open hearts

that hunger and thirst for justice,

and bleed them with the courage

to work together towards the common good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

GOOD TO SEE YOU; It is good to see attendance at the Masses in both parishes being maintained and increasing slowly. We quite understand if people still do not feel confident in returning to Mass just yet. Thank you for your generous response to the Collection and especially to those who have made donations to cover the 'backlog' caused when public Mass was not available and they were not able to donate as usual.

ORDINATIONS IN OUR DIOCESE- GOOD NEWS !

This month there will be four ordinations to the Priesthood in our diocese. Alex Taylor and Clive Dytor this weekend and Benedict Skipper and Sean Gough next weekend at St Chads. The ceremonies will be livestreamed on St Chad's website. On Friday October 9th also at St Chads, our two new auxiliary Bishops Fr Stephen Wright and Fr David Evans will be ordained for service in our diocese. Please pray for them as they will be beginning their ministry of service in our diocese at this challenging time.

