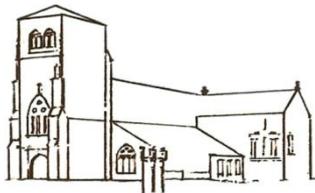


# Newsletter for the parish of St. Anne & St. Bernard.



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## The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

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**Revolution in kindness** (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –  
*Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.* (St Francis de Sales)

**Today's Scripture readings.** Jairus' daughter was twelve years old, when the power of Jesus gave life back to her. The woman with the bleeding had suffered for twelve years, when Jesus gave her back her health, and not only her health, but restored her once again to her community, from which she had been ostracised because of her blood-ailment. One was given back to her family, the other to her community, and both were profoundly affected by their encounter with Jesus. They got their lives back again!



Shortly before Mark was putting this together in the near-final version of his Gospel, two of the leaders of the Christian communities were put to death: Peter was

*The little girl is not dead. She is asleep* crucified, Paul was beheaded. We can scarcely imagine the shock and bewilderment of the early Christian community, around the Mediterranean. Jesus, the Lord had been put to death years earlier, but the community knew in their deepest faith that He was risen, and was with them. But now, to lose not only the two Apostles to martyrdom, but many other disciples, men and women and children, who were also martyred. It was hard to take, and many lost heart. So, Mark wrote his Gospel to put new heart into very frightened and confused disciples, telling them the Good News, '*the Gospel about Jesus Christ, Son of God*' (Mark 1:1)

The two events related in today's Gospel are told to give us hope, and to give us the example of the power of faith in Jesus, - the faith and desperate pleading of the President of the Synagogue, Jairus, the girl's father, and the faith of the woman who, in spite of all the men present, crept up and touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Faced with such faith, in both people, power went out from Jesus. Mark is always presenting Jesus as the Son of God, the Son of Man, with power: a teacher, one who calls disciples, one who has authority over the evil spirits, and one who cures lots of people, through the power of God that was in him. These miracles are presented as showing that God's salvation is close at hand.

**Mass** this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Susan O'Hare
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass for Christopher O'Toole
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Ann Hegarty
Wednesday	12.00	Tom Sweeney
Thursday	12.00	Angela Parson
Friday	12.00	Carmen
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Eddie Barrett

**Funerals this week.** There will be a Requiem Mass on Monday at 12.00 noon for Christopher O'Toole, and funeral service on Friday at 1.30 p.m. for Richard Williams. We pray for their eternal rest and ask God to bless their families.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** which we celebrate every weekend - on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m. There are **confessions** every Saturday and Sunday during the Exposition.

**Money Report** . The collection last weekend was **£462.00**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,086 80**. Thank you all very much.

**Please keep our sick friends in your prayer** - Chloe Woo, Eileen Cullen, John Reynolds, Peter Nash, Philip Wrench, Kelly Wilson, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahon, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.  
Please pray for Christopher O'Toole and Richard Williams who have died.

The next **Parish Assembly** will be on 14<sup>th</sup>.July.

The **Prayer Group** meets in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

The **Men's Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.July at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** -21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. February 2019. Forms are available in the sacristy. There are about 25 people going so far, 35 is the optimum number. Adrian, from Northern Star Travel, seems to be happy with the way numbers are going. I think he may still advertise in the Pic to reach a good total. I wish all our parish could go.

**Care for our common home.** A thought from Pope Francis to take with us on our Share the Journey walk on Sunday 1st July. Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth' (Laudato Si 92)

**Parish Centre and rear grounds Clean-Up.** Peter Crowe and Barry Brown are organising a final clean-up of the new parish rooms and the grounds at the rear of the church. This will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, between 9am and 1pm. We need a working party of between 15 to 20 people. There is work for people of all ages no matter how young or how old. If you would like to help out please see Peter or Barry, or ring Peter on 07988 376 638 or Barry on 07737 101 157

The next **SVP collection** will be next weekend, on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Syrian Family Sponsorship Scheme.**

The next meeting of the group is next Tuesday 3 July at 7.30 in St Charles parish Hall, Aigburth Road. All are welcome and needed. Our fund raising continues with another 50.00 last week. Thank you for your support.

**Our plan for the share the Journey Project .** As a parish, we will take our walk together in Sefton Park today, **Sunday, 1st July, after Mass.** There will not be tea or coffee after Mass to ease our way to the Park.

We meet at the obelisk, for about 12.30 p.m., and go to our picnic spot. You will be given a map and invited to choose a walk within the Park. Those with cars are asked to take those without transport.

This is a global campaign launched by Pope Francis and promoted by CAFOD and charities around the world, for the rights of people on the move. Its aim is to raise awareness of the huge journeys refugees and migrants have to make when they leave their homes because of war or persecution.

The Catholic community worldwide is asked to offer support in an act of solidarity with our global neighbours as they have to flee their homes. The idea is that supporters contribute to a total walk of 24,900 miles - the distance around the whole world. Every step we take will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too.

Pope Francis says: “ Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age”

Once we have a parish total, we enter the miles onto the CAFOD totaliser, so they can add it to those of other churches. Collette from CAFOD tells us there has been a very good take up for this particular campaign. We can of course undertake additional walks and keep a note of our own totals, then enter them onto the CAFOD website. Why not download [www.cafod.org.uk/sharethejourney](http://www.cafod.org.uk/sharethejourney)

**Demolition.** The hall is razed to the ground but the foundations have still to be taken out. They go very deep and are amazingly thick. Anyone on Alt Street can see straight into my kitchen at present. Much work is going on within the church building but it will be a year before anyone moves in. Meanwhile the houses on the other side are nearing completion. I think those new neighbours will be moving in quite soon.

**Ordination Mass.** Next Saturday at 1.00 p.m. three men will be ordained priest in the Cathedral by Archbishop Malcolm. Everyone is welcome to be there and all of us too must pray for them.

At the end of August four of the Missionaries of Africa, better known as the **White Fathers**, will be moving into St. Vincent's presbytery, and will take responsibilities for the parish, with an outreach to Muslims, and developing a spiritual home for African Catholics. No longer needed in Africa, thanks to the abundance of vocations, the European members of the Society are directing their care to members of the African diaspora in Europe. One of them, a Dutch priest, Fr. Ferdinand, will be getting himself acclimatised in our parish for a couple of weeks before then. He will be very welcome.

**Do please read these words of Pope Francis, addressed to the 14 new cardinals from 12 countries including Pakistan, Japan and Madagascar and Mexico**

Pope Francis told his new cardinals never to feel "superior" to anyone, to avoid protecting their own power and to embrace their new role through service and love of poverty.

Speaking in St Peter's today, the Pope said that true authority was meant being able to follow Jesus' example of radical service seen when he "did not hesitate to bow down" and wash the feet of his disciples.

"This is the highest honour that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people," Francis explained. "In those who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside. In real people, each with his or her own life story and experiences, hopes and disappointments, hurts and wounds.

He reminded the cardinals that the disciples had themselves been caught up in "honours, jealousy, envy, intrigue, accommodation and compromise" as well as "useless and petty discussions," something which he admitted was present in the Church today.

"What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are corroded within? What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are living in a stifling atmosphere of intrigues that dry up our hearts and impede our mission? Here, as someone has observed, we might think of all those palace intrigues that take place, even in curial offices," the Pope explained.

Instead, he urged them to make serving the marginalised and poverty their goal. "Dear brother Cardinals and new Cardinals!" he told them. "In our journey towards Jerusalem, the Lord walks ahead of us, to keep reminding us that the only credible form of authority is born of sitting at the feet of others in order to serve Christ." He added: "none of us must feel 'superior' to anyone. None of us should look down at others from above. The only time we can look at a person in this way is when we are helping them to stand up."

The Pope explained that "change of heart and Church reform is and ever shall be in a missionary key" which avoided simply "protecting our own interests, in order to look out for and protect those of the Father".

**Little Mick's Spot** (paws for thought) . Wow, this weather!! It's those older canines that worry me. But



even Little Mick, a mere youngster, finds my energy drained in this heat. I feel really sorry for those long haired mutts. I'm short haired and I really enjoy a good brushing. I've noticed TD has had to force himself to take me out in this weather. Poor old fella. I saw something on Telly last week how dogs try to let you people know when we want something. Like rolling over when we want a

tickle, that sort of thing. I'm no different but I think TD is a bit thick in reading my signs. All the time he is saying - Mick, what do you want? What are you trying to tell me. He can't distinguish between my barks. He should know by now what I want and it's his job to give it to me. Which reminds me. I see what hard work is. Those men on the demolition. In the heat of the day and all day they are working, non stop. And they are so nice with it. They spoil TD, brushing up all the muck and everything on his "patio" by the back door. He couldn't believe it when he came in from this afternoon's wedding. All the huge mounds of bricks had gone from the site and loads of material from the building. There has been a lot of drilling right next to the house and the house itself shakes with banging of the heavy machinery, but I cope with it. You see those men a really nice to me, too.