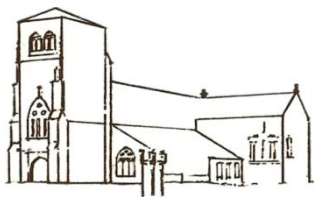


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The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

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Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –
- *“you catch far more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar”*
(St. Francis de Sales)

Today's Scripture readings. *I myself will gather my flock from all the countries...I will raise up shepherds to look after them...* 1st. reading
“The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want...” (psalm)
“and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (Gospel)

“Shepherd” is one of the key descriptions of God in the Scriptures, the one who feeds, protects and nurtures his flock in every way. This image provides the theme for today's readings. God is shepherd of a suffering people – exploited in the first reading, spiritually starving in the Gospel. In the psalm he is the one who supplies all our needs, who feeds, gives rest, leads to the *“restful waters”* and revives *“the drooping spirit”*. He guides, he is true, he is by our side *“in the valley of darkness He gives comfort, gives dignity “my head you have anointed with oil”*. Then the great climax *“in the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever”*.



He taught them at some length

For those listening to Jesus the significance of the shepherd meant everything. Then he showed what it meant. Despite his own tiredness and that of his friends *“he took pity on them”* and taught *“them at some length”*.

The second reading from Ephesians points out that Jesus, through his death on the cross, has brought together both Jew and Gentile into the single community of the body of Christ. Note those beautiful words *“For he is the peace between us”*. *“and he has...broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart”*. *“he restored peace through the cross, to unite them both through a single body”*. Christians keep God's law, not to earn salvation, but because we have already been saved. It is loving in response to being loved and what a love!

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 Adoration.

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Gerry & Tricia Riley
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Peter Knowles (ill)
Thursday	<u>6.00</u> p.m.	Parishioners
Friday	1.00 p.m.	Nuptial Mass for Jake Brettles & Marisa Via Bea
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Eileen Sweeney

Thursday is the feast of our patron, **Saint Anne**. Mass will be at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Friday will be a **Nuptial Mass** at 1.00 p.m. Please pray for Jake and Marisa. Marisa has played a big part in the life of our parish, serving on the altar for many years before caring for the altar servers for many more.

Deanery Holy Hour. St. Anne's will host the Deanery Holy Hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, on Thursday, 9th. August..

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£457.04**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,081.84**. Thank you all very much.

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer - Peter Knowles, Jeanette Airey, Jane Maguire, Chloe Woo, Eileen Cullen, John Reynolds, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, 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 Daniel Jamieson and Fr. Peter Kelly who have died.

Our Parish Assembly went off very well last Saturday and I thank everyone for coming. All the groups reported very positively on the work they had done and their plans for the successful running of our parish. The meetings are always very well run. The one disappointment for me is that we have developed such a good model for running the parish, which invites the widest group of people possible to be involved, and that invitation is accepted by so few.

The **Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** is currently taking place. Please pray with the pilgrims.

The next parish assembly will be on November 3rd..

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

The **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, 23rd. July, at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

Messy Church - 8th. September . Theme is the Eucharist. To meet on the second Saturday of every month.

Holy Land Pilgrimage -21st-28th. February 2019. Forms are available in the sacristy.

The last Summer Away Day for this year, organised by Barbara for the Catholic Pic, takes place on Tuesday, 31st. July. **Llandudno** is the destination and the cost is £15.00. Llandudno and the Great Orme are among my very favourite places to visit. It should be a lovely day. See Barbara in church or phone 733 5492

Divorced/separated support from the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department, (Pastoral Formation). The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. People can be at any stage in the process – they may have been recently separated or divorced for many years - the course is designed for anyone whose committed relationship has ended. For further details see the poster on the parish notice board or contact Maureen 07967753371 or Jacqui 07793825815.

Care for our Common world. Trees reverse the impacts of land degradation and provide food, energy and income, helping communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability. Trees also filter the air and help stave off the effects of climate change. In just one year, a mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen as 10 people inhale!

The Nugent Care Society, on behalf of the **Eucharistic Congress**, has asked to use our premises for three events. On the Friday evening, 7th. September, the Church will be used for a concert, mainly of Liverpool traditional music, and on Saturday the new Rooms will be used for a programme for disabled young people . This will be followed by a special Messy Church.

This **Messy Church** programme will need **a great deal of help from many people**. We will be making appeals for volunteers to support us, There will be visitors coming and it is important for many reasons that this be a great success.

It is also launching our new Messy Church programme, to meet every second Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Eucharistic Congress. There are now many tickets available for the Congress and these can be obtained on line. It will be a very worthwhile day, hopefully very prayerful, - Bishop Barron from the USA is the main speaker and renowned worldwide.

There are many events which support the Congress. There is a leaflet available at the back of church describing these events, many of which seem to be very interesting. Some of you will find that whole weekend very interesting, and I suggest you set that weekend aside and spend the Saturday going from one event to another. Anyhow, do take a leaflet.

With the end of the school year we thank, very sincerely, all the teachers and staff at our schools, especially of course, our parish school, for all they have done for our children during this past year. We hope everyone has a wonderful, refreshing holiday. We wish all our children, their families and all our parishioners a relaxing and happy Summer.

We will be getting a new and regular manager for our parish website. Neil Bryce (Taxineil) has made a great job of our Facebook page. Being committed to the new technology he will change things every week and whenever needed, something really essential if a parish website is to be a real communicating tool. So from next week whatever you have for our website Neil is the one to contact.

The former St. Bernard's church can be seen as never before. Stripped of everything the rebuild within has started. Soon the interior walls of the eleven houses will be built, using breeze blocks to limit the noise between the houses. I never knew that certain parts, like our old day chapel, had been added onto the original. Those added bits have all gone now. The exterior walls are being smartened. The old school playground has been used as the workers' car park and the containers there used as offices. Everything is now going to be transferred to the old Hall site and four new flats will be built on that playground site. At the moment our back kitchen is open to the world – that's ok with me. We get lots of daylight now. But within the next two months we will get a back fence and a small garden. Meanwhile the houses on the other side will be welcoming their new occupants. Life is getting very different all the time.

. They say *“huge congratulations to Jacob. A hugely committed referee, Jacob's work ethic and determination have seen him progress through the referee development programme with Liverpool County F.A. He is progressive in his approach* People often ask – how and where is Jacob? **Jacob Viera** has moved away from the area but still comes back when he can. He has so far not been able to return to playing football but has been training as a referee – and doing extremely well. He is to referee an England Under 15 match, and has just won the **Match Official of the Year Award** by the Liverpool County F.A. *At officiating games, respectful and always fair and impartial to both teams playing in games he oversees. The dedication Jacob has shown to grassroots football in Liverpool is second to none, whilst everybody he comes into contact with has nothing but positive things to say about Jacob and his work as a referee. Well done and thank you, Jacob, from everyone at Liverpool County F.A.”* And so say all of us in St. Anne's and St. Bernard's

At a Mass commemorating the fifth anniversary of his trip to Lampedusa, Pope Francis called on Catholics to speak out in the face of injustice toward migrants. “The Lord promises refreshment and freedom to all the oppressed of our world, but he needs us to fulfill his promise . . . He needs our voice to protest the injustices committed thanks to the silence, often complicit, of so many,” said Pope Francis in his homily at the July 6 Mass for Migrants. The silence is multifaceted. He spoke of “the silence that thinks ‘it has always been done this way’” and “the silence of ‘us’ as opposed to ‘you’” among the “many silences.” “Before the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy,” the pope continued, calling for migration policies “concerned for the good of one's own country, while taking into account that of others in an ever more interconnected world.” He stressed that a just migration policy is one at the service of “every person involved,” meaning it is “a policy that provides for solutions that can ensure security, respect for the rights and dignity of all.

Little Mick's Spot (paws for thought) currently I can have a free run through the old church, into the old school playground, back to the building site on the other side, and then the hall site facing our back door. I do go sniffing all over but rarely move much away from the concrete slabs at my back door because that's where the varmints live. I keep watch on the three holes. It's hard on my housemates. No sooner do I come into the house than I want to go out again. It's worth it. I caught a big varmint yesterday. Well, quite big. Not the big fellas that live down there. Maybe TD will not get Jimmy the rat man after all. I was upset the other day. OK I am a bit noisy at the moment, but so much is going on, Anyhow someone said to TD - had you known about his barking would you have got a Jack Russell? Was I angry!! I waited for his answer. Of course I would, he said. I'd always get our Little Mick. I never really doubted him – even if I do complain at him sometimes. Anyhow, he gave me as big pat and a stroke, and some chicken. What more could a J.R. want – well that big fella I mentioned just before! By the way will you drop TD a hint that I'd like a trip to the beach – either West Kirby or Crosby. Plenty of running and ball play. We all need a change of environment. Too much dust from all the work going on, and my nose is very close to the ground.

