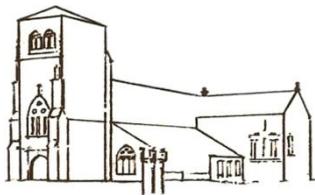


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Revolution in kindness. Thought for this week.

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Today's Scripture readings. Today we face the challenge of forgiveness –for most of us it is **THE challenge of my life** The Gospel today is not about the forgiveness of the enemy. As Peter asked Jesus – “how often must I forgive my **brother**? As many as seven times?” “Not seven” Jesus replied “but seventy seven times”.

This image is the traditional one of the Prodigal Son being embraced by his all forgiving father. A beautiful, powerful, true image. But another element is the resentment of his brother. Some one has said that “*resentment is the poison you take yourself expecting the other person to die*”. Of course the only one to die is oneself. To reinforce this we have today's first reading which begins “*Resentment and anger, these are foul things...*”



But this Gospel brings in another element to forgiveness. The reason why we must forgive the brother or the sister is because we have been forgiven so much by God.

There is no comparison between the levels of forgiveness. The *ten thousand talents* in today's Gospel, is a sum unimaginably high to Jesus' listeners, totally unrepayable. Yet God's forgiveness is total and absolute. Without limit. That is the target for us.

There is no evil so great that, with God's help, we cannot forgive.

The great example so often shared but ever so powerful is the prayer found in Ravensbrück Concentration Camp. It bears constant repetition.

*O Lord, remember not only the men
and women of good will, but also those of ill will,
But do not only remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us.
Remember the fruits they brought, thanks to this suffering –
Our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of
heart which has grown out of all this.
And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne
be their forgiveness.*

There is so much hurt in people's lives, hurt which is unimaginable to most other people. How can the child of a happy united family appreciate the pain of the rejected child? or understand the anguish of one who has witnessed the torture or killing of a parent as have many of the asylum seekers who escape to this country. What we must do is to keep always in our prayer those whose pain seems to make forgiveness impossible. Theirs' is a double torture. May their pain be part of our prayer.

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Larkin family
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Stephen O'Brien
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass for Anthony McPartland
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	12.00	Requiem for John Wallace
Friday	12.00	Tina Spalbin
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Parishioners

Funerals this week

There are two Requiem Masses this week, both at 12.00 noon.

On Tuesday for **Anthony McPartland**

Thursday for **John Wallace**

There a funeral service at Anfield Crematorium on Monday at 10.00a.m. for **Mary Roberts**

And on Tuesday at Springwood Crematorium at 4.00 p.m. for **Margaret Cheng**.

There will be a Requiem Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday at 12.15p.m. for **Annie Barton** of Chrisward Close.

Please pray for all those who have died and for their families.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Saturday 4.15-5.15 p.m. and on Sunday 9.15-10.15 a.m.

Confessions are heard during the times of Exposition – and any other time you need

The next **Co-Ordination meeting** will be next Saturday 23rd. September, at 10.00 a.m. in St. Bernard's.

The **Prayer Group** meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Sion Room

The **Men Group** will meet on Monday, 2nd. Oct at 7.30 in St Bernard's. All men welcome

The next Justice and Peace is Thursday, 19th. October, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Bernard's

The **Fair Trade stall** is open every Sunday after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea, coffee and biscuits served after Mass every Sunday in the kitchen.

Please keep **our sick friends** in your prayer – Kathie Elliot, Lee Burnett, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, Eddie Barrett, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, Trish Riley. There are other house bound people to whom we take Holy Communion weekly. 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, and to The Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. Also for us to take Holy Communion.

Very important. The **First Communion programme** will be starting soon. We need to order the booklets used. Any parent with a child in school other than St. Anne's, who wishes to be part of our 2018 first Holy Communion programme, please notify Deacon Francis. Please let us know asap. Our first meeting with parents and children will be within the next two weeks, and every month after that. Parents work with their children for the rest of the month.

Money Report. The collection last weekend was **£433.98**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,058.78**. **Thank you**

Care for our common home. You have probably seen the news at the moment about the amount of microplastics polluting our seas. Over the next couple of weeks we will be presenting some eco tips to help reduce the “plastic tide” that is devastating our marine life. This week’s tip is :

Stop flushing wet wipes down the toilet. Wet wipes do not disintegrate like toilet paper and they typically contain micro-plastic which means that once they are at sea, they stick around for a very long time. Worse still, the plastics found in the wet wipes are entering the food chain which is bad news for us all.

Fair Trade Stall. Over the last five weeks we as a parish have bought £230 worth of Fair Trade products.

Bereavement Care Training. A basic training course is available to help parishes set up bereavement care teams. In two sessions the course covers the stages of grief, listening skills and how to get started, and teams will be offered continuing support. 18 & 25th. Oct. See Francis.

Catechists. Course 18th & 25th, September. Tomorrow, Monday. This training course is for all catechists and those wanting a opportunity to refresh and/or reflect on their ministry. Over two evening sessions it will study

- ◆ Catechesis as a Ministry of the Word and include reflection on The Emmaus Story.
 - ◆ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as a vision for all Catechesis.
 - ◆ The importance of Adult Faith Formation for the life of the Church.
 - ◆ The principles which underpin our Archdiocesan Resources for Catechesis.
 - ◆ Practical tips and tools for effective Catechesis.
- The course will be led by people from the Pastoral Formation Dept, LACE Conference Centre.

“Come and drink from the water” – a morning of reflection for **Eucharistic Ministers**. Saturday 30th. September 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

St. Bernard’s Church. Some of you will have seen the Echo this week which tells us of the plans for our former church. It was also on our parish Facebook. Plans are currently in the hands of the City Council which is expected to give approval. The plans are quite remarkable, 11 town houses, 3 floors high, one with four floors. Apparently over 70 people had expressed an interest, even before the plans were publicized. The contractor appointed is also building the houses in “Little Mick’s field” on the other side of our house. Once those houses are finished the old hall will be demolished and work will start on the church.

God bless Pope Francis. Many people have expressed disappointment at the new translation of the Roman Missal which we currently use at Mass. This translation came out the desire of the Vatican Liturgy commission to have a more literal translation of the Latin. Now, Pope Francis has withdrawn the authority of this commission and restored the right to determine translations back to the local Bishops as the Vatican Council had originally decided. The Pope's new decree does not mean starting again. There is a perfectly good English translation already approved by all the English-speaking bishops' conferences. Each bishops' conference, or preferably all of them together, can now authorise that earlier version for use.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have announced **the reinstatement of two Holy Days of Obligation.** The reinstated days are the **Epiphany of the Lord** on 6 January, except when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday – when it will be transferred to the nearest Sunday – and **the Ascension** of the Lord, which takes place on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In 2006, the two feasts were transferred to the nearest Sundays. The decree comes into effect in England and Wales this year on 3rd December, the first Sunday of Advent.

News that the German supermarket chain **Lidl** had airbrushed the crosses from photographs of Santorini's famous blue-domed churches on the packaging of its line of Greek products caused outrage in parts of Europe. In Austria, the company was forced to issue an apology. Cardinal Dominik Duka of Prague wrote to the Greek ambassador to the Czech Republic that airbrushing out the crosses had been both "unprecedented and ignorant". He added: "Up to now, it is 'only' a matter of faked photographs, but there are fears that crosses may soon actually be removed from churches." Lidl Belgium said it had removed the crosses "to guarantee political and religious neutrality". However, Lidl Austria published an apology on Facebook. "There is no doubt that a mistake occurred here for which we apologise," it said. (the Tablet)

POPE FRANCIS has urged the US President Donald Trump to rethink his policy to end a programme protecting undocumented migrant children, known as DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). "I have heard it said that the President of the United States presents himself as a man who is pro-life, and if he is a good pro-life [man] then he will understand that the family is the cradle of life, and that it must be defended as a unit," the Pope said during an in-flight press conference on board the plane returning to Rome from Colombia. The US Bishops' Conference and other Catholic organisations have pledged to spend the autumn months fighting to preserve DACA. In 2012, President Barack Obama initiated the programme that allowed undocumented immigrants brought to the US as children to "come out of the shadows", get jobs or attend college, and avoid deportation. Earlier this month, Mr Trump announced he was ending the programme in six months, giving Congress time to devise a legislative solution. Calling Mr Trump's decision "reprehensible", a statement signed by the President of the Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and other conference leaders, said: "We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution. We pledge our support to work on finding an expeditious means of protection for DACA youth. (the Tablet)

Little Mick's Spot. (paws for thought) . I know how to get at TD. I just look at him with my big



brown eyes and I see he's moved. How dare he go out without taking me with him!! Putting his coat on means I am going out –or it should. Unfortunately it doesn't always work out that way. I don't bark at him, I just look at him. Then he apologises. "Sorry, Mick. I can't take you where I am going". But I know when he's back I'm for a good

run. I'm cute. I know how to fix him.

My field is now totally transformed. A big machine cleared all the undergrowth and revealed all my lost balls. The ground is now open for my runs except for the mounds still to be removed. No more leaping over obstacles, Work on the new houses will start next week. But I am enjoying things at the moment. It will mean more journeys to the park for TD which he doesn't fancy as the Winter sets in – but it will do him good, as I keep on telling him. At the moment at night he can let me out on the field at any hour. It is safe for me there. I find the occasional cat to bark at and search for any rats who dare cross my path. He just stands under cover. No longer! once the field has gone. Get your coat on, TD. You must take me out. Incidentally I don't like the rain. Unless I'm chasing a ball. TD has to be firm with me. I can see myself repeating last Winter's complaint – you have a coat on. Poor little me!

