

LETTER FROM ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - OUR DEANERY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioner

Many of you will have strong connections with St Paul's Catholic School either as a current parent, past parent or even as a student there yourselves. You will therefore know that the school is steeped in Catholic history with strong foundations for supporting and growing the Catholic faith in young people thus supporting the church and families. We welcome students from all faiths and these students become part of who we are because of what we do here in school. Our mission statement talks of an inclusive community where all are valued and where there will be a living liturgy.

Our faith life has enriched many students over the years and continues to do so. Many of you will have spent time in the chapel both in liturgies and masses as well as when you might have needed some quiet time to think, pray and reflect. The chapel sits where it always has and is in need of a full refurbishment, for a place so important to us all it is fitting that we spend some money on it. We had lovely plans for a new chapel under phase 2 of the building works, sadly the funding was withdrawn therefore the school lost out on not only a new chapel but lots of new classroom accommodation. Many of you will have been in our new building which is beautiful, light and airy and very much feels like the heart of the school. It is therefore fitting I feel that the chapel moves to this building in order to make it a place of great importance and accessibility. There is a space I can use and if you imagine light, beautiful colours and stained glass windows you will know that is a far cry away from our current chapel.

Another aspect of the school that we are very proud of is our pastoral care. Students always have someone to talk to at St Paul's but private space is sadly lacking. With all the pressures of examinations and modern society it is all the more important that we offer genuine care guidance and support for all our students and staff. My plan would be to convert the chapel into pastoral support space where this support can be given and give the current pastoral support space back to chaplaincy in order that they can function properly and also form them to do the restorative work they are so good at.

So now my reasons for telling you all this. The entire project is projected to cost £20,000, a lot of money I know and not a sum of money I can find in my budget, you will no doubt be aware of the state of school budgets. If I am to make this dream a reality, I am asking for help. To have a chapel and chaplaincy and pastoral support space that our parishes helped to build would say a lot about our commitment to Catholic education and our young people and the strength of support the school gets from its parishes. These buildings will last long into the future and will have a lasting impact of the lives of many young people. The buildings will stand as a true testament of the love in which they are constructed and of course would be dedicated to the parishes and people that helped to build them. It may also be that you know people who may not be in your parish but who you feel would still love to help. Please feel free to spread the word!

AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND: Our Bishop has recommended that ALL our Readers renew their commitment to their Ministry on this "Sunday of the Word." I will invite all our Readers to come forward after my Homily for their short commitment to their Ministry



26th January 2020:

Readers: 6.30pm: C Baldham 10.00am: M Crook M McEvoy

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: N Tiney B O'Malley M O'Malley P Pelos B Phillips

10.00am: B Stewart D Quinn T Ruane J Shellard J Snaith (Weekday B)

Counters: G Powell H Powell G Hill

Welcomers: 6.30pm: P Hamer M Hiron B Phillips

10.00am: B Shepherd C Shepherd C Reed

Bidding Prayers: P Lamb



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26th January 2020
Week 3 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 3rd of Ordinary Time

Sat.6.30pm Mass - Bernard Ditchett R.I.P.

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - The Parishioners

10.00am Mass - Adela & Bronek R.I.P.

3.00pm - An Hour of Praying the Scriptures - Lectio Divina

Monday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - John Smallman R.I.P.

Tuesday: St Thomas Aquinas

9.00am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Angela & Bob Butlin

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - For John Masding's Recovery

Thursday: Feria

9.30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass - A Mother's Special Prayer for her Daughter

Friday: St John Bosco

6.45pm Prayer of the Church

7.00pm Mass - Margaret Atkin's Intentions

Saturday: Feria

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)

12noon - Baptism of Lawrence Joseph Connors

2.00pm - Baptism of Violet Chloe Evans

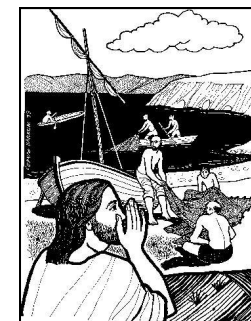
6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 2nd February - Richard & Lydia Bennett R.I.P.

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention

10.00am Mass - The Parishioners

12noon - Baptism of Arthur Benjamin Astin



*He went and
settled in Caperna-
um: in this way the
prophesy of Isaiah
was to be fulfilled.*

Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am
5.30 - 6.00 pm.
& on request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
10.30 - 1.00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CANON CHRIS OXLEY who will preach at our 10.00am Mass next Sunday, February 2nd.

WELCOME!

PROFOUND APOLOGIES to the many who might have received an email on Tuesday last, purporting to have come from Fr Owen asking for prayers and favour, (favour had the American spelling). I can assure you that I did not send any such email. Once again my email has been hacked and a scam supposedly to be from me. My profound apologies to all for the annoyance and inconvenience caused to the many.



TODAY - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IS NOW THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Read Pope Francis' practical tips and reflections for the Sunday of the Word of God, to be celebrated on Sunday 26th January.

Have you ever wished that God would speak to you, like He spoke to the Saints? Believe it or not, He's right there with the words you need already. In fact, all the words are in one place for your convenience: your Bible.

Maybe you think the Bible is dull. But the Bible isn't a dusty old history book that has no bearing on our lives today. This is God's Word and He uses it to speak to us.

Parishes across the world are encouraged to make God's Word their focus next week as we celebrate the first Sunday of the Word of God, and to aid this Pope Francis offers advice and encouragement in his Apostolic Letter **The Sunday of the Word of God (Aperuit Illis)**.

To get yourself and/or your parish ready to celebrate next Sunday, **get a copy of this document** (it's brief and easy to read) and give it a read!

TO MARK THE OCCASION Fr Owen invites all who can, to join him for an hour of "Lectio Divina - a study of the scriptures, taking St Matthew's Gospel, reading passages and then reflecting on what we have read, and sharing our understanding, our individual interpretation and reflection, of what that particular sentence, phrase OR word might mean for us and is saying to us. JOIN FR OWEN WITH "LECTIO DIVINA" Today, January, 26th IN THE KA-



ECO CHURCH! Do you know what that means? Are we an ECO CHURCH? If not, what can we do to lead us towards that achievement. It is our hope that during 2020 our church might become more ecologically friendly and to this end we are asking all parishioners how we might achieve this.

A box has been placed in the cloister and during the month of January we are asking for ideas that we can discuss at our Parish Pastoral Council meetings to help us achieve this aim. A small group has been established to meet with other churches in the town in the hope that we can learn from them and move forward.

More details will be included in our newsletters in the coming weeks and we look forward to receiving as many suggestions as possible.



ECO CHURCH
AN A Rocha UK PROJECT



YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED: For unforeseen reason a number of our Church Cleaners have had to stand down from our Cleaning Rota. We need approximately 6 willing volunteers to take their place on the Church Cleaning Rota. We are all so very pleased, and proud of the cleanliness of our Church. It is imperative that this standard is maintained. **So Come on now. Offer to go on the Cleaning Rota - the more, the better; the more, the less frequent your name will appear on the rota. So willing volunteers, please see Celia Wilson or Fr Owen. Thank you.**



VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: It's that time of year again for those members who pay their annual subscriptions by cash to renew them. Please pay Keith Shiers or any other member of the Knights or put in an envelope clearly marked Victory Prize Draw and your name and give to Fr Owen. If you wish to join the draw forms are available in the cloister by the Knights notice board. Prizes each month are £70, £30 and £20. All profits go to help train future clergy and local charities.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS...

Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". Silence is so important. We are not going to a show. Silence prepares us and accompanies us. Reflecting on the Eucharist is a form of prayer. Eucharist is the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most concrete way of encountering God's love. This is the greatest grace: to experience that the Eucharist is the privileged moment to be with Jesus and, through Him, with God and with our brothers and sisters. In the Gospels Jesus teaches His disciples that the first thing needed to pray is to know how to say 'father' and to trust in God with the humility of a child. Christians also must allow themselves to be surprised by the living encounter with the Lord and not simply talk to God like a parrot, repeating the words of prayers without thinking. The encounter with God is a living encounter. It is not an encounter of a museum, it is a living encounter. And we go to Mass, not a museum! We go to a living encounter with the Lord. The Mass is also a gift and a consolation where Christians discover that God's greatest surprise is that he loves us even in our weakness. The Lord encounters our frailty. This is the environment of the Eucharist. This is prayer. (Taken from Pope Francis General Audience November 2017)



2nd February 2020:

Readers: 6.30pm: J Rowland 10.00am: B Tyrell D Chappell

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: S Tacey B Spicknell B Stewart N Tiney P Bebb
10.00am: T Page F Wilson V Winter R Blagburn A Brown (Weekday A)

Counters: T Kendrick K Shiers

Welcomers: 6.30pm: G Cooper L Cooper M Furlong

10.00am: J McManus C Brown J Matthews

Bidding Prayers: P Green