

At St Joseph's Catholic Academy this week... **BELIEVE:** Following on from last week's Gospel reading, Mark 9:38-48, our mission this week has been to celebrate each other's achievements. **ACHIEVE:** Sporting fixtures have returned! This week our Year 5 and 6 children competed in football tournaments and a 'Return to Sport Festival' with other primary school across Market Harborough.

SUCCEED: We have been reflecting on ways that we can help to look after our precious world by walking, cycling or scootering to school. We are very exciting to be participating in the 'Choose How You Move' challenge throughout October. We look forward to finding out how many of our children can travel to school in a 'green' way! <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/schools/leicestershire-schools-programme/>

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY We often hear the words of our Lord in a negative light or somehow restrictive of our freedom or indeed beyond us. The words on divorce and remarriage are strong and clear and definitive and for many too much. The disciples themselves struggled with them as we hear in Matthew's version of today's encounter with the Pharisees. However, they are not meant to be condemnatory or judgemental of every person in an irregular situation. They first need to be seen as Good News and an invitation to the live the truth about marriage and what is possible with Our Lord and his grace. Moses had permitted divorce. This was due to the hardness of heart of the Israelites (& all mankind) after the Fall. Their sinfulness and lack of grace led to all sorts of failings in family life such as divorce that Moses permitted. But it was not so from the beginning: this was not God's intention. Jesus quotes the first two chapters of Genesis. God made them male and female in his image and likeness and that God joins the two as one in a communion of love. In the Gospel Jesus announces that the original plan of God for marriage and the family is now possible through him. That is certainly wonderful news.

We have that described in an extraordinary way in our first reading of Genesis 2. That chapter cannot fail to touch human hearts and the deepest yearnings within them. The desire to love and be loved for one's own sake which is archetypally fulfilled in marriage and the family above all other loves. This is an ancient and somewhat mythological (but true) description of man and woman. In the story we have man qua man as neither male nor female but in the common humanity who becomes conscious of themselves as a self-aware person but who is alone. This consciousness grows in front of the animals who are bodied creatures like him but none of them is a person. They are not suitable. They cannot love. The man experiences himself in the image and likeness of God called to love and be loved, but quite alone. Then we have the description of man now as male and female. At last they find someone to love and be loved by. They can look into each other's eyes and see a helpmate suitable to fulfil the call to love – another person. They can fulfil themselves in the perfect gift of self. There was no sin no barriers as is described in the important words missed out. *They were naked but felt no shame. This original experience describes the communion between the first spouses in which they were transparent to each other. There were no barriers or indeed fears in their love. They found the common humanity and unity in the difference of their sexes open to each other body and soul to be crowned by the birth of new life. They are in the image and likeness of Trinitarian love and in each other they experience something of that. This was the original and only sacrament of creation.*

This original state was damaged by sin through the attack of the devil and has suffered throughout history. However, the Good News for all is that marriage has been redeemed by Christ. Deep down all people desire to love and be love for their own sake. That echoes within us, fallen as we are. Jesus has restored Marriage and the family and raising it to a Sacrament of redemption through Holy Matrimony which pours forth Easter grace in to the hearts of spouses – the grace of Christ the bridegroom. So that he may heal spouses of selfishness and the fear of true love and that they might love each other as he has loved us. We can live therefore the full truth of marriage. If that is not good news, I do not know what is. What an adventure.



Our Lady of Victories

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3rd October 2021
 27th of Ordinary Time
 Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 27th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Tonya Burns Good Health
 9.00am: Mass: Family Well Being (Sari)
 11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: St Francis of Assisi

9.00am Mass: Joe Humphries RIP (Dolby)

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Sr Breda RIP (Sisters)

Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

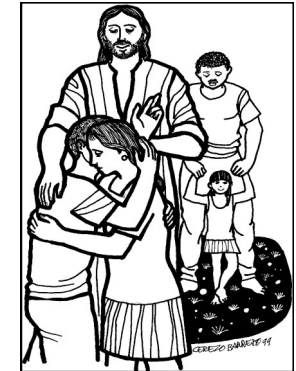
Saturday: St John Henry Newman

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 10th - Peter Northway RIP (Olivant)

Sunday: 28th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Gurman Sari (Agatha)
 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Oct Rosary
 20 minutes
 before
 Mass



*What God has
 united, man must
 not divide.*

CONFESSIONS
 11am Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:
 Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

2nd Collection for CAFOD this weekend.

FR CHRIS WRITES: My mother has moved into her new house this week. Thank you for your welcome and friendliness to her. As I have mentioned before the whole Church is starting a Synod process which will culminate in 2023. It opens in Rome on 10th October and in the Diocese on 17th October. As Information come available I will let you know.

We enter the month of the Holy Rosary This great prayer which is one both of Contemplation and intercession. I suggest we pray it for the family, an end of the Pandemic and that the assisted dying Bill does not pass.

We will be delighted to welcome all who would like to join us starting 20 minutes before the Masses. Please try and pray the Rosary at home as a family.

There is a list on the Porch Table to sign up to lead the Rosary.

Covid 19: We need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever. So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity. Mostly There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church back to back., but we will be closer along the benches. We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church. Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on weekdays** there will not be a steward. We ask people to sign in or use the **NHS QR code**. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Monday, Our Lady's on a Tuesday and Sacred heart on a Wednesday etc. If people could help sanitise the touch points after Mass that would be helpful i.e. the tops of the benches. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.

The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed



Hall Cleaner: We are looking for a Hall Cleaner: about 6 hours a week. If anyone is interested, Please contact Fr. Chris

HARBOROUGH THEATRE COFFEE MORNING: At last, the ever popular Saturday coffee mornings are starting again at the beginning of October. The **THIRD WORLD GROUP** have managed to book **Saturday, 9th October, from 9.00 to 11.00.** As well as tea, coffee and biscuits, there will be a raffle and cake stall and, hopefully, tombola and handicraft items from Peru. Most of all we would love the pleasure of your company but we would also be grateful for donations of cakes, delivered to the Theatre on the morning, and items for the raffle and tombola which can be placed in our box in the cloister. We have enough wine but other gifts would add variety. Our income, all of which goes to our six projects, has been greatly reduced for nearly two years and the developing countries have suffered much more from the pandemic than we have here in UK. Please support us as we restart our fund-raising efforts

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Last OFSTED

- The sixth form is outstanding
- The students make very strong progress
- Staff know and care about their students as individuals
- Students are ambitious and want to do well

Sixth Form Open Evening

St Paul's Catholic School
Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 6th October 2021
4.30pm - 7.00pm
All Welcome
No booking required, just turn up!

Meet the team
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FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: Communion, Participation, Mission."October 2023

What does "Synodality" mean? Synodality comes from a Greek word meaning the "walking together" (syn-) on a "particular way" (-hodos) The "particular way" has been defined by the Synod of Bishops in its process for the Synod 2023. 2. **If the process is already defined, how do we "walk together?"** Every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. Pope Francis in his book Let us Dream says "we need a respectful, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas" This is at the heart of the process. Each diocese will form its own means of running this listening process so that it reaches as broad a scope of people as possible.

Altar Servers: It's been 6 months since we were allowed Altar Servers back on the Sanctuary and introduced our current rota system. At the moment we have a rota of 4 for the Saturday Vigil Mass and 3 each for the Sunday Services. Can I appeal to our Altar Servers who are not on the rota to consider coming back and helping out?

Most weeks we are fine but holidays & family commitments can present a challenge. As the numbers show, your turn would be one week in three/four, and you would be making a valuable contribution to the Parish. My mobile number is 07981 205861 You are welcome to call just for a chat about things, no pressure but please help out if you can. Thanks to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival

LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH (LACY) are sending out a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to an amazing "First Physical Event" since the beginning of COVID. "What Do You Know About Angels?" **SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER.** Lots of interesting activities, sharing Faith, Fun and Food! Fr. Simon Gillespie will be leading us in thoughts, ideas and the Celebration of an uplifting Mass especially for young people. Come and share the time with the LACY Team at St. Thomas More, Catholic Parish Rooms and Field, Knighton, Leicester, LE2 3HN. **2.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.** See poster on LACY facebook page, your own parish media and newsletter. For further information or booking onto the day contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com. We're looking forward to sharing this day with YOU!

CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October: Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day (2nd Collection next Sunday) you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. Cf www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis - **2nd Collection this weekend**

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