

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS OF SUNDAY FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS:

I will try and give a few thoughts each week especially for those who cannot attend Church whether they are isolating or caring for someone vulnerable. They are just musings to help to meditate on the word of God. We should ruminate on the word each week, chew it over and let something in the Scriptures of the Sunday strike us and move us, whether to praise wonder awe, sorrow, surprise or indeed bewilderment quite often. All these things we can bring into our ongoing prayer or conversation with God. The important thing is to give time to God.

This week the words of the Collect or opening prayer of the Mass are very powerful: **O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy.** God shows himself to be God above all by his forgiveness and unmerited mercy. There are lots of characteristics of God he is infinite all powerful, eternal, without beginning or end, and so on but he shows himself as god in his mercy. This surprises us. But Pope Francis tells us that the name of God is mercy.

Our world needs mercy, we need mercy. It seems to me that God is saying something to us in recent times especially though the Popes who have all emphasized the mercy of God. We had Pope Francis' Year of mercy. Pope John Paul's major letter to the Church on this: "Dives in Misericordia" and of course the institution of Divine Mercy Sunday. All this emphasises that God is ever willing to pour forth forgiveness.

But today's readings remind us that we must ask for that mercy. We must repent. That is the other side of the mystery of mercy. We have to open the door to God. If he manifests his divine power by his mercy, his weakness we could say is that he cannot force his mercy on us. He needs us to open the door of our hearts to it. Ezequiel reminds us of that as does our Lord in the Gospel.

We all have to recognise our need of his mercy. That is difficult for us especially when we think of ourselves as decent and upright – that we are okay. But it is important. Jesus first preaching began with the word Repent and then he said Believe the Good news. The reign of God is at hand. We must ask the Holy Spirit to show our sins to us, convict us of our sins. Then, paradoxically, we will truly know God, **above all**, by knowing his Mercy. what a wonderful prospect. The Confessional is the door of mercy and is always open!



Our Lady of Victories

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27th September 2020
Week 26 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 26th of Ordinary Time

Saturday: 6.00pm - Wellbeing of Agnes Ash

N.B. 9.00am Mass - People of the Parish

N.B. 11.00am Mass - Peter Kimberlin R.I.P.

Monday: Feria

Private Mass - Shirley Hylands R.I.P.

Tuesday: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Private Mass - Fr Kevin McEwan RIP

Wednesday: St Jerome

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church: God's Blessing on Pat Weldon's Family

Thursday: St Therese of the Child Jesus

Private Mass: Kathleen Heron R.I.P.

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church - Matthew Lee R.I.P.

Saturday: Feria

NO MORNING MASS

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

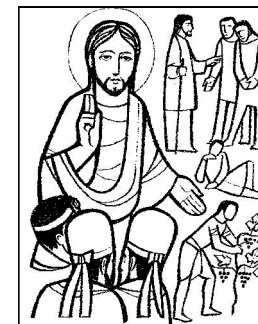
6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 4 October - Kathleen Heron R.I.P.

Sunday: 27th of Ordinary Time

N.B. 9.00am: Mass - John Joe Lee R.I.P.

N.B. 11.00am: Mass - People of the Parish

NB: **Peter's Pence – Transferred to 4th October 2020** Please note that the Peter's Pence second collection, the financial contribution which reflects the bond between our diocese and the Holy See, and which assists the Holy Father in carrying out his universal ministry of caring for the entire Church, was moved this year from June 28th to October 4th.



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thought
better of it
and went.*

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

BOOK NOW

FR CHRIS' WORDS

Thank you all for your warm welcome last weekend. I have been doing a bit of unpacking and getting to know where I am! I have been into a few shops in the town and found the welcome very friendly whether the Chemist Abdul near me or the staff at B & M.



However, when I dashed down to Sainsbury's for a few supplies, I got a fine as I did not realise it was a Pay & Display Car Park! I enjoyed meeting some of the Children and Parents from the school either at the beginning of the day or at the end. Unfortunately I cannot go into the school at the moment. However, I will be participating in a virtual assembly this Friday. Thank you for all the cards and Good wishes.

Fr Owen is settling down in Lutterworth. His new email is massbrook@olvic.com

Also please note the interview of Fr Owen with Andy Murphy Vice chair of churches together <https://youtube.com/watch?v=99k8jjV9aDM>
May God bless you all. Fr Chris.

CAFOD:

On Friday, 9th October our parish is marking **CAFOD's Family Fast Day**. We've all felt the impact of coronavirus, but it is even worse for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world and we are being asked to help them **survive, rebuild and heal**. With over half of the parish still not able to come to mass, responding with our usual generosity is going to be more complicated, but here are some suggestions:



1. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give.
2. Ask a friend or neighbour who is able to come to mass to bring you an envelope, which will be distributed over the weekend 3/4 October to be returned the following weekend.
3. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.:

Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice.

Whichever method you choose, please, if you are a taxpayer, apply Gift Aid. This is so important because, at no extra cost to you, your gift will be increased by 25p for every £1 given.

GRAPEVINE: Grapevine is the Newsletter for Adult formation, justice & Peace and Caritas in our diocese. A message from Paul Bodenham: **Sisters and brothers, one and all,** We're excited about Pope Francis' forthcoming encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*. He'll sign it a week on Saturday at the tomb of his namesake in Assisi. It will explore what kind of world our faith calls us to create out of the present hardships - a world in which all belong; a world of 'social friendship', where all are brother and sister.

It comes at a handy time for us here in the Diocese. On 7 November, you are invited to help build Caritas, which will support every parish in the mission of social friendship in our communities. Originally planned for 28 March at the Cathedral, **Together, we are Caritas** will take place online. It will be a chance to build the civilisation of love here in the East Midlands. Some 40 volunteers have been helping Caritas take shape over the summer; if you haven't been involved so far, now's your chance. That's not the only invitation in this bulletin. In the run-up to the day is **Heal the World**, a chance to dive deep into some of Francis' recent teachings on the theme. Join us at one or the other, or even both! **Paul** (Programme Leader for Social Action) for the Bulletin which contains a lot of information Please click on the image above or this link:



<https://mailchi.mp/290ee4fbc95c/grapevine-1-news-from-adult-formation-justice-peace-and-caritas-5289430?e=6e6f801695>

QR CODE: Here is a QR code which included in This weeks newsletter. It will take you to the readings of the day your phone.

But remember you will need to switch your phone's to silent! On Saturday evening Mass they need to go to the next day.

