

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Noble, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Eileen Butt, Carol Doherty, Frank Colgan, Marian Whyte, Stephen King, William Lyons, Beth Anistead-Cargan, Sue Zimny, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Mary Hanley, Robert Edmundson.

Anniversaries: Anthony Walsh, Nora McLoughlin, Keith Holland, Jenny Howard, Mary Galvin, Bill O'Leary.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred; **Forgive them anyway.**
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives; **Be kind anyway.**
If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies; **Succeed anyway.**
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; **Be honest and frank anyway.**
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; **Build anyway.**
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; **Be happy anyway.**
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; **Do good anyway.**
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, **it is between you and your God;**
It was never about you and them anyway.

St Teresa of Calcutta



Last Week's collection was:
£1002.39 Thank you

£££

The monthly figure for
Standing Orders: £1380.00



The Sacred Heart lamp
will burn for earthquake
victims in Cebu.



This week, Our Lady's Lamp
burns for the Jewish Community
of Prestwich

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12th October

Holy Masses 9am & 11am

Monday 13th September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 14th October

Holy Mass 12 noon

Wednesday 15th October

St Teresa of Avila

Holy Mass 12 noon

Thursday 16th October

St Margaret Mary

Holy Mass 12 noon

Friday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch

Holy Mass 12 noon

Saturday 18th October

St Luke

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm
Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

SVP

A representative from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will say a few words about the work of the conference towards the end of Mass today. The purpose is to encourage new members to join our parish group. There is always a demand for volunteers to visit the lonely and help the needy. Outreach is an important aspect of our Christian life and reflects the health of our parish. If you can spare an hour or two please consider carefully what you'll hear today.

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Due to the Tea & Turf event this afternoon and because a couple of our usual helpers are away, there will be no tea and coffee after the 9am and 11am Masses.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will resume on Wednesday this week—15th Oct .

Confessional Ceiling

The ceiling in the Confessional has collapsed due to previous water ingress. It isn't safe for use presently but I hope to get it restored in the next week or so.

St Gabriel Possenti

Vinci contractors, who are building the next-door carpark, have kindly assisted with the installation of the very heavy statue of St Gabriel. If you don't know who he is or why he's here, I've placed my recent explanation in the newsletter near to his statue.

Cottage & Hall

The Cottage is available for rental again and painting work is almost finished in the main Hall. A significant amount of parish money has been used to improve the space in the Hall. Please use the space respectfully and leave it in the way you found it. The caretaker makes an impassioned plea that you do not leave milk and other perishables in the fridge.

Heating

On Thursday the boilers will be serviced and recommissioned for winter.

The Hinge of Salvation

We're in bandit country today: on the edge in no-man's-land. The Gospel tells us Jesus is walking along the border between Galilee and Samaria - He's in disputed territory where nobody belongs. Misfits are the only people to be found here - people who are neither one thing nor another. And that's where Jesus meets us, where we encounter Him. It's round here that he's met a woman at a well - she didn't fit. Nain is in this area and on the edge of that town he met a widow who had no one - only a dead son. She had no family and didn't fit in. And now with ten lepers, banished to the outskirts, he meets us.

He's always on the border, Jesus, isn't he? He is the border: between earth and heaven, good and bad, humanity and God. He fits in, perfectly, in no-man's-land:- fits with the sick, who are between this world and the next, with tax collectors and sinners who are shunned to the edge - with those in the valley of death.

Because He's in a valley today, too, - the valley of Jezreel runs along the border: they call it the Valley of Decision. Many battles have taken place there - struggles to gain ownership and belong. In this place of strife where all the misfits are, Jesus joins us, in Prestwich: the ungrateful who can't say "thank-you", the odd foreigner who wants to praise, the majority who're indifferent. Jesus has entered our town today to teach us something of the mercy of God. What is it that He's got to say?

This week I watched Adam, a joiner, hang the new side door. Not an easy job at the best of times. But when the building itself is crooked, the floor not level, when everything is misfit, it's much harder. Except for when the hinge jamb is true and straight - then all's well with the entrance. The Fathers of the Church have a wonderful phrase: *Caro Cardo Salutis* - the flesh is the hinge of salvation. Everything swings on the humanity of Jesus, on his joining us at the border and opening up a new world in a body like ours. Now, any misfit - if we meet Him on the border and are true to the hinge of our humanity - can open to a new life.

He doesn't want to meet us in a pretend sacred place that's all spiritual - He meets us in the ordinary flesh in which He came to make us holy. It's as human as that, being holy. His lesson is this: that it's impossible to be holy without being human. We're all misfits in this world—but that doesn't mean we can't be good, be grateful, respectful, loving. It doesn't mean we can't live our humanity to the full and meet Jesus in the flesh of our brothers and sisters. If you want to criticise and complain, if you cannot see the best in others and what they're trying to do—if you can't be human, then this is not the place for you.. Happily, we are here to build a new humanity with each other—a place open enough to meet God.