

Ponder Over..... The Truth Teller: *Many years ago, a certain Greenland Eskimo was brought to New York City for a short visit. He was filled with wonder at all the miracles of sight and sound in New York City. When he returned to his native village he told his people the stories of a building that rose into the very face of the sky; of the street cars, which he described as houses which moved along the trail, of the mammoth bridges, artificial lights and all the dazzling things of the metropolitan city. Many of the people could not believe him. Those who did not believe him looked at him coldly and walked away. The villagers called him a liar. He carried that name, "the liar," to his grave. – The road of the truth-teller has always been rocky. As a result of telling God's truth according to His command, many of the prophets were killed. Jeremiah died at the hands of his own people. Socrates who led people to truth through reason had to sip poison. Jesus was crucified. St. Stephen was stoned. Bruno was burned. Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Archbishop Saint Oscar Romero were shot to death. The decision to follow Christ can meet harsh rejection. In 2004, Sister Helen Prejean, a prison chaplain at Stewardship Conference in New Orleans, wrote a book, Dead Man Walking, which became an Oscar-winning movie. Sister. Helen sought reconciliation between prisoners on death row and their victims' families. She met with harsh words and actions. Taking a stand and telling the truth often invites division and opposition. You are either for or against Jesus. There is no comfortable way of following Jesus! (John Pichappilly in The Table of the Word; quoted by Fr. Botelho).*

**You can hurt me
with the truth,
but please don't
comfort me with
your lies.**

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18th AUGUST 2019

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4)

This Sunday – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am (Paul Stevenson)

Monday - Mass 9.30am

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am : St Bernard

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm : St Pius X

Thursday – Mass 9.30am : The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday – Mass 9.30am

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon: St Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

Next Sunday- TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Marie Blackburn)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00-11.00am.

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY: 11.00 – 11.45 AND ON REQUEST

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently, especially Pat Butler, Peter Helsby and James Mulligan. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Stephen Wright, Baby Rose Coleman, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

COFFEE will be served today Friends of the Holy Land, next Sunday by OLOP Mums.

MANY THANKS to all those who came along to the Afternoon Tea held in the Parish Centre last Saturday. Thank you also to Claire and the Bluebird Community Choir for helping make the afternoon so enjoyable. A total amount of £461 was raised to go towards the Bucket and Spade Project.

MESSAGE FROM FR TOM RE. THE NEW PARISH PRIEST: The Bishop has appointed Canon David Roberts to be Parish Priest of St Agnes' and St Catherine's Hoylake, with a view to bringing the two parishes together. I know you will make him very welcome. I will be moving to Christ the King Church, Bromborough. Please keep us both in your prayers. Our appointment takes effect from 7th September.

PAT TESTING EQUIPMENT - If you, or anyone you know, has a PAT tester and would be willing to verify the safety of electrical goods before they are donated to the SVP Clients then please contact any member of our Conference. Minimum commitment - maximum effect.

BUCKET AND SPADE PROJECT HOLIDAY CHALLENGES. The holiday period is now upon us and it is hoped that many of you will take part in the Party and Holiday Challenges and the Photo competition. Please help yourself to an Information pack, available at the back of church, Unfortunately, the online giving address was incorrectly stated in an earlier newsletter but the correct address is justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bucketspade

SUNDAY OFFERING 11th August: £519.05

DIOCESAN NEWS

HEALTH AND SALVATION IN THE PUBLIC EYE. A Conference and Retreat for healthcare professionals who wish to think, pray and talk together. This year's theme examines practical questions about healthcare communications through the media and social media. At Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, 6 – 11 January 2020. Contact Sister Margaret Atkins margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk for details or see website www.boarbankhall.org.uk

DAY OF REFLECTION AND HEALING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND THEIR FAMILIES. On 5th October, Bishop Richard Moth, who leads the ministry to those affected by mental health issues, will lead a day of reflection and celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1PL from 11am to 5pm. More information in September.