



PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (c)
Oct 19th 2025



God our Father,
 your Son Jesus Christ calls us all
 to be messengers and builders of hope.

Hear our prayers
 as we place all our hope in you,
 through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Will the Son of Man find any faith on earth?

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 19th	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY <i>World Mission Sunday</i> 9.15 (BB) Juan Guerrix RIP (SQ) 11am (HAD) P & C Ginnis RIP (fam)	
Mon 20th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Hilary Mantel RIP (anniv) (D&KH)	
Tues 21st	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Weds 22nd	St John Paul II 9.30 (HAD) Bro Philip Revell RIP (D&KH)	
Thurs 23rd	feria 9.30 (HAD) Dr J Leneghan (AU)	
Fri 24th	St Anthony Maria Claret 9.30 (BB) Harold Midwood RIP (CW)	
Sat 25th	feria 9.30 (HAD) T&B Perry RIP (fam) <i>12.30 (BB) wedding service, King/Groarke</i>	
Sun 26th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY <i>(clocks back overnight)</i> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Maureen Keane RIP (MR) <i>HAD council meeting after Mass</i>	
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C) Psalter week 1 Introduction: <i>Our Lord asks us to pray ceaselessly - and with confidence.</i> First Reading : Ex 17 : As long as with arms outstretched Moses prayed, God helped his people to victory. Resp: OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH. Second Reading : 2 Tim 3 : God's word is our anchor. Gospel : Lk 18 : God will listen to the one who prays persistently. Comm. ant: THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.		

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:

Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Joan Killeen, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Paddy Blackwell, Pip O'Meara, John McDermott, Joe Calnan, Brendan O'Sullivan; *Patrick McMyler, Pat Pasiecznik, Don Yates, Betty Grant, Jeannette Dutton:*

May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY The whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. **'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'** is this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together, we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance. This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio, not least in today's **second collection**.

THE GOSPEL We often think of prayer as mere asking, and this parable encourages us to pester God as the wronged widow pestered the Unjust Judge. Luke's parables are always lively, and the characters like to talk and explain themselves! The judge's fear of the widow can be translated that she will come and 'outface me', but it could also be translated 'hit me in the face'. But such persistence is only one aspect of Luke's teaching on prayer. He also shows us what our attitude in prayer should be, by the parable immediately following in the gospel, the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector: the tax-collector wins approval because he just stands there, admitting his sins. Most instructive, however, is Luke's teaching on Jesus at prayer: he reminds us that Jesus is always quietly at prayer to his Father. He needs to slip away to spend the night in prayer. Especially he prays at the most important moments of his life, at his Baptism, when he chooses his team, before he teaches them to pray, at the approach of his Passion, finally forgiving and comforting others at his death. Paul tells us we should pray continually. The prayer of asking must be built on a relationship of love and dependence, just as the request of child to parents is built on that loving relationship. It does not matter if the child is naughty, as long as the relationship is one of love; so we do not need to be perfect to make our requests to our Father.

OCTOBER ROSARY As part of our October Devotions to the Holy Rosary, Rob Cranston hosts an **Online Rosary Session every Tuesday evening at 7pm**. This invitation is open to anyone from either of our Churches. If you wish to participate please email Rob (or have a word with him if you see him) at the following address: cranston1948@aol.com and Rob will contact you with the relevant details.

THE MASS COUNT My thanks to our diligent counters who for four weekends have counted Sunday worshippers. The BB average was 44 (same as last year); the HAD average was 78, (80 last year). The hunt continues for the missing sheep!

MISSIO UPDATE Maureen B has asked that you bring your **Red Boxes** to church for emptying during this month. She is hoping that new boxholders will be happy to support the missions in this way. You'll find application forms & boxes at the back of church.

SAINTS ALIVE St John Paul II (1920-2005) Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families,

young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter 2014. **St Philip Howard** was born at Arundel House, London, 18 June 1557, and died in the Tower of London on 19 October 1595. He was educated partly under John Foxe, the Church of England martyrologist and partly at Cambridge. He married Anne, Countess of Arundel and Surrey. In 1580 he succeeded to the Earldom of Arundel. He frequented the Court and knew and entertained the queen. Towards the close of the year he was present at the disputations of Edmund Campion in the Tower and this proved the first step in his conversion, though his life was then decidedly unvirtuous: for a time he deserted his wife. As the Catholic revival gained strength, the earl found himself suspected and out of favour, and his difficulties were increased by his wife's conversion. He was now wholly reconciled to her, and in September 1584, was received into the Catholic Church, and became a fervent Catholic. The change of life was soon noticed at Court, on which Philip resolved to leave the country, which he did (1585), after writing a detailed letter of explanation to Elizabeth. But he was captured at sea and confined in the Tower of London. He was at first sentenced to a very substantial fine, and imprisonment at the queen's pleasure. Then in the aftermath of the Armada, he was tried for having favoured the excommunication of the queen, and for having prayed for the invaders. He was condemned and left to die in prison. Shortly before he died he wrote a long and moving letter to his wife asking forgiveness for the way he had treated her in the past. On another occasion he wrote: "The Catholic and Roman faith which I hold is the only cause (as far as I can in any way imagine) why either I have been thus long imprisoned or why I am now ready to be executed." His last prayer to see his wife and only son, who had been born after his imprisonment, was refused except on condition of his coming to the Church of England service, on which terms he might also go free. He was buried in the Tower Church. In 1624 his remains were moved to Arundel where they still rest.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) E Green ; 2nd (£20) S Shaw.

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you. Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools. You do not need any experience in education or any specific qualifications as full support and training will be provided. This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered. Date & Time: Tuesday 21 October 2025 7.00pm - 8.00pm Venue St Mary's Catholic Academy Gladstone Street Glossop SK13 8NE.

THE STONYHURST CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE near Clitheroe tells us of two retreat events coming soon:

- **Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025** A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.
- **Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026** A remarkable opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Go to christianheritagecentre.com/events for more info.

NEW NEIGHBOURS On Wednesday it was good to host a meeting of local clergy. Amongst those attending were Fr Greg Tobin & Fr Benjamin Sunder, newly-resident in St Anne's Buxton, but having pastoral care also of New Mills, Chapel & Marple Bridge. Fr Benjamin hails from Chennai (Madras) in SE India, and belongs to the Missionary Society of St Francis de Sales. Good companions!

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

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