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30th August 2020 – Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 2

First Reading:	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms:	<i>For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.</i>
Second Reading:	St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Alleluia:	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel:	Matthew 16:21-27

Saturday 29th August	6.30pm	Vigil Mass (<i>John Langford RIP</i>)
Sunday 30th August	10.30am	Mass (<i>The People of the Parish</i>)
Monday 31st August <i>St Aidan, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	10.00am	Mass (<i>Sr Anne Ryan, RIP</i>)
Tuesday 1st September <i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Mass (<i>Those with Mental Health illness</i>)
Wednesday 2nd September <i>Feria</i>		No Mass
Thursday 3rd September POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Doctor - Apostle of England - feast	10.00am	Mass (<i>The Sisters of St Joseph's Convent – Int</i>)
Friday 4th September <i>St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	10.00am	Mass (<i>Maidie Hannon RIP & Winnie Farrell RIP</i>)
Saturday 5th September <i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Mass (<i>The Community at Turvey Abbey Int</i>)

Saturday 5th September	6.30pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Paula Langford RIP</i>)
Sunday 6th September	10.30am	Mass (<i>The People of the Parish</i>)

Welcome Back!

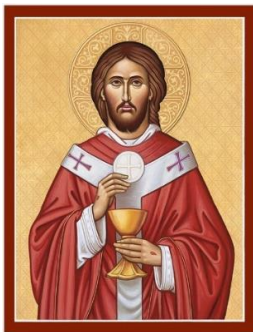
Please God, Fr David will be arriving back from his holiday later today (Sunday) – we very much hope that he has enjoyed a well-earned rest and a good time with his friends. Fr David will be at Womersley for a few days later in the week in preparation for the new term – please keep the Seminarians in your prayers



PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES – The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday continues to be dispensed, by the Bishops of England and Wales, at this time, therefore we will continue to ‘Live Stream’ all Masses except on Wednesdays. Those of you that do attend the church for Mass are asked to carefully follow the guidance of the Stewards. The booking-in system for Mass, particularly at weekends, is still in place. If you haven’t already done so, please contact Denise with your preferences. If you have any concerns, please contact Fr David or Deacon Peter

Government Guidelines now require the wearing of a Face Mask in all places of worship.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori

Pope St Gregory the Great

On Thursday we celebrate the feast of Pope St Gregory the Great, Doctor and Apostle of England. Born at Rome about the year 540. He entered the public service and was appointed a Prefect of the City. Then he entered a monastery, was ordained deacon and performed the office of a papal legate to Constantinople. On 3rd September 590 he became Pope and showed himself a true pastor in his administration, his care of the poor and in spreading and consolidating the faith. He died on 12th March 604

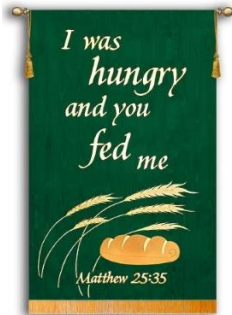




Priory of Our Lady of Peace, Turvey Abbey

With great sadness, we have learnt of the death of Sr Lucy from Turvey Abbey. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. We also keep the entire Turvey Community in our love and prayers

Requiescat in pace



We continue to be very grateful to all of you who have been supporting the Food Bank – Catholics, Anglicans and others. The donation box remains outside the presbytery door and is checked frequently. The Food Bank continues to need donations of:

Long Life Milk – Long Life Juice – Tinned Rice Pudding – Tinned Custard – Tinned Meat – Tinned Vegetables – Tinned Tomatoes – Pasta Sauce - Spreads



We keep the young people of our Parish in our thoughts and prayers as they return to school, college or university. In these most challenging of times, we hope and pray that, enriched by the Holy Spirit, they will experience the joys of learning. *St Thomas Aquinas, pray for them*

MASS OFFERINGS (STIPENDS) – If you have any Mass intentions to be offered, please contact Fr David, Deacon Peter or Denise. Please do include the full name of the person for whom you want the Mass to be offered, whether they are alive or deceased. There are available dates during September and October.



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION – If anyone would like to go to Confession, please contact Fr David by email or call round to the presbytery. Confessions will not be held in the confessional but in a safe place and with appropriate distancing, in compliance with the guidelines.

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER – following the recent success of our Mass in the garden at Our Lady's, Fr David is hoping to repeat this next Sunday at 10.30am – weather permitting. As before, we are asking that those of you that will be attending the Mass to enter the garden via the side gate to the left of the Presbytery. Stewards will be on hand to guide you as to where to sit. Please let Denise know if you are planning to attend so that she can add your name(s) to the list



Reflection on Twenty-second Sunday

What a turnaround! Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising that Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why this big change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose and Peter shied away from it – *'Heaven preserve you, Lord, this must not happen to you.'* but, not for the first time, Peter failed to understand. We should take great comfort from this for if Jesus maintains his faith in Peter whom he named – the 'Rock' – then why wouldn't he also keep faith with us in spite of our frailties?

What is your particular soft option? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of us, and we are avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! In the Gospel, this will happen twice more: three times Jesus foretells his Passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus against puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take this section that is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck. So how does this tally with "My yolk is easy and my burden light?"

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, St Lawrence and St Rita pray for us all.

With our love and prayers,

Fr David and Deacon Peter

