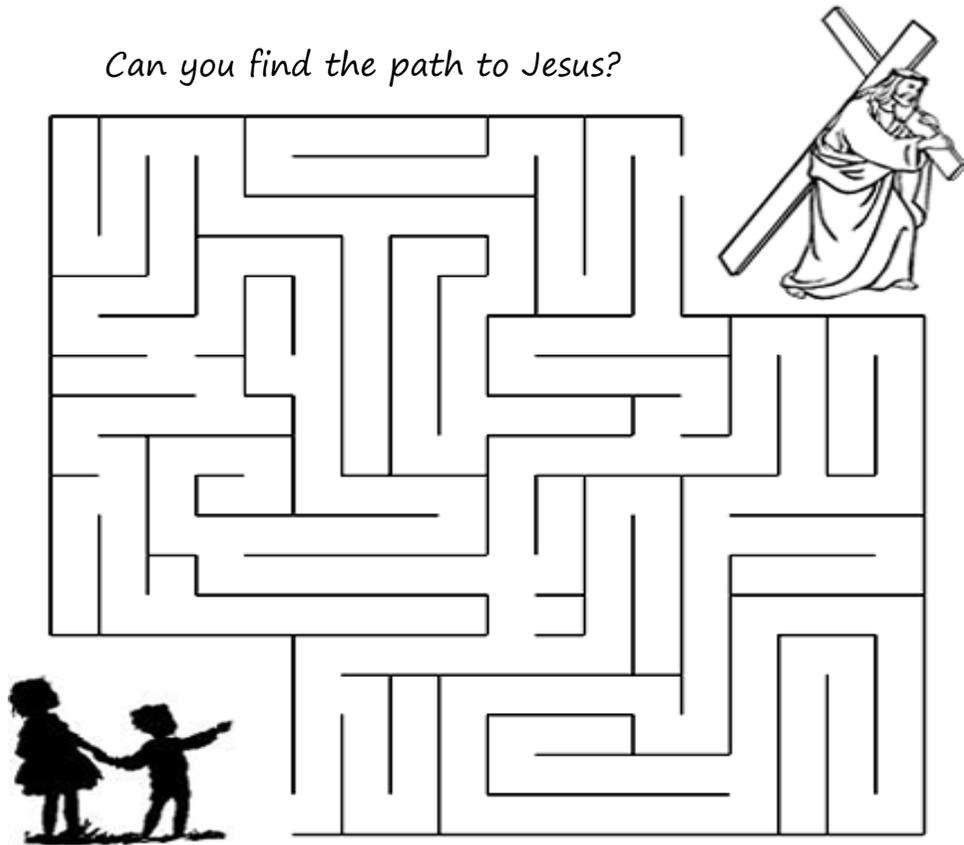


# Holy Family Little Church

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said, "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ."

Can you find the path to Jesus?



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### "Who do you say that I am?"

The definitions of Jesus abound: a great prophet, teacher and healer. Some people's definitions are more negative, depending on their life experiences and their religious beliefs. "For those of us who grew up in the church, believing in Jesus was important. For me, what that phrase used to mean, was 'believing things about Jesus, believing what the gospels said about him, believing in doctrines about Jesus.' That was easy when I was a child, but I now see that believing in Jesus can (and does) mean something very different from that. In both Greek and Latin the root meaning of the word 'believe' is 'to give one's heart to.' The 'heart' is the self at its deepest level. Believing, therefore, does not consist of giving one's mental assent to something, but involves a much deeper level of one's self. It means to give Him our heart, our self at its deepest level."

(Marcus Borg)

Today's gospel is not about giving the right answer. This is not a test. This is not about what is in our head but what is in our heart. It's about what lies at the core of our existence. Jesus is asking the disciples to consider what centres their lives. What is the axis about which their world turns? We all have some centre from which we live. People, things, and experiences tend to become our anchor point, the centre of our life. They give us our bearings and stability. Our centre orients our life and the direction we go. It not only shapes how we live but, more importantly, who we are becoming. Who or what is our centre?

"You are the Christ." With those words Peter has re-centred his life. Re-centering is our life's work and it is not easy work. It means we must continually let go of what we thought centred our lives and move to our true centre, Christ. It is something we do over and over and we don't always get it right. Look at Peter. The gospels describe his many weaknesses but ultimately he was crucified for re-centering, following, and loving Jesus.

Who we say Jesus is has everything to do with who and how we are and will be. In some ways our answer says as much or more about us than Jesus. In some sense there is no once and for all, final and forever, answer to Jesus' question. We are always living into the question, moving from simply knowing about Jesus to knowing him. It's not that Jesus changes. We do. We are constantly engaging his question and in so doing we not only discover Jesus anew we discover ourselves anew.

(Michael Marsh)

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

16th September 2018

Eucharistic Prayer: 4

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 15th September 2018

Sat 6.00pm	St. Anthony	Norman Mercer	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Anthony Holy Family	Mary Ibison For our parish	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sp. Collection</i>
Mon 9.15am	Holy Family	Katy McMurrrough	
Tue 11.00am	St Anthony	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Wed 9.15am	St Anthony	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Theodore of Canterb</i>
Thur 9.15am	Holy Family	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Andrew Kim-Taegon</i>
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	St. Anthony Holy Family	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Matthew Exposition &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	St. Anthony	Anthony Peers	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Anthony Holy Family	Gary Whittell Janina Drewik	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sp. Collection - Bishop's Admin</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance 82 Offertory £170. Thank you for your generosity.

### Masses received this week:

Katy McMurrrough.

### Monday 'Surgery'

There will be no Monday Surgery for the next two weeks.

### *Please remember in your prayers . . . .*

Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bob Blacoe, Rhoda Case, Bill York, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Rowland Eyre;

**those who have died recently:** Joan Walsh, Perter Hothersall, Maureen Howard;

**and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Richard Jackson, Elizabeth Nickson, Frank Daly, George Henry Ronson, Christopher Joseph Burns, Wilfred Napoleon, Madge Gallagher, John Talbot, Harold Farnworth, John Aspinwall, William Kelly, Edith's Harry, Kath & Michael's baby Christopher, May they rest in peace.

*Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.*

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH IS 50!

Actually the parish is 54 years old but the School is 50 this year. The school will be involved in celebrations at 11.00am Mass today (Sunday) and there will be Indian food afternoon, thanks to the generosity of the John family of the Maharani restaurant, Watery Lane, Preston. We think back to those who laboured to found and build our parish and school and thank God for their work and their generosity.

### 'INTACT Annual General Meeting

Intact's Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th September. Our members are cordially invited to attend. The focus will be 'Our Heritage – Our Past, Our Present, Our Future'. Refreshments and networking opportunities are offered between 1 and 2 pm. The Business Meeting part of the AGM takes place between 2 and 3 pm.'

### St. Anthony's Autumn Afternoon Tea—all tickets sold out

THANK-YOU to those who have donated odd attractive side or dinner plates for these events. We can get them made into cake stands. Thank you.

### Xaverian Open Day

on Sunday 23rd September: from 12 noon -4 p.m., free admission. Included in the day there will be a 'Story Telling Festival'. Donations of used/unwanted children's books will be much appreciated.

### Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Next Saturday 22nd September from 9.30 till 1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, and enjoy a chat over a drink and a snack. A warm welcome to all.

### Christian Aid Photo Exhibition

'Uprooted, Overlooked' telling the stories of internally displaced people from Kenya, Nigeria and Iraq and the campaign to improve provision for such people who are denied the official protection given to refugees. At Fulwood Methodist Church, Wed 19 Sept 10-2pm, Fri 21 10-12, Sat 22 9-1pm. Launch talk and worship at 10.30 on Wed 19th with Laura Jones of Christian Aid.

### 'Pope Francis, a Man of his Word'

An acclaimed feature film has been produced, only showing in art-house cinemas, It will have two showings The Palace, Market Place, Longridge PR8 3 RR. on Sunday, October 7th or Thursday, October 11th, 5.30 till 7.06 pm. Adults £6, Students/seniors £5, 12 and under £4 [www.thepalace-longridge.co.uk](http://www.thepalace-longridge.co.uk), tel: 01772 956375

### Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family) - updated

These items are the most needed at the moment: (revised list)

- \* pasta
- \* sandwich spread
- \* cereal
- \* hot dogs
- \* instant deserts
- \* tinned rice
- \* macaroni cheese
- \* juices to dilute OR cartons for lunch boxes

*Thank you for your generous giving.*