

Holy Family Little Church

Jesus sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all. He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Fr. Peter

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WELCOMES	SERVANT	FIRST	GREATEST	JESUS
LITTLE	ARMS	CHILD	ARGUING	LAST
WHOEVER	ROAD	TWELVE	QUIET	HOUSE

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Sunday Mass: 11.00 am.

Weekday Mass: Mon & Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

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Letting go

According to the astronomical calendar Autumn begins today, September 23rd. Albert Einstein tells us to "look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better." In his teaching, Jesus often used examples from nature. Autumn leaves are subtle reminders that we are asked to let go of many things throughout our lives. Autumn's energy causes us to take stock and decide what to hold on to and what to let go. No new growth will come unless Autumn agrees to let go of what has been. The same is true of our lives.

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to let go of two of their misconceptions. Firstly, he wanted to prepare them for bad news (the Passion) and good news (the Resurrection), but they did not want to hear him. Jesus' prediction of the future was incomprehensible because it did not coincide with the disciples' hopes and plans. Secondly, Jesus presents to his disciples a completely different interpretation of the word 'greatness', one which involves service, of being last. We're not told their reaction to this but we can imagine that they also found it difficult to accept. Maybe they felt like the man who fell over the edge of a cliff and on the way down managed to grab a branch that stopped his fall. Hanging in mid-air, he called up to heaven in desperation, "Is there anyone up there?" A voice answered, "Let go of the branch. I've got you." The man hung there in silence for a moment, looking up and then down at the yawning gulf beneath him. Finally he looked up and yelled, "Is there anybody else up there?"

When we let go of the branch of our security, we will find that it is really but a short drop to the ground below, where we will find God waiting for us. He does not strip us of all that we have but rather teaches us to use all that we have in ways that benefit not only ourselves but also those around us who appear to be in more need than we are. Whenever we are called to let go of something safe, secure and familiar we are invited to be birthed again. Each radical change in our lives summons us to a greater fullness, to a more complete transformation of our inner self.

Various sources

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

23rd September 2018

Eucharistic Prayer: 2

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 22nd September 2018

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>
Mon 12.30pm	St. Anthony	FUNERAL: Maureen Howard	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Tue 9.15am	St Anthony	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Wed 9.15am	St Anthony	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Thur 9.15am	Holy Family	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	St. Anthony Holy Family	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	St. Anthony	Thomas Gielty	<i>Feast: Ss Michael, Raphael & Gabriel</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Anthony Holy Family	Jack Kilshaw For our parish	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance 120 Offertory £225. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Monday 'Surgery' -

There will not be a 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

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Talbot, Harold Farnworth, John Aspinwall, William Kelly, Edith's Harry, Kath & Michael's baby Christopher, Thomas Flynn, Winifred Pearson, Bill Craig, Henry Cross, Sarah Jane Moulding, Tessa Smith, Fr. Peter Dolan's Dad, Sheila Morris, John Hodgkinson, Albert Tierney, Antonia Baines, Agnes Wilson, 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 & School Anniversary

Last Sunday we had a good celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of our school and parish. It was good to have school staff and Governors taking part, along with the children, bringing photographs and schools books telling the story of the school and its people.

And very special thanks to Joby John & family from the Maharani Restaurant for their great generosity in providing another lovely Indian meal for everyone. It was obviously much appreciated because close on £400 was donated for Sr. Eileen's work and WINGS. Thank you all for your generosity.

Welcome Fr. Bideri

We thank Fr. Bideri for coming to celebrate Mass for us this weekend. Fr. Bideri is one of the Xaverians priests who now run Tabor.

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.

Family Fast Day

This Friday is Family Fast Day. Cafod envelopes will be available after Mass today.

'INTACT Annual General Meeting

Intact's Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 September. Our members are cordially invited to attend. The focus will be on '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. '

The Rwanda Group Trust

- is having a 'Celebration for all' on Sunday, 30th September at 2p.m. in St. Gregory's Social Centre. Apart from the hire of the shop and utility bills, every penny taken in the shop goes to Rwanda. All workers are volunteers. (We are greatly in need of more of these). We are able to send at least £8000 every 3 months. All are welcome to our celebration - a simple Jacobs Join, raffle and discussions on Rwanda matters).

Faith and our Common Home - how do we heal the world?

- Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission have organised an evening of prayer, reflection and sharing ideas on Thursday Sept 27th 7.15pm - 8.30pm at St. Bernadette's Church, Lancaster LA1 4HT. The start of a week of prayer for creation ending on the Feast of St. Francis.

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

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

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

Thank you for your generous giving.