

# FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24

## Remember your mercy, Lord

1, Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.	2. Remember your mercy, Lord. and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.	

# SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11 (or 2:1-5)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

# GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

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## A Change of Heart and Mind

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"Lord, teach me your ways." We have all joined the psalmist many times in our search for help to live each day guided by divine truth. [1] When we ask God to reveal His direction for us do we want to experience Him, or do we just want a formula for life? When we seek God just for a formula, too often we miss entering into a relationship with Him. Yes, He wants our obedience. But a beautiful thing about the Hebrew word we translate as 'obey' in English is that it is the same word in Hebrew for 'hear'. It's a hearing that brings response. What God wants is a relationship with us. He wants us to hear Him, know Him, and respond. [2]

'In today's gospel we are asked, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" 'The question of 'doing God's will' ultimately brings us to a place of metanoia i.e. change of mind and heart. This change of heart can take us in different directions, as can be seen in the decisions the two sons made. True metanoia is not about escaping the circumstances of our life but about engaging in those circumstances in a new and different way – God's way. Metanoia opens us to see ourselves and each other as we really are in God.' [3]

'So how do we discover what is ours to do? First, we must go through a process of discernment. Christian discernment is not the same as decision making. Reaching a decision can be straightforward: we consider our goals and options and then we choose the action that meets our goals most effectively. Discernment, on the other hand, is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. As discerning people, we sift through our impulses, motives and options to discover which ones lead us closer to divine love and compassion for ourselves and other people and which ones lead us further away.' [4]

The Dalai Lama said it well: "Every change of mind is first of all a change of heart."

Adapted: [1] Theology of work.org [2] Christianity.com [3] Michael Marsh [4] Henri Nouwen

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 30th September 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	For deceased friends Bill York	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>CAFOD Family Fast envelopes</i>
Mon 1.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Tue 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Rosemary Wright</i>	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: Dedication of the Cathedral</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Private Intention	<i>Feast: Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	For successful eye operation For FCJ Jubilarians	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>CAFOD envelopes returned</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 55 Offertory: £140. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Margaret Taylor, for successful eye operation, for FCJ Jubilarians.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the sick, and the elderly, especially Harold Slack, Ray Mannion, Maya, Trevor Hughes, Vera, Claire, Patsy Jarvis, David Tyers, Fr. Joe O'Connor, Esther Murphy, Joe Connolly;

We pray for those who have died recently: Catherine Game, Joan Pollard, Rosemary Wright

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ada Jan, Robert Swarbrick, George Fisher, Evelyn Jenkins, Gina LaValle, Bridget Carter, Albert Howarth, Margaret Foster, Alice McCauley, Lilly Clitherow, Edward Oastler, May Britton, Maria May Aspinwall.

*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.*

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### CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday, October 6th.

Envelopes for your contributions will be available after Mass today. If you are able to contribute you will be supporting CAFOD's valuable work with the world's poorest people. Please help if you can.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal –

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church, give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

### "Two October Saints"

On Wednesday in St. Anthony's Padua Room to explore the lives and teachings of two saints with feast days in early October. Sessions start at 7.00pm and will last an hour. On 27th September we will watch a short film about St Therese of Lisieux. On 4th October, we look at St Francis. For more information contact Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292 or [jackie.stopyra@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.stopyra@gmail.com).

### Annual Diocesan Education Mass

Friday, 6th October at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster LA1 3BT. -an opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. There will be the usual presentations of certificates, commissioning cards and commendations to those retiring. After the presentations refreshments will be served in Ashton Hall at Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, a five minute walk from the Cathedral.

### Season of Creation

The Ecumenical Season of Creation has begun and lasts until October 4th. Pope Francis encourages: 'in this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.' To tie in with this, the Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission invite you to a 'Care of Creation' event on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am – 3.00pm at St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. The theme of the event is 'Let Justice and Peace flow'. For further information or to confirm your attendance at the event please contact Sue Grubic on [ldfjsue@gmail.com](mailto:ldfjsue@gmail.com) or text 07791444417

### New Lectionary

Ever since the new Missal was introduced about 12 years ago we have been awaiting a new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which contains the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England, Wales and Scotland from Advent 2024. Instead of the current Jerusalem Bible translation the new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition, .

### DAY OF RENEWAL

at St Clare's Church, Preston, Saturday 14th October, 10am – 4pm. Led by Brother Jonathan of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. Please see the poster for details

### Celebration of Mass in Royal Preston Hospital

In the chapel every Monday at 5.30pm. Patients, visitors and staff all welcome.