

## Parish Message for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

*Uno pone y Dios dispone.*

In a literal translation, it means 'One sets, and God (re)arranges.' This was something that my mother used to say when something didn't go to plan. It may seem like a cop-out, as if one is passing the blame to God for our misfortune. The reality, however, makes us realise that the order of this world and all its beings, even our plans, has its rhythm and order in God.

I am sure that many, if not all, of us by now have been deleting or erasing all the events from your diary due to the current situation. But I think God perhaps has allowed life to come to a pause so that we can see what we were really lacking in life.

I have witnessed that some good has come from lockdown: families who have come together after all the obstacles have been taken away; parents have been able to fully enjoy a long maternity/paternity leave with their newborns and infants; newlyweds married before lockdown have had a 'longer' honeymoon; we appreciate those whom we look up and hold esteem; and so much more. To sum it up, we have rediscovered the beauty of our fragile humanity and world. That I think is God '*disponiendo*' (changing the plan).

Now that it seems that the lockdown is easing more and more, let us remember what the Lord has offered to us in this time and invites us to be participants of his will, as we hear in the First Reading this Sunday:

'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Fr. Carlos

P.S.: You might think that some Spaniard or Hispanic thought of my mother's phrase centuries ago. It, in fact, comes from Proverbs 16:1.

## Parish Note Friday 10th July 2020 and the Sunday Message for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time from Fr Carlos

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Good afternoon everyone.

I hope that you are well.

Please find attached the Sunday message for this week from Fr Carlos, which, using Fathers own words, contains a 'real nugget of wisdom'. This can also be found on the 'News' section of our web site and on the 'Newsletter' page too.

Another week passes by and the weather having changed, has allowed time to carry out a few 'indoor tasks' that have been on the 'to do' list for a while. Last weekend was spent 're arranging' the contents of my book shelves in the house which brought about the question, 'What ever happened to the Encyclopaedia Britannica?', a collection which probably adorned many a family book shelf in years gone by. It was apparently first published in 1768 in Edinburgh and according to Wikipedia was written by about 100 full-time editors and more than 4,000 contributors. It seems that the 2010 version of the 15th edition, which spans 32 volumes and 32,640 pages, was the last printed edition with an 'on line' version and digital learning app now available instead.

Sorting out the books took longer than expected as I kept stopping and reading them. I must confess that I have been guilty in the past of using some of my books for other purposes, which would probably make a Bibliophile's toes curl, including, as a temporary door stop, a single use fly swat and also as a 'flower press' for any special blooms that I had, and you just can't do that with an app! Opening up the pages of a much loved heavy book, I was rather thrilled to discover several sheets of carefully folded kitchen paper from the day in 1999 when my daughter was born, and which contained perfectly pressed but almost translucent, pretty petals. Another treasured book was a signed biography about a truly fascinating and charismatic gentleman, who my family and I had the pleasure to meet, having been kindly invited and warmly welcomed to his home in Norfolk some years ago. Wing Commander Kenneth Horatio Wallis DSO MBE CEng FRAeS RAF was an aviator, engineer and inventor, creating everything from spy cameras to the first Scalextric set. He became one of the leading exponents of autogyros and earned 34 world records, still holding eight of them at the time of his death in 2013 aged 97 years old. Ken worked as Sean Connery's stunt pilot in the 1967 James Bond film 'You Only Live Twice', where he flew one of his WA-116s autogyros more commonly named 'Little Nellie'. He had never seen a James Bond film when he was asked to pilot the autogyro. The scene was filmed in Japan and he only met Sean Connery once. He said: "I think it was a good film. People say it must have been fun to film but it was 85 flights and 46 hours in the air to make seven minutes on screen." Sadly he never even appeared in the credits.

### Hymns this week from Fr Carlos

Please find the hymns for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, at the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses:

Entrance Hymn - 408 - O let all who thirst - Verses 1 and 2

Melody and Lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huERPUnO-bo>

Recessional Hymn - 979 - Oh the word of my Lord - Verses 1-3

Melody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZmC7J3tSSw>

Words: [http://www.musicmadeeasy.ie/media/samples/pdf/oh\\_the\\_word\\_of\\_my\\_lord\\_lyrics.pdf](http://www.musicmadeeasy.ie/media/samples/pdf/oh_the_word_of_my_lord_lyrics.pdf)

**Zoom** - As always sincere thanks to John and the 9am Music Group for their continued kindness in sharing their time and talents.

Topic: Family Mass via Zoom during lock-down (music starting at 8:45am)

Time: July 12, 2020 08:30 AM London

Every week on Sun, until Jul 26, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

Jul 12, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 19, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 26, 2020 08:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508074176>

Meeting ID: 895 0807 4176

Link to [Calendar invite](#) if parishioners want to add it to their diary.

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The numbers are standard rate numbers (not free unless you have inclusive minutes), but they are not premium numbers.

**Progress on the Underfloor Heating Project** - We have uploaded photographs on to the News section of the web site so that you can see the progress of the work on the new floor at St Joseph's.. On 20th - 22nd July inclusive, work will begin on connecting us to a 3 Phase electricity supply and new meter installed which will involve digging up the pavement outside of the Church.

**Conewood Manor Nursing & Residential Care Home** -Respite care is available at this Catholic family run care home offering 3 weeks of exceptional care for the price of 2( available anytime before 31st December 2020). Call 01279 657933. [www.conewoodmanor.co.uk](http://www.conewoodmanor.co.uk)

**Job Vacancy at St Mary's for a Cleaner** - Term time only 9am -3pm 5 days a week, 27.5 hours per week (Some flexibility available on hours) £9.30 p.h.\*subject to approval of National Employers pay award (currently under consultation) Start Date: 1 September 2020. In the first instance this would be a one-year temporary post. This role will involve cleaning and other related tasks across all areas of the school including classrooms, toilets, school canteen, staff offices etc. Duties will include all aspects of cleaning such as emptying of bins, sweeping, mopping, dusting and cleaning of toilets to ensure that school standards are met and all government guidelines are adhered to. The candidate should be hard working, reliable, self-motivated, have a strong attention to detail, and enjoy working in a small busy team.St Mary's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS Disclosure is required for all successful applicants.

Apply in writing using the forms available on our website <http://www.stmarys.net/about-us/vacancies/> Support Staff Application Form, Rehabilitation of Offenders Form & Recruitment Monitoring Form. Please note only applications on St Mary's forms will be accepted. Please contact [Recruitment@stmarys.net](mailto:Recruitment@stmarys.net) to submit an application or for more information.

Closing date: midday 15th July 2020 with Interviews: 12th – 21st August 2020

**Pause for Faith** - An excellent daily spiritual resource is the 'Pause for Faith' YouTube channel hosted by Fr Stephen Wang

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrlxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w>

**'Marriage Care' Counselling Services** – Marriage Care, established in 1946 in response to the pressure on family relationships following the end of the Second World War, now offers support from trained counsellors to couples and families who need help in coping with the pressures of 'Lockdown'. Further information: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriageand-family-life/news/marriage-care-at-75---we-are-here-for-you/>

**'Retrouvaille'** – a lifeline for married couples – offers a Virtual Programme to help couples under pressure, commencing with a Retrouvaille Weekend: Thurs 30th & Fri 31st July (evenings) and Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August (days). For further information, please call in confidence and without obligation 0788 729 6983. Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

**Young Minds and Mental Health** -If you're worried about the impact of coronavirus on your mental health and feeling anxious about coming out of lockdown, you are not alone. Tips, advice and guidance on where you can get support for your mental health during the pandemic as a young person or a parent can be found on the web site below.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

**Poem** -Patrick Haynes very kindly emailed in this week with a poem that he discovered on a Catholic web site written by Margaret Moore entitled, 'A Prayer to shine'. The link to which is below. Margaret said: *"I wrote this poem in the midst of the pandemic and the current period of US unrest surrounding the murder of George Floyd. Throughout my Catholic Jesuit education at Fairfield, I have learned about, and have been inspired by, Saint Ignatius of Loyola and his philosophies of finding God in all things and of praying an Examen prayer to detect God's presence in the positive and negative moments and trials of daily life. My poem speaks to both of these ideologies and aims to shed light on God's presence and graces during these turbulent times."* (courtesy of the 'Catholic news')

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/39955>

**Baptisms** - thank you to those Parishioners who attended the Baptism preparation course by Zoom with Fr Carlos last week which went very well. At the current time of writing we are **not yet** in the position to be able to start to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism or to 'reserve' any future dates, but, when we are able to do so, we shall contact those who unfortunately had their Baptisms cancelled prior to lock down first, to re book a date. As you can appreciate there will be stringent measures to follow in order to comply with strict Health and Safety requirements to keep everyone safe and we therefore thank you for your continued patience as we await further guidance.

**Holy Cross** - St Andrew's with Holy Cross will be open again this coming Sunday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm for silent prayer and reflection. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who have helped to make this possible.

**Most Holy Redeemer** - Thank you again also to our small trusty team of fabulous volunteers who have assisted to open Most Holy Redeemer on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12pm - 1pm. It is very much appreciated.

**First Holy Communion 2021** - Applications are now open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2021 for those Children who live in the parish, which will take place on Saturday 8th May 2021 at St Joseph and the English Martyrs and on Sunday 9th May 2021 at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross. The preparation programme is only for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament within the parish

and not elsewhere. It will start between November 2020 - May 2021 and will consist of 10 separate sessions. There will 3-4 sessions for Parents. The Children are expected to attend each session and the 9am Mass that Sunday. **Children should be 8 years old on or before 31 August 2021.**

### **What do I need to do to register my Child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2021?**

- Firstly check that your Child qualifies under the above conditions i.e. they will be 8 years old on or before 31st August 2021, that you live in the parish and your Child will be receiving the Sacrament in the parish and not elsewhere.
- Email the parish office on **bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk** requesting a First Holy Communion application form **for your child only** giving the **FULL NAME** and **DATE of BIRTH of your CHILD**.
- A personalised application form containing your Child's name and date of birth will then be emailed to you as a PDF document.
- Please print off the PDF form, fill in the remaining details requested on both sides of the form, sign and post back the hard copy in an envelope to 3, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2ND
- When you have submitted the 'hard copy' of the form, please then email **fhcstjosephs@gmail.com** so that the First Holy Communion Catechist can send you an acknowledgment email and keep you updated of proposed sessions.
- The Cut off date for the hard copy of all forms to have been received at 3, Windhill is **Tuesday 1st September 2020 with no exceptions..**
- If your Child has any special needs, requirements, medical conditions or needs additional support, please ensure that your form is submitted as soon as possible. This is to ensure that we can contact you early and have plenty of time to better understand what support may be required and also make any necessary arrangements.
- If you have any questions re the application process please contact the Parish office - Thank you

**The God who speaks- Refection** - kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz

#### **Meditate**

The sower goes out to his work and does not spare the seed. He does not discriminate against the types of soil which will not produce the desired crop. The fields have been prepared by someone else. What soil are we? Has the preparation happened?

#### **Pray**

God and Master of the harvest, you see my heart and consider the times at which my life is not ready to receive you. Soften the hardness of my heart; take away the stones and the thorns so that I may be the good soil where Jesus may grow.

**Parishioners of the week** - Thank you very much indeed to the following St Joseph's Parishioners who have contacted the office, volunteered their services and also helped to recruit others for when we are able to open St Joseph's - Alison, Bernadette, Charlotte, Dom, Ewa, Mark, Martin, Maureen, Monica, Robert, Sam, Susan and Tracy.

We intend to run a rota and as some people have limited availability due to work and other commitments, we would be very grateful please, if others who are also able to assist and do not have any underlying health conditions or restrictions, could please consider helping as either a Steward or a Cleaner or both. We will potentially require 3 Volunteers for each Mass. Please don't be shy (!) and contact the office ASAP if you can help so that we can start to plan ahead. The more the merrier!! Thank you very much.

We currently hope to open St Joseph's in approximately 3 weeks time, depending on the progress of our works and the number of volunteers available, but will keep everyone posted with further information and guidance.

Having been inspired by Fr Carlos' Sunday message this week to revisit 'The Book of Proverbs' in my own Bible, proudly placed on my book shelf, I leave you with the following on 'How to acquire wisdom', Proverbs

3:1-6

*Do not forget my teaching,  
let your heart keep my principles,  
for these will give you lengthier days,  
longer years of life and greater happiness.  
Let kindness and loyalty never leave you;  
tie them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart,  
so shall you enjoy favour and good repute  
in the sight of God and man.  
Trust whole heartedly in God,  
put no faith in your own perception;  
in every course you take, have him in mind:  
He will see that your paths are smooth.*

Wishing you a very happy and healthy week

Best wishes  
Debbie

#### **Parish Administrator**

*(Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm)*

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