



TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY in ordinary time year B

Statement from the Bishops of England and Wales, Rome, Saturday 29 September 2018

As we end our visit, 'ad limina Apostolorum', we offer these reflections on our days together in Rome. On Friday 28 September, we were immensely privileged to share conversation with Pope Francis for over two hours. It was a most remarkable and intimate experience.

We asked the Holy Father for a message which we could bring back to our dioceses, to our priests and people. His message was simple: we are to live the gift of our faith with joy. Joy was his great emphasis. He explained that this joy is rooted firmly in our relationship with Jesus. It is a joy of knowing that he is with us; of knowing the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, drawing and guiding us towards the will of God; a joy of knowing our Heavenly Father is waiting for us, longing to hold us in his embrace of loving mercy. This is the joy of the faith by which we are to live. He added that this joy is the source of lasting peace in our hearts and lives, no matter our circumstances. As we spoke with Pope Francis we realised, more and more, that he simply radiates this joy and peace. He is indeed gifted with a unique grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Even in this time of turmoil, the Holy Father is so clearly rooted in God and blessed by God. His peace is secure. His life is serene. We know, because he showed us his heart. It is the heart of a loving father. In our turn, we affirmed our deep communion with him and promised him our love, support and prayers. We expressed confidently these sentiments on behalf of all the faithful Catholics of England and Wales. He spoke, movingly, of the wounds inflicted by abuse and neglect, wounds that wreak such harm in the lives of its victims and in the life of the Church. Wherever they are found, these are wounds in the Body of Christ and are painful to touch. He encouraged us, in our pastoral work, never to neglect even the tiny flames of faith that exist in so many communities and people.

We have been given a warm welcome in our visits to all the departments of the Roman Curia. We were asked to speak freely about our endeavours and problems. In the officials of the Holy See we have found a spirit of true cooperation. Everywhere we have been encouraged and given helpful advice. We have seen clear evidence that the life of the Catholic communities of England and Wales is generally well respected and even admired here in Rome. Our 'ad limina' visit is now completed. We have been embraced by the Successor of Peter, Pope Francis. Our pilgrimage has been richly blessed and we are glad to share this sense of the deep encouragement and powerful grace we have received.

We pray that God bless and strengthen our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May God guide us in all our ways that we may share the joy of our faith and the ways of peace.

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

CANA WELCOME

For all couples, married or not and particularly for young married couples, young parents, those who want to build the foundations of a solid couple and those who have been together for a long time and who want to **take more time for their couple**.



Cana Welcome is a programme proposed in a parish at a rhythm of **one evening per month** and **one weekend during the year**. The evenings take place in small sharing groups of four or five couples and are lead by an experienced couple. The couples live a true fraternal life all along the year and explore together matters of daily life: communicate more effectively, the differences between a man and a woman, the equilibrium between professional and family life... This introductory meeting will be on **Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm**. Wine and cheese provided.

BEING TOGETHER CLUB 1st Anniversary

On Thursday 11th October the BT Club will be celebrating its 1st Anniversary. Over the past year, on a Thursday afternoon parishioners and their friends have had the opportunity to meet up, socialise together and build friendships. With an enthusiastic group of volunteers on board the BT Club has been able to host workshops, talks, and themed events. A very big thank you goes out to them and all of those who have supported the club, including guests who have given their time to share their talents and expertise....You know who you are!

So if you would like to find out more about the BT Club why not come along on Thursday 11th October and join the celebration. Hope to see you then.



BT Summer Outing

ADORATION & CONFESSION
 Monday – Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm
 Saturday after 11am Mass and 5pm

PARISH GROUPS

Net For God Prayer Group

To meet one evening per week to praise and listen to the Word of God. **Every Tuesday evening at 8pm**, people from all walks of life come together to pray, practice charisms and listen to the Word of God.



The Light Evenings

You can rediscover and deepen your Christian faith through the experience of Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Everyone is welcome. It is open to parishioners, those returning to the church to receive the sacraments, people who have left the Catholic church or who do not come regularly anymore. **Thursdays at 8.00pm (child care provided)** Please pick up a flyer from the entrance hall.



Monday Prayer Group

We meet next at **8 pm on Monday 8 October** when Giancarlo and Catherine Elia will come again to inspire us. Everyone is most welcome. NB. Please note that we start very promptly at 8 pm or even slightly earlier because of the car park barriers; please come at 8 pm if possible and not at 8.20 pm!

CWL Meeting 10th October 2pm in the small hall

Monthly meeting – Rodney Newton will entertain us with some musical reflections and anecdotes. Ladies of the parish you are welcome to join us.

KSC Meeting 14th October

Monthly meeting in the small hall **10am**.

Parent & Toddlers 9.30 – 11am Wednesdays

This friendly group welcomes toddlers, their parents and carers.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal

Thank you to those who donated last week to help those in the world who are struggling to survive. If you did not give last week, please put your donation in a CAFOD envelope and place it in the basket with the main collection.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY
Thursday 25th October

If you know anyone who would like to come along please give their details to the parish office



If you are able to help on the day or with transport please write your name on the board in the entrance hall.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

A meeting for all young people in year 10 and their parents, will be held on **Friday 12th October at 8pm** in St John's room.

FUNERAL

David Williams
 Friday 12th October – 11am



DISCERNMENT How To Discern In Daily Life?

Six Saturday Afternoons all over the year, a journey on discernment inspired by St Ignatius. We will explore how we can best discern God's will for us in our everyday lives for both big and small choices and decisions. For those who want a deeper foundation in their faith and spiritual life. **13th October, 10th November, 8th December 2018, 2nd February, 9th March, 11th May 2019 2pm to 6pm in St John's.** (For those who wish, tea and coffee from 1.30pm in St. Ignatius room). A talk, a time of personal prayer (or guided prayer if you wish), a time of sharing. For more information please contact Helene Guilbault : 07599 759 115



MARY'S MEALS

With 1 week to go before Mary's meals will be at our church on the morning of **Sunday 14th October**. Put all unwanted clothing (no duvets or pillows please). into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – **the cut off time is 11am**. Thank you.



Sunday 7 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY Year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Genesis 2:18-24. Ps. 127. Heb. 2:9-11. Mk. 10:2-16.	Thursday 11 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Gal. 3:1-5. Ps. Lk 1:69-75. Lk. 11:5-13.
Monday 8 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Gal. 1:6-12. Ps. 110:1-2. 7-10. Lk. 10:25-37.	Friday 12 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Funeral of David Williams Readings: Gal. 3:7-14. Ps. 110:1-6. Lk. 11:15-26.
Tuesday 9 October	Feria NO MASS Readings: Gal. 1:13-24. Ps. 138:1-3. 13-15. Lk. 10:38-42.	Saturday 13 October	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the Diocese Masses: 11.00am and 5.30pm Readings: Rom. 8:26-30. Ps. 130. Mt. 5:1-12.
Wednesday 10 October	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Gal. 2:1-2. 7-14. Ps. 116. Lk. 11:1-4.	Sunday 14 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY Year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11. Ps. 89:12-17. Heb. 4:12-13. Mk. 10:17-30.