

## NEWSLETTER

14TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME***The Carpenter and his Family***

Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the Family of Nazareth. The Gospel specifies the kind of work Joseph did in order to support his family: he was a carpenter. This simple word sums up Joseph's entire life. For Jesus, these are hidden years, the years to which Luke refers after recounting the episode that occurred in the Temple: *And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them* (Lk 2: 51). This 'submission' or obedience of Jesus in the house of Nazareth should be understood as a sharing in the work of Joseph. Having learned the work of his presumed father, he was known as 'the carpenter's son'.

If the family of Nazareth is an example and model for human families, in the order of salvation and holiness, so too by analogy is Jesus' work at the side of Joseph the carpenter...Human work, and especially manual labour, receive special prominence in the Gospel. Along with the humanity of the Son of God, work too has been taken up in the mystery of the Incarnation, and has also been redeemed in a special way. At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption.

In the human growth of Jesus 'in the wisdom, age, and grace', the virtue of industriousness played a notable role, since 'work is a human good' which 'transforms nature' and makes man 'in a sense, more human' (*Laborem Exercens*). The importance of work in human life demands that its meaning be known and assimilated in order to 'help all people to come closer to God, the Creator and Redeemer, to participate in his salvific plan for man and the world, and to deepen...friendship with Christ in their lives, by accepting, through faith, a living participation in his threefold mission as Priest, Prophet and King'.

What is crucially important here is the sanctification of daily life, a sanctification which each person must acquire according to his or her own state, and one which can be promoted according to a model of those humble ones that Christianity raises up to great destinies...he is the proof that in order to be a good and genuine follower of Christ, there is no need of great things-it is enough to have the common, simple, and human virtues, but they need to be true and authentic'

*St. John Paul II***Stella Maris; Apostleship of the Sea**

Next weekend (10th & 11th) there will be a Second Collection to support the spiritual and welfare of seafarers. Donation envelopes will be given out. Please take an envelope and bring it back with your donation. St Edmund's has had a long history supporting the Merchant Seamen, and I thank you for your generosity. Fr Christopher

**27th** - *"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would surround them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"*

**MASS INTENTIONS****July 3rd, 2021**

6pm - Pro Populo

**July 4th, 2021**

9am—Ints of Sick &amp; Housebound

11am— Intns of Rosemarie Fernandopulla

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between  
5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

**ADORATION*****Every Saturday******from 5pm until 5.45*****Spiritual  
Communion**

Jesus!

My God and my All  
my soul longs for thee.

My heart yearns to  
receive thee in

Holy Communion, come, O  
Lord.

Bread of heaven and food of  
angels to nourish my soul  
heal my body and to rejoice  
my heart  
come most lovable friend of  
my soul,

to inflame me with such love  
that I may never again be  
ever separated from thee.

## Readings for this &amp; next Sunday

1st Reading— Ezekiel 2: 2-5,

Psalm 122; response v 2

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 12; 7-10;

Gospel – Mark 6; 1-6;

1st Reading— Amos 7: 12-15,

Psalm 84; 9-14 response v 8

2nd Reading - Ephesians 1; 3-14;

Gospel – Mark 6; 7-13;

### **A Contrite heart O God you would not spurn**

I am, a sinful man, a sinner through and through. I like David I acknowledge my sins, then O God pardon me, according to your good pleasure. I can never assume that I am living a good life, free from sin. If my life is to be praised in so far as I ask forgiveness. But if I assume that my life is blameless, then I am not attentive to my sins, and I then tend to pry into the sins of others, and I don't correct but end up criticising others because I cannot excuse myself, so I accuse others. This was not David's way as he made reparation to God when he said, 'Have mercy on me O God according to your steadfast love' In the same way, I too am not interested in others sins but my own by looking into myself to see the innumerable sins I have to seek God's forgiveness. My heart is polluted with filth and greed, that only God can make my heart pure.

If I want to be reconciled with God, I have to learn how to act towards myself, that God might be reconciled with me. When I read Psalm ( 51) what do I find, 'If I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise'.

having abandoned my former ways of asking forgiveness, I have found what to offer which is a contrite heart. Let the impure heart be broken so that a pure heart be created.

I hate myself when I sin because sin displeases God. Since I am not without sin, let me be like God in this respect, that what I am displeased with is what displeases God. I am to a certain extent united with the will of God because I am displeased with what is hateful to God who made me.

*Fr. Christopher*

### **Where did the man get all this?**

When Jesus teaches at the synagogue his hearers were astonished, they were scandalised by him and he could do any good deed. Since they question, 'Where did the man get all this?' we too can be like them, when we are told about someone, we might say why him? and we justify ourselves as they did, by saying, ' This is the carpenter surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James, Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' They tied God's hands and if you go to St Paul's Cathedral, in London there you would find a famous painting of Holman Hunt, Jesus as the Good Shepherd knocking on a door that doesn't have a latch. Meaning, the door of our heart can only be opened from the inside. God does not force himself, the decision to let him enter into our hearts is ours.

Then again, did Jesus think he would get an enthusiastic reception when he and his friends arrived at his hometown? He would be surrounded by people who knew him from childhood and they would have regarded him as one of their own. Does Jesus think he would be feted as a success story, who has brought honour to the town? Or does he foresee that he will be disowned, treated as a charlatan who has risen above his station?

The people of Nazareth do recognise the wisdom of Jesus' teaching and accept that he has performed 'deeds of power'- nevertheless they reject him! Why? For we have seen this dynamic of negativity and cynicism operating in our communities, In Church life, In politics and we have been sucked into it ourselves.

At the beginning of John's Gospel, we are told who Jesus is? Which encapsulates what we hear in today's Gospel. 'He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him' (John 1: 10-11).

We are invited by the Gospel to be with Jesus in his suffering of been rejected by his own. We could let Jesus be with us in our suffering when others are not sensitive nor respect our dignity as human beings or as Christian. Jesus moved on-he didn't dig his heels in to convince those whose minds were closed. Let us pray for that same freedom: that we may offer truth, hope, and life and leave the rest to God.

*Fr. Christopher*

"Caring for others is not just a skilled job, but a real mission, which is fully realised when scientific knowledge meets the fullness of humanity and is translated into the tenderness that knows how to approach and take others to heart."

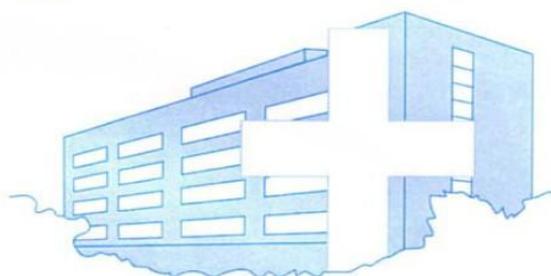
*Pope Francis*

## JOINING IN PRAYER WITH JOHN PAUL II

**MEDETATION;** As I was praying for Poland, I heard the words: I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming (Diary, 1732)

**MY PRAYER RESPONSE;** Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the dedication of the Basilica of The Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland, August 17, 2002, also entrusted the world to The Divine Mercy. In his reflections, he quoted the above text of the Diary of St. Faustine about “the spark” that needs to be lighted by the grace of God—a fire of mercy that needs to be passed on to the world (see John Paul II: The Great Mercy Pope, pp.211-213). In that light, let us join with John Paul II in praying: “May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled. From here there must go forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming.

## What happens if I go into hospital?



### THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE IS THERE FOR YOU

The Hospital Chaplaincy Service is there to care for the spiritual, pastoral and religious needs of all patients, relatives and staff whatever their faith or belief.

**On admission to hospital please ensure that your religion is registered and confirm that this information may be passed to the Chaplain.**

Chaplains offer a friendly face, a listening ear, a chance to talk through thoughts and concerns, prayer, religious care, Sacraments. Everything is held in strict confidence.

Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an ‘on-call’ service in case of emergency. If you would like a chaplain to visit please ask ward staff to contact the appropriate chaplain.

**If you or your relative is admitted to hospital please notify the chaplain.**  
If you let us know you’re there, we can be there for you.

Westminster Diocese Health-care Chaplains

The Roman Catholic Chaplains in your local hospital are:

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### St Edmund’s Church BBQ

**THE EVENT HAS BEEN RESHEDULE FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2021.**

**YOU CAN BUY A TICKET NOW AFTER MASS APROCHING JOHN CHESSON OR PAUL MARLOW OR FROM THE OFFICE.**

£10 for an adult

£5 for OAP

Children under 16 - free

*Thank you, BBQ Organizers*

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**Fr Christopher Silva**

*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**

*Parish Secretary*

**The office may be contacted by phone:**

**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**Those who might be in Need**

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help. Thank you, Fr Christopher

**BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.**

Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – **Next baptismal courses will be SEPTEMBER.** Please, drop an email to the office to reserve your space during the next course. Later we will need your email address to invite you to join the session. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH.** If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:** loose: £231.24 envelopes: £234.50 total: £465.74  
Standing orders in May **£2385.**

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could send your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

*Thank you for your Generosity*

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