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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus calls us to live for him and to serve him every day. In our worship today we make ourselves ready to welcome him into our lives once again.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 We are encouraged to seek God's wisdom and we are promised that it will sustain and guide us at all times.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul reassures us that both those who have died in the past, and those who are alive when Christ returns, will be gathered together in heaven.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus contrasts people who prepare for his return with those who do not, and shows that only those who are ready can share fully in the joy he brings.

Sat 7th		
5pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 8th		
10am	Mass	Teresa Carroll
Mon. 9th		
9am	Mass	Frank Swarbrick
1:30pm	Mass at Holy Family School	Teresa Schofield
Tues. 10th		
8:30am	Mass	Sheila Atkinson Birthday Intentions
9:30am	Mass at SB's School	Intentions of Pam's family
Wed. 11th		
9am	Mass	For a Successful Operation (J.F.)
Thurs. 12th		
12 noon	Mass	Ron Berry
Fri. 13th	No Mass today	

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 14th		
5pm	Mass	Martyn John Hodgson
Sun. 15th		
10am	Mass	Holy Souls

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Pam Pearce and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time Rose Phillips, Wilfred Dowdall, Harold Best, Gladys Henderson, Flo Valentine, Marie Hughes and Teresa Carroll **and for those in need of our prayers:** those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, George Desborough, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Ethel Marshall, Sue Melling, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, Eric Sharples, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church Porch (which will be checked regularly) or the presbytery at any time.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or by putting your weekly donation into a marked envelope and posting it through the presbytery letter box or by bringing the total amount to church after the situation is resolved. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option.

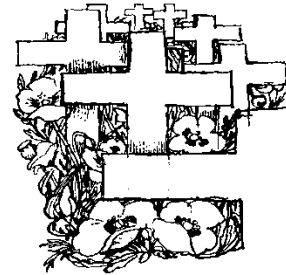
Newsletters will continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 4pm. Please take and deliver newsletters to those you know with no email. Please observe social distancing, and only have one person in the porch at each time.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help your self.

St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

Remembrance Sunday



We Will Remember Them.

At mass there will be a minute of silence and the Last Post in honour of those who died defending their countries in the World Wars.

The Church is open for private prayer from 12noon to 1pm seven days a week

Sadly there will be no public masses for the time being, however I will be saying Mass in Church at the usual times and the Church will be locked, but the Porch will be open as usual throughout the day. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times. The texts of the masses can be found online at <http://universalis.com/mass.htm>, and in your own missals, and with the newsletter emails.

Saturday's Mass will be filmed and available via a link on YouTube. After it has been uploaded, I will let you know the link via email.

The video will be up for a week, to be replaced by next Sunday's Mass.

The Bishop has asked us all to include this in our newsletters: On Tuesday, the Independent Inquiry into Child Abuse (IICSA), will publish its report into the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Whilst the Church with its different dioceses and religious orders will be the focus of the report, our hearts go out to anyone who has suffered abuse in a Church setting. Such acts represent a gross breach of trust and are truly reprehensible. We acknowledge that victims and survivors have usually endured years of pain, made worse by the failures to listen and respond to their voices. We anticipate the report will make many recommendations to the Church. The Bishops and the institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life in England and Wales have already commissioned an independent review of our Catholic safeguarding arrangements, especially at national level. This has been undertaken under the leadership of Ian Elliot, a renowned safeguarding consultant. His report is also due to be published soon. The following are places which offer support and advice: 1) Safe Spaces, which is run by Victim Support on behalf of the Catholic and Anglican churches, is for anyone who feels they have experienced Church-related abuse of any form in England or Wales (whether this is in the past or is happening now). A confidential telephone helpline and live chat facility is available from Monday – Saturday from 10.00am – 6.00pm (Thursdays 12.00- 8.00pm). Telephone 0300 303 1056. Live Chat www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk 2) The Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: Jane Robinson janer@lancasterdiocese.org.uk Telephone 07935931947. All concerns and allegations regarding abuse in the Church should be reported here. It is national policy that all such reports are referred to the statutory authorities.

Stay safe, sensible
and keep up the prayers!

