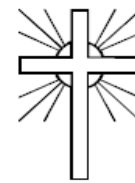


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# TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF 2019

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## **Thoughts from today's Readings:**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 12 : 1-4**

Chapters 10 & 11 discussed the lesser salvific value of Old Testament sacrifice in contrast to Christ's single sacrifice, and developed the theme of faith as found in the Christian's own individual life, and finish with the acknowledgement of the holy men who lived by faith, unafraid to die for their beliefs.

**Now we reach chapter 12.** The heroes of the past are called as witnesses to encourage us to live as they did. Their example inspires us.

But an even greater inspiration is offered in the person of Jesus whose bearing of cross and crucifixion brought him to God's right hand - and offers us the way to follow him.

The race we run is not one of speed but of endurance. Victory is finishing the race - not simply being the one who finishes first.

Thus the Christian race is for everyone to win. Birth begins, death ends and faith supports the Christian life. The sufferings we may have to endure will not be as great as Christ's, Hebrews seems to say (surely far greater for many Christians, our human history seems to record?), but his example gives us courage.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 2 : 49-53**

Today's reading will increase awareness of hurt in many families. Tensions between in-laws are a common feature of family hurt, and faith, finance, personalities, jealousies also bring hurt and division. We know this.

For Jesus to seem to suggest that he wants such tensions is startling. The same teaching in Matthew's Gospel is even cruder - where Jesus seems to make it his purpose to foment division.

What does he mean?

The first Christians were Jews, faithful to the law of Moses, observing the Sabbath as well as the Lord's Day, worshipping at the Temple as well as meeting for the Eucharist.

That tensions would arise was inevitable, families coming to favour the Church more than the Jewish way of life, and homes would have been divided.

Paul's letters reflect those tensions and he would certainly have been a focus for them, he being a persecutor of Christian who then joined the Christian community!

He must have been hated by Christians and Jews, and there would have been others like him.

Did Paul's own Pharisee family know the sort of divisions that today's Gospel reading foresees? How savagely families might have resented some of their members becoming Christians, brother against brother, the younger generation against the older, even wives against husbands (did that happen to St. Paul?).

The fire Jesus brought to the earth (v.49) has blazed for 2,000 years. Fire destroys as well as purifies. What does Jesus mean?

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## **News from the Vatican:**

On Thursday, the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, in his Angelus, Pope Francis expressed his closeness to the more than 200 people killed and those affected by the monsoon floods in India.

POPE FRANCIS said - "*I pray for the victims and the displaced, for all the homeless families. May the Lord give strength to them and to all those who help them.*"

The pope also recalled the people in Syria who are constantly suffering from the war in their country.

POPE FRANCIS said - "*I ask you now to accompany me in this gesture I am about to make with a prayer. I will bless a great number of rosaries destined for our brothers and sisters in Syria. It is an initiative of the 'Aid to the Church in Need' association. They produced around 6,000 rosaries, that were made by the Carmelite nuns of Bethlehem. Let us continue to pray the rosary for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.*"

He focused on the figure of Mary highlighting how she was able to choose what really counts in life, instead of seeking outdated joys that don't fill the heart.

POPE FRANCIS said - "*In life it is important to search for great things, otherwise you get lost behind so many small things. Mary shows us that if we want our lives to be happy, God must be put first, because He alone is great. How many times, instead, do we live chasing things of little importance: prejudices, grudges, rivalries, envy, illusions, superfluous material goods.*"

**In August**, we pray with Pope Francis that families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.

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**Parish events this week**

**SMC = St Mary Crowned Church AS = All Saints Church SMS = St Mary's School**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> August** 6.00 pm AS Holy Mass (People of the Parish )

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> August** Twentieth Sunday of the year - Readings p. 125  
 9.15 am SMC Holy Mass (Eileen Tagg RIP (BE))  
 11.15 am AS Holy Mass (Johnny Wilson – Canada - Healing)

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Aug** St John Eudes, Priest  
 10.00 am AS Holy Mass (Chantelle & Family – Special Intention )

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Aug** St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor  
 10.00 am SMC Holy Mass (Bill Mellor RIP)

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Aug** St Pius X, Pope  
 10.00 am AS Holy Mass (Eveline Pepper RIP )

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 10.00 am SMC Holy Mass (Eileen Tagg RIP)  
 Please pray for today's meeting of the Building & Sites Committee

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> August** St Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 10.00 am AS Holy Mass (Margaret Ridgway RIP)

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August** 10.00 am SMC Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 10.45 am SMC Benediction  
 5.15–5.45pm AS Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6.00 pm AS Holy Mass (Rev Michael Murray RIP)

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> August** Twenty-First Sunday of the year - Readings p. 127  
 9.15 am SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Clarke – Birthday Blessing (CW))  
 11.15 am AS Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

**Our offerings last week:** *Thank you for your generosity.*

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£91.05	£181.00	£120.00	£392.05
St Mary's	£146.65	£111.50	£261.00	£519.15

**Many thanks for your continued support for the Retired Priests' Fund: AS £44.67; SMC £21.75**

**Parish Diary - for the next few months:**

<b>Sept 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning at Bradbury House
<b>Sept 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Baptism Course Part 1, All Saints, 4 – 5.30pm
<b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Baptism Course, Part 2, All Saints, 4 – 5.30pm
<b>Nov 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Let's Act Drama Group: THE NEW PLAY at 6pm
<b>Nov 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Let's Act Drama Group: THE NEW PLAY Matinee at 3pm
<b>Nov 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Shared Christmas Fayre, St Mary's Hall

**Parish Rotas: Weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Margaret McC & Barbara P; 11am Peter G; St Mary's, Liz;  
**Welcomers:** All Saints, 6pm Gee; 11am Gemma; St Mary's, TBA;  
**Ministers:** All Saints, 6pm Margaret & Joan R; 11am Peter G & Chris;  
 St Mary's, Jan, John & Steve;  
**Readers:** All Saints, 6pm, Andrew, 11am John T; St Mary's, Sarah, Tony & Mark;  
**Bidding Prayers:** Wynn (following week – Andrew)

**A Request from the NHS – Bleed for the People you Care About**

The NHS are holding a Blood Donor Session at Glossopdale High School, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield, Glossop, SK13 2DA on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The session will run from 12.50 – 15.15 and 16.35 – 19.15.

*Each Unit of Blood donated can save up to 3 lives.*

You can book an appointment to donate blood by phoning 0300 123 2323, or online at [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk)

Please consider donating and of course pass the message on to anyone you know who may be interested in helping others in this very practical way.

*Thank You!!*