

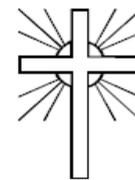


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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# TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **RIP - Fr Martin writes.**

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Edith Fletcher, who died recently.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mrs Fletcher's committal service is expected to take place on Thursday morning, and a church service may follow, God willing, once circumstances permit a service to be celebrated without the present limits on the number of people permitted to attend".

## **A parishioner writes, "A Tribute to Edith.**

Edith was unique - loved everyone and all God's creatures. As a result, she herself was greatly loved - both in the Parish and in the town. Her joyful spirit always encouraged people.

As a precious member of our parish community, she did so much behind closed doors. Edith was always supportive of any venture we undertook in the parish.

St John of the Cross said 'At the evening of life, we will be judged by love'. Edith will have passed with flying colours!"

## **St Mary Crowned weekday Mass**

This week, Holy Mass at St Mary Crowned will be celebrated at 10am on Tuesday, as Fr Martin is expecting to lead a committal service on Thursday morning for Edith Fletcher, may she rest in peace.

## **Thoughts from today's Second Reading: Phil 2: 1-11**

Today's reading contains a most wonderful poem - with daring theological thought and praise of the Lord Jesus. We wonder whether Paul composed the hymn or is quoting it. The hymn is introduced by a plea from the apostle to be united in Christian love. He is, as often in his letters, afraid of rivalry and conceit. He implores humility, putting others before oneself - to be like Christ Jesus: and the hymn reflects Christ's humility.

The Son was divine but willingly sacrificed his divinity (sacrum facere= make holy=total offering to God = giving/offering his divinity to the Father) so that he could be truly human, a slave to the conditions and limitations of human life.

Jesus had no protection against the elements of life except what his Father allowed him.

Thus, according to his Father's will, he had to accept death, a shameful death on the cross. But the Father raised Jesus from the dead (he did not rise of his own power, it is the Father who raises him), gave him the supreme name in all creation and welcomed him (back) to the divine life by making him Lord. What a wonderful hymn! We wonder, wondering if the question makes sense: did the Son of God become nothing (as we are before conception) in order to become Jesus, son of Mary?

## **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32**

Jesus has reached Jerusalem, been welcomed by his followers challenged the traders in the Temple and cleverly outwitted questions about his authority. Now he tells 3 parables, and today's Gospel reading is the first of them - a story found only in Matthew.

We puzzle at the dialogue. The chief priests and elders walk right into a catch question, not very intelligently. We recognise a Christian bias in dramatising the discomfort of the authorities confronting Jesus, as often in the Gospel, and wonder they tried so hard, so often, always failing. We remember how we ourselves are at telling the story of a quarrel or discussion and how we make ourselves appear in the best light. The disciples tell of Jesus' dialogue in a similar way. The parable is not easy. It contains two yeses and two nos, and we are expected to take each son's second response as the real one. But a pleasant "Yes" is reassuring, even if conditions change and the work is not done, we think: and a curt refusal almost spoils the favour which is later (reluctantly?) carried out. Neither son is much good. They don't exist, says the parable! They are figments of Jesus' imagination.

They symbolise the judgement of the "good" against "sinners". The parable seems to teach that sinners repent and good people might harden into pride: and we have arrived back at today's first reading - who we truly are is what God sees.

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**The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** SS Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs  
10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer  
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday -  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone **07427 556088** to book a place

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10.30am, SMC Holy Mass –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone **07427 556088** to book a place

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** St Wenceslaus, Martyr

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels, Feast  
**10.00am, SMC Holy Mass**  
1.00pm to 2.00pm, ASC open for private prayer

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** St Jerome, Priest & Doctor  
**10.00am, ASC Holy Mass**  
10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor  
7.00pm to 8.00pm, ASC open for private prayer

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Holy Guardian Angels

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Our Lady's Saturday  
**No private prayer this week**  
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone **07427 556088** to book a place

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10.30am SMC Holy Mass –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone **07427 556088** to book a place

**Saint Wenceslaus**  
**Saint of the Day for September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Wenceslaus was born near Prague, the son of Duke Wratislav.  
He was taught Christianity by his grandmother, St. Ludmila.  
The Magyars, along with Drahomira, an anti-Christian faction murdered the Duke and St. Lumila, and took over the government.  
Wenceslaus was declared the new ruler after a coup in 922. He encouraged Christianity.  
Boleslaus, his brother, no longer successor to the throne, after Wenceslaus' son was born, joined a group of noble Czech dissenters.  
They invited Wenceslaus to a religious festival, trapped and killed him on the way to Mass.  
He is the patron saint of Bohemia.

**Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:**

For the people of the parishes (both Saturdays); for the intentions of Leonie Coates (60th birthday blessing, in thanksgiving for her dedication to medicine) (JC); for a special intention (CB);  
For the speedy recovery of Mrs Surya Kumari (C&JB); in thanksgiving to St Anthony (PT);  
For Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS); and for Kathleen Cooper's intentions, in thanksgiving for good friends (JC).

**Live streaming services for This Weekend:**

**For Bishop Patrick**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>  
**For Nottingham Cathedral** at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>  
**For The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** at 9.30am, go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 24: 4-9, 17-18; Phil: 2, 1-11; Mt 21: 28-32  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** is the Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest and for the Fruits of Human Work; may we find ways to contribute to our society in this time of difficulty; *He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* Luke 10:2

**Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time – Autumn**

We pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All victim of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust**

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust is a partnership of the Catholic Voluntary Academies in the Diocese of Nottingham. They are currently advertising for a Lead Lay Chaplain to serve the St Ralph Sherwin Multi Academy Trust schools and communities. The closing date is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9.00am. For more information and how to apply for the vacancy, please visit <https://www.srscmat.co.uk/lead-lay-chaplain-homeworking-or-at-our-trust-cent/>