



# ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF 2021

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## **Fr Martin writes,**

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Duncan McLackland**, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mr McLackland's funeral will take place on Thursday at Glossop Cemetery. Under present regulations, to continue keeping people safe by managing the numbers of people in attendance, funerals are open only to people whom the family personally invites."

## **The Common Good: What does it mean?**

The Common Good in its true sense relates to the shared life of a society where everyone contributes and is able to reach fulfilment, a settled pluralism of identities and interests. But it is often misunderstood.

Join us to explore its meaning and importance as our country faces complex challenges ahead, in a new series of four public conversations 6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, via Zoom. For full details and booking, please visit: [http://bit.ly/CommonGood\\_series2021](http://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021)

## **Day for Life: Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Day for Life is an annual celebration of the intrinsic value and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death, and will be celebrated on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work & pastoral outreach.

## **Global Pandemic**

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 127,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

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**Assisted Dying:** Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

**Donate:** Day for Life adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life and this is enabled by the generosity of people in church supporting our work. In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual Day for Life collection due to the pandemic, our funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater.

Day for Life is a simple, practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throwaway logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.' If you feel you can offer financial support, no matter how small, you can make a secure online donation at: [dayforlife.org](http://dayforlife.org)

## **Drop-in testing in Glossop**

A third of people with COVID-19 do not have any symptoms, meaning that they could be unwittingly passing on the virus to anyone they meet.

The community testing programme offers regular testing to those who are at most risk of passing on the virus: that's people who are still going out to work and spend time with colleagues or the public. The testing will identify people with COVID-19, enable support for those who have to self-isolate, and drive infection rates down further in the local area.

You don't need to book, just turn up at a time convenient to you. Our local testing centre is at the sports pitch next to the Army Cadet building on Fauvel Road, Glossop, SK13 7DW and is open Mondays to Fridays from 10am to 4pm until 25th June. It may be possible to see if there's a queue by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/fauveltest>.

Community testing is not for people who have coronavirus symptoms, and those people should instead book a test in the usual way.

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

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>6.00pm,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Eleventh Sunday of the Year
<b>10.30am,</b>	<b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (Eileen Higgins – Birthday Memories (RIP) (KR)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls)
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Anthony &amp; Howard Mellor &amp; Kevin Fallon RIP (SM-F)</i>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria
<b>9.30am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)) Please pray for today's meeting of the clergy of our deanery
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria
<b>10.00am,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls)
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria
<b>10.00-10.30am,</b>	<b>ASC Confessions</b> , Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside
<b>6.00pm,</b>	<b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil Mass) (Audrey & Bob Dewey RIP (BD)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
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**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** Ez 17: 22-24; Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5: 6-10; Mk 4: 26-34

#### **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34**

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

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**GLOSSOP ROSARY.** We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** with the Mysteries of Light.