



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF 2017

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Thoughts from today's Readings:

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10 : 37-42

Today we meditate on the last section of the *Discourse on Mission*. This discourse contains words and counsels of Jesus, teaching us to carry out the mission of proclaiming the Good News of God. Jesus does not deceive, and points out clearly the difficulties that this mission implies. As we read this text, it is good to pay attention to what follows:

“What is Jesus’ basic demand of those who go on mission?”

Jesus says: “Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me”. In those days, the cross was the death sentence imposed by the Roman Empire for thieves and the marginalized. To take up one’s cross and follow Jesus was equivalent to accepting being marginalized by the unjust system of the Empire. Jesus’ cross is the consequence of the free commitment taken on to reveal the Good News that God is Father and that, therefore, all are to be accepted and treated as brothers and sisters. Because of this revolutionary proclamation, Jesus was persecuted & not afraid to give up his life.

Greater love than this no man has, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus identifies himself with the missionary and the disciple, for whom it is very important to know that they will never be alone. If they remain faithful to their mission, they will have the certainty that Jesus identifies himself with them, and through Jesus the Father will reveal himself to those to whom the missionary and disciple proclaim the Good News. So, just as Jesus reflected the face of the Father, so also the disciple should be a mirror where people can glimpse something of the love of Jesus.

The least deed done for the little ones, reveals the presence of the Father. In order to change the world and human relationships, the political decisions of powerful persons are not enough, nor are the decrees of Councils and of bishops.

What is needed is a change in the lives of people, in interpersonal and community relationships otherwise nothing will change. That is why Jesus puts so much importance on small acts of sharing: a glass of water given to a poor person!

God Counts on Us

Only God creates,
but we are called to enhance that creation
Only God gives life,
but we are called to cherish life
Only God makes to grow,
but we are called to nourish that growth
Only God gives faith,
but we are called to be signs of God for each other
Only God gives love,
but we are called to care for each other
Only God gives hope,
but we are called to give each other reason to hope
Only God gives power,
but we are called to get things going
Only God can bring peace,
but we are invited to be joyful
Only God is the way, but we are called
to make that light shine in the world
Only God makes miracles happen,
but we must offer our loaves and fishes
Only God can do the impossible,
but it's up to us to do what is possible.

News from St Philip Howard Catholic Academy:

Friday was a day of celebration for Year 11 as they attended their leavers' Assembly and Prom.

The Assembly was delivered by Mr World, Head of Year 11. The year group received good wishes for their continued journey in education, prayers for continued support and a reminder of the good times as they watched a presentation of photos from their five years at SPH.

In the evening, proceedings moved to the Midland Hotel in Manchester as 100 students and staff celebrated the Prom. The students looked amazing in their dresses & suits and much fun was had by all.

As always, we wish Year 11 the very best of luck for their exam results in August and wish them well in their chosen options, post-16.

As one year group leaves another arrives next week as we welcome our new Year 6 students as part of their Transition Week. We are excited to welcome our new students ahead of September.

We shall report next week on what will be a very busy and memorable week for the Year 6 students.

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£152.13	£939.55	£120.00	£1211.68
St Mary's	£137.80	£179.00	£261.00	£577.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember your Church in your will.**Parish Rotas:** Weekend of **8th / 9th July****Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Monica & David, 11am Ann & Len; St Mary's, Chris;**Welcomers:** All Saints, 6pm Sue, 11am Natalie & Joan; St Mary's, Margaret B & Rita H;**Ministers:** All Saints, 6pm Geetha & Eileen, 11am Doreen & Jane; St Mary's, Jan, John & Vernon;**Readers:** All Saints, 6pm Andrew, 11am John T; St Mary's, Margaret, Liz & David B;**Bidding Prayers:** Chris (following week – Maddie)**Coffee Morning:** Tues 4th July, 10-12, at Lyn Walsh's, 36 York St, Old Glossop; Bring & Buy, Raffle; Proceeds to Fr Vincent's Uganda parish; Donations welcome!**A BIG, HUGE thanks** to everyone who has donated tins for Cornerstone in June! All are much appreciated!! They will be delivered on Tuesday this week (4th July) If anyone wants to tag along to have a look around, contact Netty.**Parish Diary - for the next few months:**

9th July	Corpus Christi Procession, 11am Mass
19th August	Parish Coffee Morning, 10-12noon
9th Sept'ber	Parish Coffee Morning, 10-12noon
28th Sept'ber	Fizz Fashion Show, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
14th October	Parish Auction, Windy Harbour
5th December	Band Concert – at All Saints
9th December	Brownies' Coffee Morning, 10-12noon

Joint Parish Garden Party:**Saturday 8th July, 1pm – 4pm, at St Mary's;**

Donations are needed for the Tombola, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery and Books stalls; also Cakes on the day please; helpers needed on Saturday morning at 11.30am, to put up gazebo & stalls, MEN please!

There are lists at the back of the churches regarding the refreshments, please sign up with your offer!!

Lots of donations and visitors on the day needed to make this event a big event and a happy and friendly gathering, and a success for our community, so please come along with your family and friends!!

*Many thanks in anticipation.***Confessions:** St Mary's – Saturday 10.15 – 10.45am

All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

Parish Mass Book: Sunday: **Gloria** p.9; **Readings**, p. 96; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. 66; **Eucharistic Prayer**, p.18

		All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	1 st July	6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday	2 nd July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eucharistic Prayer No 1 (Green)	11.00 am Mass Kevin, Jim & Mary Fallon RIP (Sandra)	9.30 am Mass Frank Mannion RIP (Jean Mannion)
Monday	3 rd July St Thomas, Apostle, Feast (Red)	10.00 am Mass Ursula Stokes RIP (Len Stokes)	
Tuesday	4 th July		No Service Today
Wednesday	5 th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest (White)	10.00 am Mass Anthony Mellor – 40 th Birthday Memories (Sandra)	
Thursday	6 th July St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr (Red)		10.00 am Mass David Stott - Special Intention (B Payne)
Friday	7 th July Feria (Green)	10.00 am All Saints School Mass Thomas Roche – Anniversary Mass (Sheila Turner)	
Saturday	8 th July Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)	6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	10.00 am Exposition / Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass Thomas Toole – Birthday Memories (S Perry)
Sunday	9 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eucharistic Prayer No 2 (Green)	11.00 am Mass George Wright – 100 th Birthday Memories (Family)	9.30 am Mass Deceased Members of the Shires, Crossland, James, Roberts et al Families