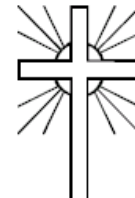


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Glossop Catholic Parishes – Jesus Christ calls everyone  
to experience His **transforming love**.

We **joyfully** embrace our responsibility to **proclaim** this good news.

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## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER ALSO DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST AND THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK

### **Thoughts on today's Gospel reading, Mt 20:1-16**

With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the "thoughts" and the "ways" of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways (cf Is 55:8). Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy — do not forget this: He uses mercy —, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy. Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father.

*His Holiness Pope Francis*

### **Forthcoming Events:**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Dinting Vale, at 7pm, with the Chapel-en-le-Frith Male Voice Choir and the Dark Peak Young Voices. £10 entry inc. a drink and nibbles.

**CAFOD Events:** We focus again on those less fortunate than ourselves with:

**Family Fast Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and **CAFOD Breakfast**, 10.30am, at St Mary's church, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, Harvest thanksgiving service, 5pm at St Mary's Hall.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, Joint Christmas Fayre. There will be a planning meeting for the Fayre at St Mary's church at 9.30am this Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### **The Sycamore Sessions:**

The Sycamore sessions are for anyone who wants to explore the Christian Faith and what it means for people today.

People who already attend Mass regularly have found the Sycamore sessions interesting and informative and found the sessions helped them to deepen their faith. People say they enjoyed sharing thoughts and ideas with others.

*Sycamore is also an inspiring and thorough preparation for anyone who wishes find out more about our faith with a view to becoming a catholic.*

The sessions continue next Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, in St Mary's Hall, St Mary's Road, from 10am until 12 noon starting with breakfast.

The next few sessions will be:

September 30<sup>th</sup>: The Existence of God

October 21<sup>st</sup>, double session, 10am – 3pm:

A God who speaks, and Who is Jesus

October 28<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Spirit and the Church

November 4<sup>th</sup>: The Bible

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Finding True Freedom

A full list of the sessions is available at the back of each of the churches.

Come along and try next week's session, and bring a friend with you. Do please tell anyone you know who might be interested about the sessions, invitation cards are in our churches.

If you or anyone you know has a question about Sycamore, contact:

[sycamore.enquiry@glossopcatholics.org.uk](mailto:sycamore.enquiry@glossopcatholics.org.uk)

**Pope Francis will publish Part 2 of Laudato si' on 4<sup>th</sup> October.** The Pope is updating his encyclical with current issues and with a particular focus on climate change.

**World Mission Day** is on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. The day is dedicated to the Catholic Church's commitment to the missionary movement.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" for World Mission Day 2023, inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke.

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

**Parish Mass Book: This weekend's readings: p.131, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 6.00pm,	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am,  11.15am,  <b>3.00pm,</b>	Twenty - Fifth Sunday of the Year Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest, and for the fruits of Human Work <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Mass of thanksgiving (JH)) <i>Tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Intention to be announced) <i>Tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>SMC Baptism of Finley Michael O'Sullivan</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Joan Roebuck – Birthday blessing (SM)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	SS Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today, Intention to be announced</i>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8.30am,</b>	St Vincent de Paul, Priest <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Intention to be announced)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8.30am,</b>  <b>9.30am,</b>	St Wenceslaus, Martyr <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Intention to be announced) <i>Tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>SMC Christmas Fayre planning meeting</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>8.30am,</b> 7.00pm,	SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, Feast <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Intention to be announced) SMH Prayer Group
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9.00 – 9.30am,</b> <b>10.00 - 12noon,</b> 6.00pm,	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor <b>ASC Confessions</b> <b>SMH Sycamore session 2, The existence of God</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (Intention to be announced)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am,  11.15am,	Twenty - Sixth Sunday of the Year <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (John Sweeney RIP - Anniversary (S&MH)) <i>Tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <i>Tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>

Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily – *“Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play, and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

**Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea)** have written to thank our two parish communities for our joint donation of £292.24 collected on Sea Sunday.  
**GLOSSOP ROSARY:**  
 We will be continuing our Rosary devotion on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September with the Joyful Mysteries.  
**During autumn, our bishops invite us to join them in praying for:**  
 Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.  
**Please remember in your prayers this week:** Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell.  
 Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.