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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Weekly Bulletin

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**O**ur Common Home, the Earth, is in peril: poisons float around in the air, toxins flow in our streams and lakes, and chemicals pollute the soil, while plastics colonise the oceans. We can acknowledge humanity's responsibility for this state of affairs. The land is forsaken because of "the tensions and the tragedies of sin," and forsaken, too, are many of the people who live on the land. Or to put it in terms of today's Gospel, the wine has run out and the party seems to be over.

It does not have to be that way, however. The people can "be called 'My Delight,' and your land 'Married'." There is still choice wine left to be experienced: the party does not have to end. We can "sing to the Lord a new song."

Two things will have to happen for things to change. The first is the action of the Lord. Jesus' hour has come. We must turn to him, as Mary did, and



have confidence in his power to effect change. The other thing that must take place is the application of our individual and collective gifts and commitment to the solution of the problems afflicting our land and the people living on it. "To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

Gerald Darring (alt)

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At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecu-

menical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, traditionally the celebrated between 18-25 January, leading up to the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The theme for the week of prayer in 2019, "**Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ...**" is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. The prayer resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Indonesia.

**We are hosting the Christian Unity Service for the Latchford Churches today, at 4 pm. Please come along if you can.**

**I**n his book *The Eternal Year*, theologian Karl Rahner suggests that when one experiences the absence of God, one's image of God is no longer working. The only way to rebuild trust in the face of such absence is to let go of the image and surrender to the mystery. God as love does not promise that we will not suffer. God promises us that when we do suffer, we are held in love. God does not promise to fix what is broken; God promises to be present in the midst of the brokenness.

That source of love we call God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, the word of love among us, and in the Holy Spirit, God as love enacted within us and among us. The only antidote to the brokenness of the world is to surrender to love, to let that love act in us and through us, even when we know it may ultimately lead to heartbreak.

Love and trust in a finite world are doomed to disappointment. Beyond the inevitable experience of death, our lives are also littered with broken promises, betrayals, people in their humanness letting us down time and again, or perhaps our own humanness and brokenness leading us to sabotage our relationships. We experience this human brokenness in our lovers, our families and our friends.

So the real question becomes, how is it that we continue to go on loving? Why do we continue to take the chance with our hearts to trust again, to give someone a second chance, or to start all over again with someone new? Rahner suggests that our desire to trust another human being wholly is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. One who loves a fallible human being in some way affirms the one human person who does not disappoint, who is the perfect expression of God as Love in the world.

Heidi Russell

<b>THIS WEEK</b>		
Sun 20 Jan	Refreshments - Team C	After 11.00am Mass
Mon 21 Jan	Sacramental Preparation Session	5.00pm
Mon 21 Jan	<b>Mass and Supper for Saint Joseph's Family Centre</b>	7.00 pm
Wed 23	SVP	7.00pm
<b>COMING UP</b>		
Sat 2 Feb	Refreshments - Team A	After 5.00pm
Mon 4 Feb	Baptism Preparation Meeting	7.00pm

The Trustees of **St. Joseph's Family Centre** in Museum Street, Warrington are seeking to appoint **two temporary posts** as follows: **Centre Support Worker** working 5 days per week (including Saturday cover as needed) and the second post is for a **Family Advocacy Worker** 3 days per week. Both are fixed term contracts for 12 months. The closing date is 4th of February 2019.

Trustees are seeking candidates with both administrative experience and ideally, experience in social care or related fields. Application packs can be requested by telephoning 01925 635448 OR by email: [contact@saintjosephsfamilycentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@saintjosephsfamilycentre.org.uk)

OR download an application pack from our website:  
[www.saintjosephsfamilycentre.co.uk](http://www.saintjosephsfamilycentre.co.uk)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 4-11th Nov 2019** - all those intending to take part are reminded that the **deposits and booking forms need to be with the travel company by Friday 25 January.**

## **MONEY MATTERS**

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

Collection W/E 13.1.19 - £773.38 (Plus £334.13) in Standing Orders  
We have also received a donation of £250 in the name of Mrs Mary Howard

200 Club Winner - 6.1.19 - J Crook - No. 154  
13.1.19 - M Lowe - No 96 - both win £70

Please note that cheques for Mass Offerings, Donations etc should be made payable to *Blessed John Henry Newman Parish*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY**  
TO THE PARISH, ITS CLERGY AND TO THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

# Mass Times and other Services



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 19 January	5.30 pm	Enid Thompson RIP and Eileen Potter RIP
Sunday 20 January	9.00 am 11.00 am	<b>A</b> Brian Neil RIP (Anniv) <b>B</b> Mary Cornelia RIP (Anniv) All Parish Children (with love from Sr Catherine)
Monday 21 January	<b><u>N.B.:</u></b> <b><u>7.00 pm</u></b>	Annual Mass for St Joseph's Family Centre (followed by supper)
Tues 22 Jan		No Services Today
Wednesday 23 January	8.45 am 9.00 am	Morning Prayer Cecelia Barnett RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
Thurs 24 Jan	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Lawrence Gilfedder RIP
Friday 25 January	8.45 am 9.00 am	Morning Prayer Paul Doherty RIP

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 26 January	5.30 pm	Martin Byron RIP (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 27 January	9.00 am 11.00 am	<b>A</b> John Kirk RIP, <b>B</b> Emily Whitefield RIP Louis Vansteenwinkle & David Manion RIP



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** available on request in the side room before Mass. You can also request prayers, blessings and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Kindly remember to pray for:** all the faithful departed, those living with or recovering from illness or undergoing medical treatment including: Sister Catherine, Vera Allen, Marc Bailey, Mary Birks, Amanda Bradbury, Vera Bradbury, Kath Bradley, Dawn Brindle, Archie Brocklehurst, Barbara Carter, Jack Child, Ethan Connolly, Catherine Coyne, John Daintith, Monica Dixon, Jimmy Evans, Larry Finn, Claire Hogan, Philip Gater, , Maureen Gingell, Teresa Glover, Enid Graham, Jamie Graham, Chris Haynes, Helen Holdbrook, Mary Howard, Graham Hutson, Joan Johnson, Lilly Kelly, Diana Kerr, Wendy Kirkpatrick, Bet Leigh, Esther Lloyd Jones, Maria Mahon, Renaldo Marcella, Lynda McCloud, Abigail McNicholas, Fred Mouldsdale, Eileen Moyse, James O'Hara, May O'Rourke, Charles Pendry, Margaret Pickup, Brian Porter, Tony Potter, Fionuala Price, David Prince, Margaret Quinn, Joan Riley, Christine Rowe, Shelley Scott, Anthony Sharkey, Darcie Sharp, Hazel Sudell, Michael Swift, Howard Tomlinson, Eileen Trantum, Coen & Zion Unruh, Pamela Verdon, Ken Wainwright, Ben Watson, Ann Weiss, John Williams & Colin Wright.