

# SUNDAY PLUS

## Compassion and care

# I care

By Gerlinde Symons

I recently had a conversation with a Muslim prisoner who was in our jail's Care and Separation Unit. He was feeling anxious because he knew he was being transferred to another prison that morning, but he didn't know why, or where he was going. He was worried that his family would no longer be able to visit him if the new prison was too far away. He felt he had been treated unfairly and that people didn't care.

I told him that I cared – I listened to his frustrations and concerns and, when he told me he was a man of faith, I encouraged him to place all his trust in God, to pray for protection and to have hope for the future. I wasn't able to change his situation, but at that



moment all I could do was to be a loving presence.


In our Gospel reading today, the rich man living in luxury didn't notice the poor man Lazarus nearby, who was hungry and wounded and in great need. When the rich man died, he went to Hades and was

in agony. For Lazarus, the "hell" he had endured on earth was over when he died and he was comforted.

Perhaps this week we can reflect on the Gospel reading and ask ourselves: Am I sensitive to the needs of those around me?

Am I willing to listen to those in distress, and comfort those who have been wounded by life's circumstances? How can I be a loving presence to those that I meet in my daily life?

*Gerlinde Symons is a lay Catholic chaplain in a UK prison.*

Loving Lord, there have been moments in my life when special people have shown me compassion and understanding. Their care made such a difference. Watch over them. Bless them. Help me to be there for others.  Amen.

## Take care!

By Cowan Watson

The story of Lazarus is surely a salutary one for our times, which are marked by an ever-increasing gap between the haves and the have-nots. We all know the names of the big-players and the super-rich who dominate the news headlines but in Jesus' story it is only the "insignificant" Lazarus who is named. The unidentified rich man ends up in Hades while Lazarus is carried by the angels to rest at Abraham's side, the

exact opposite of what the Pharisees expected would happen to a man like Lazarus. However, this is not a parable about what happens after death, but a warning that true happiness is not to be found at the expense of others. Jesus reminds us that we have a responsibility to be good stewards of what we've been given. Our actions have consequences, either bringing us closer to or setting us further apart from God.

*Cowan Watson, the parish secretary for the cathedral parish in Aberdeen, is also the editor of the diocese's magazine, The Light of the North.*

Feast of the week  
Wednesday 21 September  
St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)



"She's the most beautiful lady I've seen in my entire life!" The six-year-old stood admiringly before a huge poster of St Thérèse of Lisieux during the 2009 visit of her relics to England and Wales. His unexpected remark caused nearby adults to smile, perhaps touched more by childhood innocence than deep theology.

"I'm so grateful", a man commented on watching the large crowd in Salford Cathedral. "People have come from everywhere because it's an opportunity to 'feel' Catholic. We don't have many such occasions these days. I'm so grateful for a chance to 'feel' my faith in the company of others."

"We're carrying roses because, in my country, every flower is a prayer. When we place our roses on her casket, we are really offering our prayers." Was this woman legally or illegally in Britain? Was God bothered about her immigration status or did he, instead, see the roses which she had struggled to afford?

*St Thérèse, pray for us.*

Compassion — which Jesus feels — is not simply feeling pity: it's more! It means to suffer with, in other words to empathise with, the suffering of another, to the point of taking it upon oneself. Jesus is like this: he suffers together with us, he suffers with us, he suffers for us.

Pope Francis

Today:  
Amos 6:1-4-7  
1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Luke 16:19-31

Monday:  
Job 1:6-22  
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday:  
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23  
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday:  
Job 9:1-12, 14-16  
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday:  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
Apocalypse 12:7-12  
John 1:47-51

Friday:  
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5  
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday:  
Job 42:1-3,  
5-6, 12-17  
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday:  
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10



# The Parish of St CUTHBERT



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25 September 2022

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## THREE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH

### 1. Be open to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do

*We pray that we will grow in our personal sense of mission with the help of the Holy Spirit*

### 2. We grow together as a Family

Let us be inclusive, look after and reach out to each other the best way we can

*We pray that we will be open to new life in our parish communities and nurture new growth.*

### 3. To bring other people to Jesus

Let us live our Faith outwardly and share the Joy of Jesus in our lives with others

*We pray that we will grow daily in holiness and attract others to follow Jesus*



## Bishop Robert Barron

*has posted the following notice on Facebook*

Friends the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), a gathering of Catholic bishops from around the world, was

one of the most significant cultural and ecclesiastical events of the twentieth century. Though practically everyone acknowledges its importance, Catholics have been debating its precise meaning and application for the past sixty years.

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is releasing a new six-part miniseries on the Second Vatican Council called

### “Authority & Continuity.”

In this series, Cardinal Henri de Lubac Fellow of Theology Dr. Richard DeClue provides a robust yet accessible presentation of the Second Vatican Council’s most essential, yet often misunderstood, teachings.

I encourage you to watch his lectures on the Word on Fire Institute YouTube channel: [youtu.be/cOKZUJLM6KU](https://youtu.be/cOKZUJLM6KU)

## Dates For Your Diary

26 September	Rosa Mystica Prayer Group
29 Sept	McMillan Coffee Afternoon
29 Sept	Confirmation Programme begins
26 September	Pilgrimage To Holy Island
2 October	Service held for Peace in Nigeria
14 October	Deanery Dinner Dance
15 October	Commissioning Service
22/23 October	World Mission Sunday

*For details please see the individual notices*

Tea & Coffee will be served  
after the  
**9.30 am & 11.15 am Sunday Mass**  
at  
**St Joseph &  
St Thomas of Canterbury Church.**



Also after the Thursday mass, unless it is a Requiem Mass



# The Parish Liturgy for the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday Sept 26	Tuesday Sept 27	Wednesday Sept 28	Thursday Sept 29	Friday Sept 30	Saturday October 1	Sunday October 2
Weekday	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	Weekday	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	St Jerome, Priest,	St Therese of the Child Jesus	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
No Service	Eucharistic Service	Requiem for Raymond McGloin	Mass	Eucharistic Service	Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm Vigil Mass	Masses 9.30 am St Joseph & 11.15am St Thomas of Canterbury
	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	5.30 pm	
	St Thomas of Canterbury	St Thomas of Canterbury No Mass at St Joseph	St Thomas of Canterbury	St Joseph	St Thomas of Canterbury	



Margaret Carney	Anniversary
Michael Varley	Anniversary
Rose & Mick Varley	RIP
Teresa & Matt McLoughlin	RIP
Brian McEldowney	RIP
Kathleen Morris	Lately Dead

Please remember in your prayers.....

*All in your families & those of our parishioners who are sick..*

*Remember all those who have died recently....*

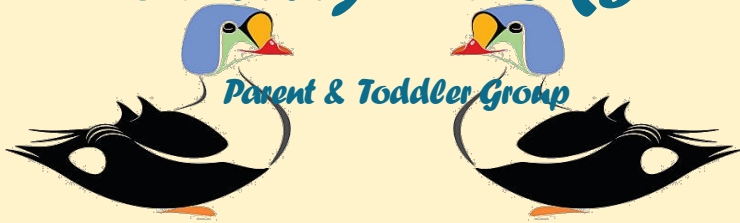
*All those with Anniversaries at this time ...*



## The Confirmation Sessions:

No	Dates	Themes	Location
1.	Thursday 29th September 2022	Confirmation Programme begins/ Introduction	Thornleigh
2.	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Wisdom	Thornleigh
3.	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022	Divine Revelation	Parish
4.	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Knowledge	Parish
5.	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 (tbc)	Counsel	Parish
6.	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023 (tbc)	Fortitude & Piety	Thornleigh
7.	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Flame 2023	London (Whole Day)
8.	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (tbc)	Awe & Preparation for Confirmation	Thornleigh
9.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (tbc)	Confirmation – What Happens	Parish
10.	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (tbc)	Retreat Day	Thornleigh
11.	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 (tbc)	Confirmation	Thornleigh
12.	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (tbc)	What Happens Next	Parish

# Cuddy Ducks



We are pleased to invite you to a McMillan coffee afternoon here in the Parish of St Cuthbert

'Cuddy Ducks' will be serving afternoon tea on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

in the Becket Suite,

**St Thomas of Canterbury Church**

Parishioners are invited to share an afternoon of friendship, fun and laughter with our younger children.

Come along to a safe, caring and welcoming environment.

If you would like to join us or need transport, please ring

Carol Corr on 07922265693



## THANK YOU FROM FR. PAT

With the gift from the Parish on the celebration of his Diamond Jubilee

Fr. Pat has arranged to go on Retreat in January to The Schoenstatt Shrine in Glasgow.

He wishes to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for this lovely gift and for the joyful Celebration Mass and Parish get together in his honour.

We wish him well on his Retreat and for the future.

## Diocesan mass of welcome for the relics of St. Bernadette

Members of the parish and the Parish Leadership team visited Salford Cathedral for the mass of welcome for the relics of St Bernadette.

You will have seen the Nationwide tour advertised. On Tuesday & Wednesday 20-21 September it was the turn of Salford Cathedral to host the relics, giving a special once in a lifetime event to provide an opportunity for people across the diocese to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes from the Cathedral.





**The Bible Study Group is reconvening again:  
meeting on Tuesdays 2-3 pm in the Becket Suite ,  
starting on October 18th.**

All welcome to join in with friendly discussion

## **Commissioning**

Fr. Chris will be undertaking the Service of Commissioning for everyone who undertakes the ministries of: **Reader, Welcomer and Baptisms** The Commissioning Service will take place at:

**5.30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on  
Saturday 15th October.**

Prior to the Service you are invited to a pre-Commissioning gathering where there will be the opportunity for time for Reflection on the ministry you have undertaken and to discuss the way forward given our Parish priorities (to be open to The Holy Spirit, to grow together as a family and to bring others to Jesus). This will commence at

**3.00 p.m. in The Becket Suite**

We hope you will all be able to attend and look forward to seeing you.



**Huge thanks to everyone who supported the  
Folk Night on 10th September.**

It was a fun evening, with everyone who came in fine voice.

With ticket money, raffle money, and donations, we made a grand total of £1000.

£500 will soon be sent to Alain Kimolo Kikeni to support the education of children in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the rest will be sent later in the academic year. Alain is very grateful for the generous support of St Cuthbert's Parish.



# Parish Draw



Second draw of the 3rd Quarter (Jul - Sept 2022)

Here are the winners who will each receive £50:-

No. 317. On Book. 64.	Fiona Brennand
No. 20 On Book 4.	Janet Height
No. 116. On Book. 24.	Michael Clarkson
No. 365. On Book 73.	M.O'Brien King

Congratulations to all the winners.  
Just a reminder for the friends paying by cash  
£10 is now due For the Oct - Dec (2022)  
Draw. Thank You

## Editor's Note

### Please Note

The Office telephone is down and any contact should be made via email at this present time.



The Rosa Mystica prayer group will be restarting their prayers & rosary this Monday in the Lady Chapel 3pm-4pm. All welcome.



## URBAN OUTREACH (BOLTON)

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Living With

Dear friends in the Parish of St Cuthbert's,

We want to say how grateful we are for your continuous support over the last 12 months. Your regular and generous donations of food over the last year have helped us enormously, allowing us to support families in need by providing them with food parcels in their times of crisis.

The generosity of our supporters continues to astound us and, over the last 12 months, has enabled us to help a total of **36,826** people through the distribution of **18,462** food parcels. The food given throughout the year weighed a total **260.5 tonnes!!**

We wanted to take an opportunity to say how much we appreciate you and all the support you offer as we could not achieve this without your help.

Yours sincerely,

*Dave*

Dave Bagley

Chief Executive

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## Piety Stall Open

The stall is in the East Porch SToC and at the back of St Joseph church

If you are looking for a suitable gift  
or card for  
First Holy Communion, Confirmation,  
and other Cards

*Come and browse our fine selection*



## THANK YOU

**MISSIO APF MILL HILL** The total amount raised by the Summer Collection 2022, from the Red Mission Boxes,

including the Brown Envelopes, was **£264.75**. Sincere thanks to all promoters/collectors, members and direct donors and to all who donate by Gift-Aid. Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support of the Mill Hill Missionaries, working with many of the poorest and most vulnerable communities, in many countries across the world.

At St Thomas of Canterbury, the Autumn 2022 edition of Mission Today free magazine is available, together with Brown Envelopes, in the West Porch. If you do not have a designated collector, please empty your Red Mission Box, place your donation in the envelope, which should be labelled clearly, so that a receipt can be given, seal securely and kindly place in the offertory basket at Mass, or leave in the sacristy. Please contact: Bernadette Robinson for any Missio queries at St Thomas of Canterbury Tel: 492805

# missio



**Thank you for your support for the CAFOD Pakistan Floods Appeal – we raised £753.**

Last weekend, you donated **£630** and the produce stall raised a further **£123**. We also understand that a number of parishioners have given money to the appeal directly online.

Thank you for your generosity. You are helping to provide vital emergency response in Pakistan. Please keep all those affected by the flooding in your prayers.

# PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

DONATE NOW AT **DEC.ORG.UK**



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# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

## ORDER of SERVICE

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### GLORIA HYMN No. 1013

### COLLECT

**First Reading Amos 8: 4-7**

**Psalms 50**

**Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 2: 1-8**

**Gospel Luke 16: 1-13**

### Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only  
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father  
before all ages. God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father;

through him all things were made. For us  
men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose  
again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### BIDDING PRAYERS

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## HYMN BOARD

**Entrance:** Here in this place 475

**Gloria:** 1013

**Alleluia**

**Offertory:** Father in my life I see  
317

**Holy Holy:** 570

**Communion:** Lord make me a means of  
your peace 899

**Dismissal:** Christ be our light 883