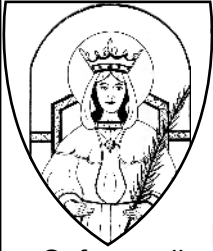


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Week 17

24th July 2022.

Gospel Reflection

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis we see the Lord speaking with Abraham about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their sins. The Lord decides to wipe them off the face of the earth but Abraham asks the Lord to relent for not all the people are evil. He begins by asking the Lord to spare them if there are fifty just men in the town and finally persuades the Lord to spare the people if there are but ten just men found there. The Lord listens to the pleas of Abraham and relents each time. The Psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving to the Lord for listening to the cries of his servant.

In our gospel text we see Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray and he gives them the 'Our Father.' He goes on to tell them – through an example – that if anyone calls on God their prayers will not go unanswered. All too often people forget that 'no' is also an answer, as is silence. In answering our prayers the Lord does not always give us what we want because what we want might not be what we need or for our good. St Paul tells us in the second reading that all our sins have been wiped away because they have been nailed to the cross with Christ whose sacrifice sets us free. No matter what we do we always have the Lord on our side and he is ready to forgive our sins and to answer our prayers whenever we turn to him in faith and trust.

Two Listeners, God Calling - Keep Close, 24th July.

Our Lord, guide us. Show us Thy Will and Way in everything.

Keep close to Me and you shall know The Way because, as I said to My disciples,
I am The Way. That is the solution to all earth's problems.

Keep close, very close to Me. Think, act, and live in My Presence.

How dare any foe touch you, protected by Me! That is the secret of all Power, all
Peace, all Purity, all influence, the keeping very near to Me.

Abide in Me. Live in My Presence. Rejoice in My Love. Thank and Praise all the time.
Wonders are unfolding.

And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Exodus 33:14

St James the Apostle Feast Day 25th July

In our passage from the second letter to the Corinthians St Paul tells us that, because he believes and proclaims the word of God, he will be raised to life with Christ. The death and the life of Christ are at work in him in a very powerful way. There is also a reminder that there will be trials in witnessing for the Lord. In the gospel we see Zebedee's wife coming to Jesus to ask that her sons sit at his right and left in heaven. Jesus can grant them places in heaven but only if they suffer for him through the spread of the Gospel. We too are called to live lives worthy of the kingdom no matter what trials may come our way. We are to carry our cross every day for Christ and to proclaim the Gospel by the example of how we live.

Also known as James the Greater, he was the brother of St John the Apostle and Evangelist. In Spain it is believed that he preached the Gospel in the Iberian Peninsula and that his relics were buried at Santiago de Compostela. He was the first of the apostles to die having been martyred by Herod Agrippa between 42 and 44 AD.

Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady 26th July

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence; any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

Ss Joachim and Anne are patron saints of grandparents and this day is a great day to celebrate grandparents everywhere. Grandparents have spent so much of their lives looking after the rest of us; today is a day for spending time with our grandparents and making this a special day. ***Happy Grandparents' Day***

Care for Our Common Home

Forest Fires and Helping Nature to Recover

Over the past few weeks it has been hard to deny that forest fires have become larger, stronger, and more frequent than ever. The good news is that we can help nature recover, and planting trees is one of the best ways to do that!

Here are a couple of easy things we can all do to help trees at home and around the world:-The Amazon Rainforest needs everyone's help. It might seem a long way away, but we can all do something. Become a member of the WWF and support the charity's work in the Amazon. You can help drive sustainable practises, monitor wildlife populations, provide legal support to Indigenous peoples and much more.

Join at www.wwf.org.uk/updates/ways-help-amazon-rainforest

Switch your search engine to Ecosia. Ecosia is the search engine that puts all its profits for climate action, with at least 80% financing tree-planting projects around the world. It takes 45 searches to plant a tree. For those of us who spend a lot of time at a computer, you will quickly see results.

Thank you Father for the abundance you shower upon us each day

Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus Feast Day 29th July

The first reading from St John's first letter speaks of love – love for God and love for others. Love was also a characteristic of Martha. We have two images of Martha presented to us in the gospels. The first is from St Luke in which we see Martha rushing about the house when our Lord arrives. She becomes annoyed because her sister, Mary, is sitting listening to Christ rather than looking after him. When she complains about this, Jesus tells her to stop worrying and to sit in his presence and listen as her sister is doing. In the second image, this time from St John's Gospel, we are presented with the arrival of Jesus at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. Martha greets him while Mary stays indoors. Martha says that if Christ had come sooner her brother would not have died but that whatever Christ asks of the Father will happen. When asked if she believed that Christ was the resurrection and the life, Martha answers that she does and that she believes him to be the Christ, the Son of God. This is the faith to which we are all called to profess and to show in our lives through love of God and neighbour. Martha was the sister of Lazarus and Mary, and a friend of the Lord. She is the sister who frets over the guests while her sister sits and listens to Jesus.

Jesuits In Britain

Summer Events 2022

Jesuits are contemplatives in action, rooted in the rich tradition of our spirituality, and living lives of service all around the world.

They invite us too to live a life of faith in action. On their website you will find a list of online retreats, talks and courses which is continuously updated. Early booking is advised. Visit

www.jesuit.org.uk/events

Fairtrade Picnic



Top summer holiday tip for getting the children off their computer games and doing something more productive:-

Look at the Fairtrade website or take a trip to the supermarket and ask the children or grandchildren to list as many Fairtrade picnic items as they can spot. Ideas might include juices, fruit, side salads, chocolate. Take a Fairtrade picnic into the garden or the park.

**Lord, I choose to be attentive to your voice.
May I be alert to your Spirit's guiding as I journey onwards**



BAPTISM

Nova Adams,

Darcy Earle, Clarke Earle,

Gareth Bennett, Isaac Bennett,

Benjamin Bennett, Ella-Marie Bennett.



Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	23rd	6.00pm	Sean Doyle
Sunday	24th	11.30am	Angela Austin (Anniv), Molly O'Dowd (2nd Anniv)
Monday	25th	No Mass	
Tuesday	26th	No Mass	Adoration Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	27th	No Mass	
Thursday	28th	No Mass	
Friday	29th	11.30	Funeral Service Sue Fletcher
Saturday	30th	6.00pm	Mary Duckworth
Sunday	31st	11.30am	Patricia Keating



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Susan fletcher, Ron Pringle.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Margaret lynch, Kathleen Brannon.

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Angela Adlen	<i>Eileen Guy</i>	Dave McLoughlin	Christine & David
Angela Gregory	<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	Paul & Kate	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
Baby Bella	<i>Janet Clark</i>	Peter Fraser	Joan,
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	Robbie Ross	Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	Toni Dal	Margaret &
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	Joan Turner	Joseph <u>Maloney</u>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	Canon Brendan Alger	Vassilis
Eddie Unsworth	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	David & Julie Pearce	<u>Alamaniotis</u>
G., + MP., + TC.,	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>	Eleanor Mawdsley	Ann Shreeve