

Newsletter

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4 September 2022, Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, p133

Luke 14:25-33

Pointers for Prayer

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
2. “Hate” is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

Prayer

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work that you have set before us. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

11 September 2022
Twenty Fourth Sunday of
Ordinary Time, p136

Luke 15:1-32
Pointers for Prayer

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

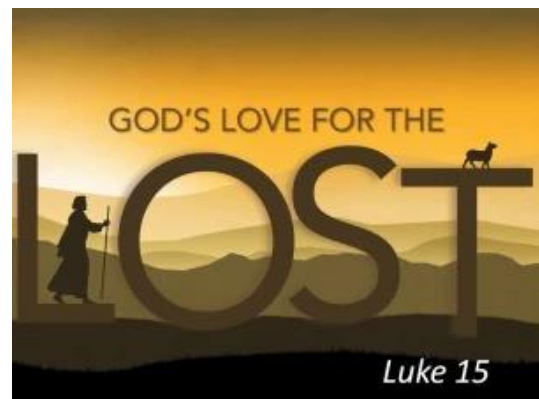
3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they

like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?

Prayer

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found.

Touch our hearts with grateful
wonder at the tenderness of your
forbearing love. Grant us delight in
the mercy that has found us and bring
all to rejoice at the feast of
forgiveness.



18 September 2022
Twenty Fifth Sunday of
Ordinary Time, p140

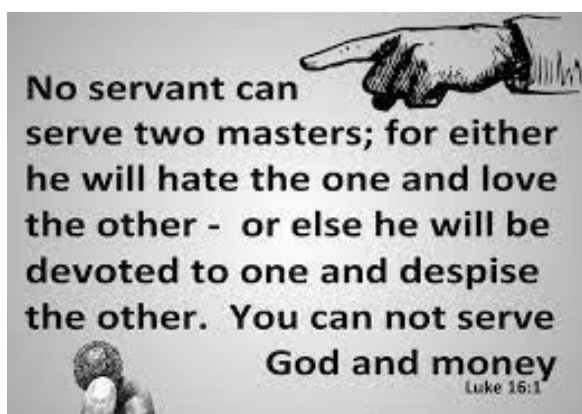
Luke 16:1-13
Pointers for Prayer

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?

2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?

3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

4. "No servant can be the slave of two masters". When have you experienced the truth of this statement?



Prayer

God our saviour, you call us into your service. Make us wise and resourceful: children of the light who continue your work in this world with untiring concern for integrity and justice. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will be open Monday and Tuesday mornings only. Usual office hours will resume week commencing Monday, 19 September.

Peter Renwick

Our very own Peter Renwick takes another step along the road towards becoming a deacon when the Archbishop will confer on him the ministry of Acolyte on 21 September in St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith church, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Peter has now entered the last year of formation before, God willing, he will be ordained in July next year. Please keep Peter in your prayers as he continues his journey in the service of the Lord. Fr Matthew

Keep In Your Prayers

Anthony Dagnall RIP, Ann Halpin RIP, Ellie Davies RIP, Lilian Boland RIP, Doreen Trainer RIP, Vera Leonard, Silva (poorly 4 year old), Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane our sick and housebound

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Back to School

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of children entrusted to our care. Please watch over them as they begin a new school year. Bless their teachers, school administrators, bus, train and taxi drivers, school support staff, friends and classmates.

Keep them safe every day and may they feel your presence, knowing you are always with them. Help them recall loving words of support from those who love them. Give them wisdom to make good choices, and an openness to learn new things. Fill them with knowledge and positive thinking. Help them overcome obstacles and shield them from negativity.

Surround children with good friends who also know and love you. Help them treat each other with kindness, fairness, and respect. May they treat each person they encounter as another child of God. Grant them the grace to place their trust in you so they may know your peace. Amen.

Baptismal Information

Next meetings to register and find out more Monday, 5 September then

Monday, 3 October, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Forthcoming Rites of Welcome

5.15pm: Sonny William Higgins
Ru Alexander Higgins

11am: Isabella Gill
Lochlin Frederick Fletcher

5.15pm: Aurora Rae Johanson
Charlie David Howell
Ava Leigh Howell
Ronald George Craven
Charlotte Anne Craven
Jamie Paul Williams

11am: Jidenna Jayden Keke
Elisabeth Francesca Ainsworth
Dillon Billy Wood

Forthcoming Baptisms

Hudson James McParland
Rosa Karen Silvano
Billie Isla Sye
Billy Steven Best
Amber Monica Townley-Taylor
Evelyn Anna Bunty Kerrigan

With You Always Programme

We are currently updating our preparation programme for First Holy Communion (With You Always programme). Information will be available in the newsletter and on our

website in December. It is likely that the programme will start early 2023.

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at
jayne.wya@gmail.com

St Mark's Cleaning

Our next session is Wednesday, 7 September, 9am, all welcome.

Ladies Group

Our first meeting after our summer break will take place on Wednesday, 7 September, 7pm in St Mark's annexe. The group is a great way to become more involved in the life of our parish community, along with organising special services throughout the year we also arrange day trips, meals and theatre visits. New faces are always welcome.

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13 September at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

SVP Day Retreat

Our SVP team have arranged a day retreat to St Winifred's Well and Pantasaph on Tuesday, 11 October. Places are limited to 22 from each church. The coach will leave Holy Family at 9.15am and then St Mark's at 9.30am. We aim to leave Pantasaph at 4pm. A packed lunch will be provided and there will be a voluntary donation towards the cost of the coach.

Please sign up at the back of church and if you have any questions please speak to a member of the SVP.

A day of prayer for Ukraine

The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14 September. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

St Mary's, Woolton

Dementia Information Session:

Raising Awareness

On Monday, 19 September, 7pm-8.15pm (tea and coffee from 6.30pm)

in the parish hall. We are delighted to welcome Jill Pendleton, Lead Dementia Specialist for NHS Merseycare Trust as our guest speaker. We will also have presentations from Serena Jones Specialist Nurse with expertise in dementia and Mary Monkhouse Dementia Friends Ambassador. The event is open to everyone, but especially those living with dementia and their carers. Please come along and join us for the evening.

St Mary's, Woolton

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong session will still take place on Friday, 30 September, 2pm-4pm and as always, the event will take place in the parish hall.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20 September at 7pm, location to be confirmed. All minutes are available on the parish website.

St Mark's Club

Star Night Entertainment & Disco
Save the Date

Saturday, 10 September

Doors open 7pm, tickets £6 available from the club.

Evangelii Gaudium

(Home Mission):

Sunday, 18 September 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, tells us more about the day (<https://youtu.be/ZORIVqhw3S0>) and how you can support this important work. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in Catholic parishes throughout England and Wales on Sunday, 18 September 2022.

LGBTQ+ Mass:

Sunday, 25 September

Mass will be at 2pm at All Saints, Anfield with Archbishop Malcolm followed by a social gathering.

Fr Malcolm Prince's Ruby Jubilee

Fr Malcolm Prince is celebrating his 40th anniversary of being ordained into the priesthood on Sunday, 25 September. Fr Malcolm is a resident in Nazareth House, Liverpool Road,

Great Crosby, L23 0QT following a severe stroke in 2018.

Mass is being said by Archbishop Malcolm in the Chapel at Nazareth House at 10am that day and afterwards at 11.30am there will be a free buffet at St Helen's Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Crosby L23 7TQ, which is about a mile away from the care home.

Anyone who knows Fr Malcolm and would like to attend is very welcome but attendance at the Mass will require a Covid test to have been completed prior to arrival as entry to the Chapel is through the care home.

For further details or to register interest please contact Tony Bird on anthonyjbird134@gmail.com

Mass in Spanish

Fr Sergio Haro will start to celebrate Mass once a month at St Vincent's Church, James Street, Liverpool, L1 5JN in Spanish at 4 pm. Refreshments available after Mass. All welcome.

The dates for the rest of this year are:

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

Volunteers Wanted

There will be lots of volunteers required for when the Cathedral receives the relics of St Bernadette in September. If you are willing and able to play some part in this historic visit email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk and note in the email your availability between Saturday, 17 September-Monday, 20 September. When more details of what is required become available the Cathedral will arrange a meeting with those who have volunteered. Please note that a meeting for all volunteers to assist has been arranged for Wednesday, 7 September at 7pm.

Jigsaws/Games

Our Cathedral are currently looking for jigsaws and games that they can send to the seafarers at Stella Maris. If you have anything spare please drop it off at Cathedral House.

Loyola Certificate in

Pastoral Ministry

Final Call for Applications

A few places have become available on the popular and practical Loyola

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry beginning in September 2022. Designed with busy people in mind, it's a structured online modular course to inspire you on your own pastoral journey within your parish. It is a non-credit programme that runs for 2 years and has been created to equip and empower people to develop their ministries.

Contact Elizabeth Parsons, Training Coordinator on 522 1023 or loyola@rcaol.org.uk.

For more information visit www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/loyola

We'll Care Social Evenings

Come along to our weekly Social Evening, EVERY Saturday evening, 6pm-9pm for adults with disabilities/ impairments and your support. Each week we will have a mix of disco, live music, quizzes, raffles, bingo and TV game shows.

Entrance fee is just £3pp. Food and drinks are available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there! New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, Lichfield Road, Halewood, L26 1TT. For more information, please call me, Brian Powell, 07759 409 215.

A Message from CAFOD on the DEC Pakistan Floods

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now, if you are able at cafod.org.uk/give

RCIA Meetings

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic Ministers we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass. If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

Back from Holiday?

Remember the Parish Office loves to receive your unused funny money and used postage stamps. We send them to Nugent who somehow turn them in to much needed funds to care for families in crisis.

Sacrament of the Sick

In times of illness or suffering we are offered anointing with holy oil to strengthen us. The sacrament can also help us to experience healing of mind, body and spirit and we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Anyone feeling the need of the sacrament is very welcome to approach Fr Matthew before or after Mass or via Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the front of the church, please approach him directly and make your request known.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £229.70 |
| GASDS Loose | £268.10 |
| Non Gift Aid | £ 60.00 |
| Standing Orders | £384.77 |
| Total | £942.57 |
| Bonus Ball 08 | £ 58.00 |

**This newsletter covers
three weekends
so please keep it in a
safe place!**

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

| 3 September – 11 September 2022 | | We Pray Especially For |
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| Saturday, 3 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | | Brenda Gamble |
| Sunday, 4 September Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family | | People of the Parish Michael Mooney |
| Monday, 5 September Weekday in Ordinary Time 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family | | |
| Tuesday, 6 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family | | |
| Wednesday, 7 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's 11.30am – Funeral Service at Holy Family | | Anthony Dagnall |
| Thursday, 8 September, Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10am – Requiem Mass at Holy Family 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's | | Lilian Boland Maureen Kibby |
| Friday, 9 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's 12.00 – Requiem Mass at St Mark's | | Ann Halpin |
| Saturday, 10 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | | Sadie & Jimmy Devine |
| Sunday, 11 September Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family | | Mary Baker People of the Parish |

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

| 10 September - 18 September 2022 | | We Pray Especially For |
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| Saturday, 10 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | | Sadie & Jimmy Devine |
| Sunday, 11 September Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family | | Mary Baker People of the Parish |
| Monday, 12 September , Weekday in Ordinary Time 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family | | |
| Tuesday, 13 September , Memorial of St John Chrysostom 9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family | | |
| Wednesday, 14 September , Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's | | |
| Thursday, 15 September , Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's | | Danny Fox |
| Friday, 16 September , Memorial of Sts Cornelius & Cyprian 9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's 10.30am – Requiem Mass at St Mark's 12 noon – Requiem Mass at St Mark's | | Margaret 'Doreen' Trainer Ellie Davies |
| Saturday, 17 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | | People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 18 September , Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family | | Robbie Cannon Rita Shreenan |

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

| 17 August – 25 September 2022 | We Pray Especially For |
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| Saturday, 17 September, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 18 September, Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family | Robbie Cannon Rita Shreenan |
| Monday, 19 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family | |
| Tuesday, 20 September, Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegon 9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family | |
| Wednesday, 21 September, Feast of St Matthew 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's | |
| Thursday, 22 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's | Ellie Davies |
| Friday, 23 September, Memorial of St Pius of Pietrecina 9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's | |
| Saturday, 24 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family | Tom Ventre |
| Sunday, 25 September Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family | Frank Cannon People of the Parish |