

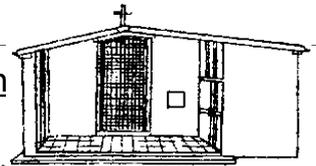


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# Parish bulletin for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2018



Parish mission statement: In our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end,

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people gathered in the sacraments, united in the Word of God and the Eucharist, each contributing to the Church.

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			<b>11.15am</b>	For the parish
	Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
	Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
			9.45am	Rosary
St John Chrysostom	Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>

Exultation of the Holy Cross	Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
Our lady of Sorrows	Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i> For the parish
			<b>11.15am</b>	
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
<b>Hymns for 11.15am Mass</b> Ent:602 ; Kyrie; Gloria: 48 ; Gifts:347 ; Holy Holy:50 ; Mem acc:50 Amen:50; Agnus Dei:51; Comm:147 ; Recess:718 <b>Psalm response: My soul, give praise to the Lord</b>				
<b>Collection: Cash: £260.50 + direct debits c.£350</b>				

*Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.*

*ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Ambrose Davies, Louisa Long, Teresa Jennings, Francis Stafford,*

## ***General***

**More Welcomers** are needed at St John Fisher for Sunday Mass. Please see Fr Ikeokwu, John Nutt or Julia Tucker.

**Churches Together Christmas lunch:** chef required confident to cater for about 30 people and holds a current certificate from a local authority. Also someone who has a DBS to meet obligations regarding safeguarding. Please contact [richardkappleby@gamil.com](mailto:richardkappleby@gamil.com) by the middle of October.

**Kerala floods:** the SVP is appealing for funds to help victims of flood disaster in Kerala. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk) or telephone 020 7703 3030, or send cheque to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. (please write “Kerala appeal on back of cheque)

**Catholic Times** price is now £1.50

**CAFOD** trip to Poland re Climate Change Summit; please contact Liz Baldwin at the volunteer centre 0117 428328 or [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) if you are interested in being a delegate.

**100 Club.** Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parish 100 Club. Membership renewal notices are being distributed as September is the start of the 100 Club year.

## *Last Week*

**August 100 Club** winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Cranch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Freda Bourke,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yvonne Hunt

## *Today*

**Second collection** for Catholic Education Service. This collection helps fund the important work of the Catholic Education Service which supports all Catholic Schools in England and Wales, in providing the best possible Catholic education for the children at our schools.

## *This Week*

**Next Sunday** second collection for Home Mission Sunday.

## *Coming Events*

**Treasuring the Liturgy:** exhibition of plates and textiles from across the diocese aimed at drawing attention to the beauty of the mysteries we celebrate: Saturday – Sunday 8 & 9, and 15 – 16 September. See poster in porch for all details.

**Mission appeal:** a priest of the MSP will be coming to our parish on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for mission appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul. Please be generous.

**Pope Francis:** his vision and our future. Third of a series of three lectures, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St John's Church, South Parade, Bath, giving time to look back, assess and think ahead. Led by Fr James Hanvey.

**Parish retreat** on 3<sup>rd</sup> November will be led by Fr Tom Dubois, parish priest of St Francis of Assisi, Nailsea. Mass at 10am at St Richard's followed by retreat at Congregational Church, Wiveliscombe.

## **Gospel commentary for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time.**

Reading or listening to the Gospel today we learn what Jesus was doing in private. It is not often in the Gospels that Jesus works miracles and wonders in secret; usually he teaches the crowd openly by his actions and example.

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Jesus recognised the terrible position of the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, how he was viewed by the general population and suffered rejection by being held at a distance. He beckoned to the man, so that the two of them might have a moment of privacy. It was at that very moment that Jesus touched the man and made all the difference in the world. Imagine how the man must have felt hearing himself speak clearly for the first time, being able to hear for the first time after years of muffled noise or complete silence. This is the difference that Jesus is able to make. No one and nothing can stop Jesus acting either publicly or privately.

Jesus is a wise teacher, teaching us by every way possible. In this Gospel he is teaching us that there is no single way in which we have to do things as Christians. Often we may feel that to be a faithful follower of Jesus we need to speak and act openly and publicly; and some of us may find that a very difficult thing to do. Today's Gospel points to the fact that this is not always the most effective way. There are many occasions in our lives when we can be powerful witnesses to Jesus by what we do in private, without anyone else knowing what is done. These are the often unseen ways in which we show love and care for those in need: the visit to a person who is sick or housebound; the welcome we offer to someone who is lost or lonely; the generosity to the homeless person whom everyone else ignores; the constant love with which we support our children. All of these may bear quiet yet faithful witness to Christ.

Let us resolve to live as people of love in all things in our lives, with Jesus as our guide and our example. May Jesus show us the way, a way that sometimes is very public, but other times is done in secret and in silence.

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