

Pope Leo published his first Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. We read and reflect on it each week:

The Church's vocation and duty to accompany humanity throughout history leads her to recognize that earthly realities possess their own proper character and order. The Second Vatican Council expressed this principle in the Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*: "If by the autonomy of earthly affairs is meant that created things and societies themselves enjoy their own laws and values then the demand for autonomy is perfectly in order." Creation bears the imprint of an original goodness that our human outlook must preserve, cultivate and bring to fulfilment. In this regard, the Church offers herself in a way that helps to interpret reality in all its depth. She supports with humble firmness the choices that promote the dignity of every person, the cohesion of communities and the good of all. The Church thus stands alongside the world without overpowering it, so that the promise of justice and peace that the Holy Spirit continues to sustain in the heart of humanity may come to fruition in every human endeavour.



OUR ENTIRE society sees something special about Sunday. Business hours change. Breakfast menus expand. Work hours shrink. Sporting events surface. The newspaper inflates. Movie schedules increase. We expect leisure on Sunday. Part of the weekend, it begins the week and ends the week. It is a sacred day, a time outside normal time when life takes a break. Sunday symbolizes paradise, a place, and pace of leisure and pleasure.

How did all this happen? We Christians owned Sunday first. It is our most important day. On a Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1). On Sundays, his followers met to break bread (Acts 20:7). The Resurrection is our most central belief. We choose Sunday for our primary gathering because the day itself proclaims our faith. Mass on Wednesday or Monday just would not be the same. Sunday is Easter. You can change the day you shop for groceries or go to the bank without much loss. But church is different. It demands a particular day, like a holiday or an anniversary.

If we did not gather for Eucharist on Sunday,
we have not proclaimed the Resurrection.

Our definition of “Sunday” includes Saturday night. This does not compromise to convenience. Jesus rose from the dead during the night. So our Eucharist still honors the Resurrection when it takes place at the beginning of that night—namely, on Saturday evening.

If a serious reason keeps you from attending church on Sunday, your pastor may dispense you. Your conversation with him honors your commitment to your community. On a Sunday when you cannot participate in the Eucharist, you may wish to pray the Scriptures of that day and share a prayer at meal with other believers.

Unity, leisure, and prayer characterize a Sunday. Our attendance at church unites us with the believers of our own community and with all Christians throughout the world. Our abstinence from work frees our mind for prayer. Football, food, and freedom are all supplementary to Sunday’s main purpose, celebrating Eucharist.

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We continue our reading of Pope Leo's Letter on the Church's preferential option for the poor, Dilexi Te

We must continue to denounce the “dictatorship of an economy that kills,” and to recognize that “while the earnings of a minority are growing exponentially, so too is the gap separating the majority from the prosperity enjoyed by those happy few. This imbalance is the result of ideologies that defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation. Consequently, they reject the right of states, charged with vigilance for the common good, to exercise any form of control. A new tyranny is being born, invisible and often virtual, which unilaterally and relentlessly imposes its own laws and rules.” There is no shortage of theories attempting to justify the present state of affairs or to explain that economic thinking requires us to wait for invisible market forces to resolve everything. Nevertheless, the dignity of every human person must be respected today, not tomorrow, and the extreme poverty of all those to whom this dignity is denied should constantly weigh upon our consciences.

In his Encyclical *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis reminded us that social sin fosters a “structure of sin” within society, and is often “part of a dominant mindset that considers normal or reasonable what is merely selfishness and indifference. This gives rise to social alienation.” It becomes normal to ignore the poor and live as if they do not exist. It then seems reasonable to organize the economy in such a way that sacrifices are demanded of the masses in order to serve the needs of the powerful. Meanwhile, the poor are promised only a few “drops” that trickle down, until the next global crisis brings things back to where they were. A genuine form of alienation is present when we limit ourselves to theoretical excuses instead of seeking to resolve the concrete problems of those who suffer. St John Paul II had already observed that, “a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer the gift of self and to establish solidarity between people.”

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)
MONDAY Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:22-36	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUE St John Mary Vianney Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Mt 15:1-2,10-14	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
WED The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Jer31:1-7 Mt15:1-28	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
THURSDAY THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Sandra Helsby 11.30am (St. M)
(First) FRIDAY SS Sixtus and companions, St Cajetan Abstinence Nahum 1:15;2:2;3:1-3, 6-7 Matthew 16:24-28	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY St Dominic Habakkuk 1:12-2:4 Matthew 17:14-20	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Bl Sacrament/Confessions until Benediction at 11am Baptisms of Oliver Michael Muldoon-Cunningham, Noah David Muldoon-Cunningham and Florence Cook, 12noon Confessions 5pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11 Kings 19:9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)

Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised when using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only to access the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on or under the stairs.

USE OUR CAR PARK AT THE END OF NOBBY STILES DRIVE UNLESS YOU HAVE A RESIDENTS' PERMIT FOR THIS ZONE OR BLUE BADGE.

This week’s Feasts: Tue: St John Mary Vianney: born in Lyons in 1786; after many years of struggle he was ordained priest; he was sent to Ars, where by his preaching and personal example of holiness drew the people back to the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance. He died in 1859.
Bl. William Horne; a Carthusian monk executed by Henry VIII at Tyburn in 1540.

Wed: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major: the doctrine of Mary, Mother of God was solemnly proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431); afterwards Pope Sixtus III erected a Basilica on the Esquiline Hill in Rome to honour the Holy Mother of God, later to be known as St Mary Major. This is the oldest church in the West dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
St. Oswald; King of Northumbria, who worked to spread Christianity in Britain, and who was killed in battle with pagans near Oswestry in 642.

Thur: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Fri: St Sixtus II and companions: Sixtus was ordained bishop of Rome in 257; while celebrating Mass in the catacombs of Callistus, he and his deacons were arrested by order of the Emperor, and executed there and then and buried in the same cemetery.
St Cajetan: after ordination, Cajetan, who was a brilliant lawyer, founded the Congregation of Clerks Regular or “Theatines”, to work with the poor and needy. The order spread and its work also embraced the earliest “credit unions” to assist the poor in the payment of debts; there were many Theatines in England in the sixteenth century. Cajetan died in 1547.
Bl. John Woodcock OFM, Edward Bamber and Thomas Whitaker, some of the Lancashire Martyrs, executed at Lancaster in 1646 under King Charles II.
Bl Nicholas Postgate, a priest who spent fifty years walking the Yorkshire Moors, ministering to scattered Catholics, who was eventually arrested and executed at York under King Charles II in 1679 aged about 80.

Sat: St. Dominic, born in 1170 in Spain, became a priest and preached against the errors of his day, founding the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). He died in 1221.
Bl. John Felton was arrested and martyred for fixing a copy of Pope Pius V’s bull excommunicating Queen Elisabeth I to the gates of the Bishop of London’s palace.
Bl John Fingley, priest, and **Bl. Robert Bickerdike,** executed at York in the reign of Elisabeth I.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1840 Our new Vicar Apostolic Bishop Brown made several visits to the Convent and took great interest in its welfare. To him Mother Magdalen made known the trying difficulties of this foundation and he was ever ready to assist her by his authority and advice. He had very delicate health which required him to be away very frequently. Rome was the only place and climate that agreed with his constitution.

When the Bishop was made aware by Rev J Crook of the difficulties which Mother Magdalen had to bear with Rev D. Hearne as Superior and which she expressed to the Bishop in these words ‘I find it not only difficult but impossible to obey him’, the Bishop removed Fr Hearne as Superior and appointed the Rev R Thompson of Weld Bank, a very holy and experienced priest and also commissioned him to look into Fr Hearne’s management of the Convent.

Fr Crook wrote to Mother Magdalen on 31st July telling her he would be with her in a few days and asking her to have all the necessary paperwork ready for him. He came as appointed but, because Fr Hearne had not been told he had ceased to be Superior, he refused to hand over any accounts.



Q What makes us able to live the way of Christ?

A Baptism changes everything. Our baptism is our first response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who

told his apostles to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Through baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. After our baptism we are no longer the same: we have participated in the dying and rising of Christ and have become a new creation. Baptism changes everything: we die to sin and walk in the way of Christ, living the new life of love and service.

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Pope Leo’s Intention for August: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

In our Diocese this week we pray for the parish of St Vincent, Norden, Rochdale and for Father James Manock, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Rochdale Rd, Swan St and Cable St.

For all the sick.

For Sandra Helsby, David Barnes and all who have died recently, and for Pat Taylor, Annie Dunn, Cecilia Dermody and all remembered at this time.

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady or St. Joseph please write the intention on an envelope. If you can enclose a donation we suggest £10.



To keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Use the QR code to submit it.

THE SHEPHERDESS OF LOURDES

In the silence of the Pyrenees, she stood,
A humble shepherdess named Bernadette,
Her heart as pure as the morning dew,
Her spirit, a beacon in the veiled gloom.
She found divinity in the grotto's hush,
A vision of the Virgin, resplendent and lush.
A message of penance, a call for prayer,
Echoed in the hollows of Lourdes' lair.



If you, or someone you know, is ill and would like to receive a home visit, tell Fr. Jose.

Planning a baptism? See Fr Paul

Want to become a Catholic? Open to the idea? See Fr Paul

Planning a wedding? See Deacon Stephen. Six months notice is required.

Do help the parish via QR code OR BY MACHINE in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend;

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A reflection on Sunday’s First Reading: Acts of God

There is a legal term for a natural disaster. It is called an “act of God.” It is a little unfair to libel God with deeds of destruction. Even so, when the forces of nature reveal their strength, people become aware of their own weaknesses and meditate on the power of God.

But when people go in search of God, they rarely go to the place of an earthquake, a fire, or a tornado. They go to a quiet place. They watch the sunrise. They pick a wayside chapel. They sit by the ocean. They find God’s majestic voice in whispers of peace.

When Elijah fled the grasp of the angry and murderous Jezebel, he eventually found himself in a cave on the mountain of God, Horeb. There he witnessed God passing by. Not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire did Elijah behold God’s presence—but in a tiny whispering sound.

Noise surrounds much of our day. The radio or television breaks the morning silence. Ambient music filters through elevators and grocery stores. Our cars cannot block out the cacophony of traffic. It may not take an act of God for us to be able to find God. It may just take a quiet space.

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