



St Joseph's Catholic Church

Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OXON OX18 3BS

Twenty-fifth Sunday (B) 19.09.2021

Sat 18 Sept 6.00pm (Burford) Ron Wilkinson LD

Sun 19 Sept 9.00am (Bampton) Eileen O'Donoghue A

25th Sunday (B) 10.15am Prince Joseph LD

Mon 20 Sept 9.45am Brother Ambrose May OFM Cap

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Korean Martyrs

Tue 21 Sept 6.30pm Fr Peter Lees A

St Matthew

Wed 22 Sept 12.00noon Anne Heaton GE

Thu 23 Sept 6.00pm Pat O'Neill GE

St Padre Pio

Fri 24 Sept 6.00pm (Burford) Joanna Agnew GE

Our Lady of Walsingham

Sat 25 Sept 6.00pm (Burford) People of the Parish

Sun 26 Sept 9.00am (Bampton) People of the Parish

26th Sunday (B) 10.15am People of the Parish

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

On Wednesdays there is a Noon Mass followed by a light lunch in the hall.

Deadly Fairy Hidden in plain view

A parishioner persuaded me to look at the small print on a back of a bottle of Fairy Original Liquid. What I saw was: "Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects"

Factoids

*Georg Friedrich Haendel completed *Messiah* on 14 September 1741 after working on it non-stop for 23 days.

*The population of Britain was just over four million in 1600. By 1901 it had risen to forty million.

*New Zealand was the first country to grant all women the vote on 19.09.1893.

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Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Chris Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Marie Whelan, Isalina de Freitas, Elaine Barry, John Pollock, Zena Miles, Dominic Lackschewitz- Martin, Susan Wiffen, Barbara Gianni, Gianfranco Formigli, Philip Buckingham, Dom Michael Phillips OSB, Gerardo Pama, Ron Wilkinson, Fr Bengt-Ove Jakobsson, Prince Joseph.

Anniversaries: Frederick Hall, Margaret Eileen O'Donoghue, Sue Rice, William Hurst, Martha Blassnigg.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Rodrigo Bantug, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Pat O'Neill, Michael D'Souza, Maureen Reynolds, Joanna Agnew.

Parish Bank details for Standing Orders.

Natwest sort code 60-24-60 and account 43009530. Thanks to all who support the parish in this way. **The overdraft at 3 September was £165,504.63** down from £169,820.60 in August.

Holy Communion. Nine children have been registered. Thank you. I will leave it to Fr Paul Smith to contact you all and arrange times for the sessions.

Andrew is moving to Watlington After more than 13 years, the diocese has asked me to move. Thank you for your friendship! Fr Paul Smith will be the new Parish Priest. Fr Paul's first weekend is 2/3 October. **My last Sunday is next Sunday 26 September. Join me in the hall after 10.15am Mass on Sunday 26 September for a drink or coffee and nibbles.**

Church open as previously. Please drop in, light a candle and say a prayer.

Readings: Wisdom 2:12.17-20. James 3:16-4:3. Mark 9:30-37
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What you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me (Mt 25:40) ... and the one who welcomes me welcomes not just me [but the Father], who sent me. (Mk 9:37)

Do not underestimate the effect on others of the good example of your Christian lives and witness! As the first reading states, virtuous life witnessed in another can indeed be an affront and implicit reproach to 'the godless', those who pretend to themselves that such things are unimportant and irrelevant. They are certainly on the watch. *'Let us observe what kind of end the virtuous man will have', they say.* But what difference can it possibly make? They deceive themselves if they believe that, since integrity of life is at the core of what it is to be a human being. Besides there are a lot of principled people of integrity for whom belief in a God simply does not resonate. Among these are probably a fair number willing to be convinced of the validity of a life of faith. They will be attracted to it themselves if they see and experience people of faith living fulfilled and happy lives made meaningful through faith. There is an infectious quality of our Christian lives, of doing and creating something beautiful for God.

Meeting people where they are is an excellent maxim when it comes to sharing faith. Since there is so much good in the world, one should seek to find the good in others before expecting a positive to the Christian Gospel (Good News). The experience of Christian missionaries is that in learning about the culture of a people and probably learning their language, it is they not the people to whom they are sent who will be missioned to initially. Sadly, Christians have very often failed to put love into practice. They have persecuted each other. We must recognise the failings in ourselves if we wish to be authentic. St James mentions jealousy and ambition, but there are plenty of other temptations and faults to overcome.

The Gospel is a reminder that such temptations were present in the Christian community from the outset. The disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about his prophesied death and resurrection when they failed to understand. They refuse to answer his question about why they were arguing. They are like argumentative children attempting to assert themselves. How dismayed he must have been. The history of Christianity has been one moral failure after another, with occasional saints to cheer us and show us it is not a waste of time. We must beware of wealth and power: poverty and powerlessness bring us back to Jesus. Seeking to be with the poor is to imitate what Jesus did. The example of the little child speaks volumes. It is a gentle lesson that Jesus teaches them:

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not [just me but the Father], who sent me.