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**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



15th September 2024



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I was helpless so he saved me!

The above words are to be found in Psalm 114 which we will pray through as the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday. The psalms are the prayers of the Old Testament, and in this psalm the words can be understood as a prayer of the people of Israel who, living under constant threat from the more powerful nations which surrounded them, developed a need to depend on God's protection. However, as prayer always has a personal and intimate dimension, the above words can also be understood as the proclamation of the individual person who has come to depend on the power of God in their lives!

Of course, we all depend on God in countless ways, and it's true that God usually comes to us through the help of others, whether that be family and friends or professional services, however, those human supports can also obscure our sense of God's personal and real presence and action on our behalf. And so, it is in the discovery of our own need for God himself that our faith becomes, at once, more alive and more personal.

It is so strangely wonderful that the acknowledgement of our own personal need is at the same time our own recognition and experience of the power of God at work in our lives. Human need is God's highway into our lives and when we open the gates, he comes rushing in!

I pray that we would all be drawn into a deeper experience of just what it is that God can do, and then we would all have those words of witness on our lips, "I was helpless so he saved me!"

*Yours in the love of Jesus,
Fr Gerard*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY IN THE PARISH

On Sunday 29th September, Holy Communion under both kinds, which means communion with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood, will be re-introduced at all Masses in the parish. I am grateful to all those who will serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. (The priest and deacon are referred to as Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist). For those who were unable to attend our Saturday Eucharistic Morning, there will be another short session of introduction and training for the ministry on **Wednesday 2nd October after the 7.00pm Mass**. It is important that Ministers will have attended a training session before taking up the role.

New Ministers will be commissioned, and current Ministers will be recommissioned, on the days on which you take up your ministry according to the rotas which have been sent out.

We pray God's blessing on our liturgy as we make this step forward, that all we do may enhance our celebration of the Mass and deepen our reverence for Jesus, truly present in our midst.

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 16th September

Monday 16th Sept	Tuesday 17th Sept	Wednesday 18th Sept	Thursday 19th Sept	Friday 20th Sept	Saturday 21st Sept	SUNDAY 22nd Sept
NO MASS	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	Mass C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 15th September	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 22nd September	Margaret Borman	Tony Finnan

Children's Church: C.C. - Siobhan & Molly H.S. - Lisa S & Joanne T

Requiem Mass

On Thursday 19th September at Holy Saviour's, Fr Peter will be celebrating a Requiem Mass for Mary Warren (85) at 10.00am. Mary was a resident in Belvedere Manor, Colne. May she rest in peace.

Died Recently

We pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Carlile, the sister of Ray Whalley, who taught for many years at FisherMore. May she rest in peace.

SMA Mission Appeal

Total collection in cash and through Fr Tom's card machine: £1,050. Many thanks, and may God continue to bless the Society for African Missions!

CHURCH COLLECTION

25th August: £363.50
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w

£1 DRAW (Last two weeks)

Maureen Fannon, Joyce Shea, Tyrone McLaughlin, Susan O'Malley, Sheila Cooper, Jackie Jennings, Eibhlin Welch and Bridie Oldham.
£175 towards Parish Funds, thanks very much.

Annual Retreat at The Briery, Ilkley

Friday 18th Oct - Sunday 20th October
THEME: Pilgrims of Hope. Led by Linda & Helen.
COST: £180 - £20.00 deposit before 7th Sept.
CONTACT: Sue Barnes: 01282 618231.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 17th September at 12 noon.
Community lunch
£4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.
All welcome.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 15th Jean Margaret Hanslip (2016)

Giovanni Ferullo (1985)

Sheila Clay (2020)

Paul Needham (2010)

Sept 16th Owen Moran (1981)

Alice Hodge (2019)

Maureen Salisbury (2020)

Sept 20th Rev Terence Schofield (2016)*

Sept 21st Dorothy Fayle (2004)

Sean Martin (2022)

*Last priest at Holy Trinity Church before its closure in 2003.



MEN'S RETREAT DAY

Our Men's Retreat Day will take place at St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley on **Saturday 19th Oct**. Our retreat guide will be Ken McCabe, a layman from Liverpool with a background in education, chaplaincy, and prison ministry. Even if you are not a parishioner of SJS parish, then you are very welcome to join us if you can just let me know and I will provide you with more details. Here in the parish, I'll be collecting names over the next few weeks.

Men of the parish... please do come along!

FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION is 30 years old!

Celebration on Sunday 15th September
at 3.00pm at Christ Church.

Fairtrade service followed by afternoon tea.

Please do join us!

Thank you, Sheila Chadwick.