



Why be humble?

Now there's a question. One answer can be found in today's second reading: "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition," St James writes, "you find disharmony." Humility is a good antidote to jealousy and ambition: it teaches us to take the lowest place, to see good in others before we see it in ourselves, to put others first and to accept God's will. So often, as St James reminds us, we have ambitions which we cannot satisfy, and sometimes this can lead us to put our own needs before those of others. James teaches us that this results in a battle even within ourselves, a lack of peace that eventually finds its way into our actions. As Christians, the Lord teaches us a way of humility – one which He Himself has lived – and so gives us an example of how to find peace within our hearts and between us and our neighbours. If we seek humility, we help to make the world a more peaceful place. And that is a very good reason to be humble.

FOCUS ON... Xaverian Missionaries

The Xaverian Missionaries were founded in the late 19th century, undertaking its first mission in China in 1899. Today the Xaverians are active in around 20 countries, and have two houses in the UK: one in Glasgow, and the other here in Fulwood. The order's website explains their basic mission: "Following our holy founder St Guido Maria Conforti, and reliving the same charism, we Xaverians respond to the Lord's mandate: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation'." (Mark 16:15)

The Xaverians came to Preston in 1985 and had a house in Ribbleton until establishing the new spirituality centre (formerly Tabor) across the road earlier this year. This Sunday there is an open day at the centre, 12noon-4pm. Why not call in and discover what's on offer? Learn more about the plans for the centre, and enjoy a fun afternoon.

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MASSSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 135

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 25, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 22 nd Sept	6pm (vigil)	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann Singleton RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 23 rd Sept	9:30am		Joseph, Mogul and Arke Swamy RIP	
	6pm		Pauline Fairhurst RIP	
Monday	9:15am		Our Lady of Walsingham	Bread Soko RIP
Tuesday	7pm			Catherine Birtles RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Private Intention (MS)	
Thursday	9:15am	St Vincent de Paul	Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon		Anne RIP and Gerard Topping – wedding anniv.	
Saturday 29 th Sept	10am	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Shirley Gilleade RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary & Eddie Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 30 th Sept	9:30am		Special Intention	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during September will go to our Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) appeal.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Hudson, Barbara Pye, Peter Houghton, Dorothy Jones, Catherine Lee, Betty Marcella, William Fowler, Helen Gildert, James Smart, Margaret Holden.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2018-9: Introductory letter and enrolment forms for Confirmation (school year 6 and above) available in the narthex. Any queries, contact the parish office. Deadline for Confirmation forms is this Friday (28th). **Reconciliation** preparation begins next Sunday at 9:30am Mass.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The next Journey in Faith group will begin in a few weeks' time. If interested, contact the parish office.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, no hospital Mass this week.

XAVERIAN OPEN DAY: at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre (formerly 'Tabor') across the road. Come and see what's on offer. This Sunday (23rd), 12noon-4pm. Story telling, food for all tastes, garden games and more. All are very welcome.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 14th October. The booklet is on Blessed Oscar Romero, who will be canonised that day. Copies available from sacristans.

RITA'S SPONSORED WALK was completed recently. Congratulations and thanks to her! If you signed up to sponsor her, please hand in your contribution in an envelope (marked 'statue'; include your name so we can mark you as having paid).

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: This Tuesday, 6-8:30pm. For children in years 4, 5 and 6 and their families. Come and discover our Catholic High School.

RWANDA GROUP TRUST: Celebration for all (no commitment required), Sunday 30th September, 2pm at St Gregory's Social Centre on Blackpool Road. See poster.

'ONE BODY' TALKS: exploring the many faces of Catholicism in Preston. A series of evenings each led by one of the different expressions A chance to learn about and celebrate the variety that makes up the Body of Christ in our city and an opportunity to foster unity. Thursdays 4th Oct–22nd Nov 7:30-9:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. More info: team@metanoiaproject.co.uk 07957 566741/see poster.

VATICAN ASTRONOMER Br Guy Consolmagno SJ will speak at the Xaverian Centre (formerly Tabor), Monday 8th October 7-9pm. See poster for more details.

HOW DO WE HEAL THE WORLD? Prayer, reflection and sharing ideas on care of creation. St Bernadette's, Lancaster, 27th September, 7:15-8:30pm. See poster.

NORTHERN SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL: at Salford Cathedral, 10am-5pm on Saturday 6th October. Speakers, workshops, resources. www.scripturefestival.org / see poster.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday at 8pm in the parish centre. This will be a presentation by Russell Hedley on the Galapagos Islands.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This week for Bishop's Administration Fund.

LAST SUNDAY: At Mass: 480; Collection: £1,056.51; Home Mission Sunday: £291.57; Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:30am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (1)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Reconciliation: Parents' info meeting	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

Friday 5th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Tuesday 9th October: Launch of ACN Iraq appeal, 7pm Mass and presentation

Friday 12th October: School Harvest Festival, 2pm

Saturday 13th October: Day of Renewal with Barbara Mason

Tuesday 16th October: Talk on the English Martyrs by Chris Robson

Friday 26th October: Blackpool lights coach trip

Diocesan Education Mass:

Lancaster Cathedral, 12th October, 7pm

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.