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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
18th June 2023

FINDING HAPPINESS BY GIVING IT AWAY

Christ's heart beats for us.

And we, as Christians, are called to follow in Christ's footsteps.

This means that we are called to love the same way that Christ loves: thinking first of all not of ourselves, but of those around us.

There is a paradox here.

We are called to love without seeking a reward, and yet, when we do love that way, we automatically receive the greatest reward of all: happiness.

Here on earth we can never experience perfect happiness.

This is a fallen world, filled with evil, and we are fallen human beings, faced with an endless gauntlet of struggles and problems.

But when we respond to those struggles as Christ responded to his - with love, with self-sacrifice - we grow in wisdom, experience internal joy, and discover the meaning and purpose for which we were created.

True, we can't be perfectly happy here on earth, but when we follow Christ's example of self-forgetful love, we experience the next best thing: the interior strength and joy that comes from knowing without any doubt that we are on the one true path to the perfect happiness that God has in store for us.

This is what Jesus meant when he said,

"Those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39).

It is also what he meant when he said;

"There is more joy in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35).

We find happiness in this life when we work for the happiness of others.

Today, Jesus will show his love for us once again in the sacrifice of this Mass, and he will give himself to us in Holy Communion.

When he does, let's ask him to give us the grace we need to follow his example, caring more about the needs of others - whether family members, colleagues, classmates, or next-door neighbours - than about ourselves.

RIP FR JOE RODRIGUES

We pray for the soul of Fr Joe Rodrigues died peacefully last week in Goa. Many will remember Fr Joe who spent some time at the Annunciation Church and we ask you to pray for the repose of his soul.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023

Dates for those enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion course are:

June: 24th & July: 1st & 8th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15th July.

PADLEY INTER-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 9th July

The procession from Grindleford Train Station takes place at 3.00pm and Holy Mass commences at 3.30pm.

Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham will preach and pilgrims are invited to arrive early if they wish to picnic in the chapel grounds.

WATCH AND PRAY

Watch and Pray is a collection of prayers, hymns and readings collated by the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ for use by students of Mount St Mary's College.

The published book is now available to buy both from the college website: www.msmcollege.com/shop or by placing an order through the Parish Office.

Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

Please note: If purchasing through the parish, payment must be made in advance.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

14th – 21st September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:

07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 to 23 October.

For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at joegmcnally@gmail.com or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

PARISH CENTRE KEYHOLDERS

Parishioners with access to the parish centre are reminded that this privilege allows them to gain entry to the church only and that the Parish Centre is still an active building site with a great number of hazards.

Besides the obvious health and safety risks, over the next two weeks the floors will be sanded, waxed and sealed, and therefore the hall is strictly out-of-bounds to all.

SUMMER 2023 IS FINALLY COMING!

As we were promised – the weather did get warmer this last week and the heat certainly appears to be sticking around for the foreseeable future! This is therefore an appropriate and neutral time to ask everyone to consider their attire when attending Holy Mass: Modern culture has done a lot to erode away many of our traditions as well as decency and reverence. Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of Respect, Honour, and Reverence for the Real Presence of Our Blessed Lord.

There are TWO main reasons one should dress modestly and decently for Mass:
Out of respect for God.

In Order not to be a distraction or stumbling block to our fellow parishioners. It is also a wonderful way to teach our children respect, honour and reverence.

Here is what the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** has to say about dressing properly for Mass:

“To prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.”
– CCC 1387

Generally, we should be guided by the principle that what we may be suitable for a summer party may not be suitable for the sacred worship of God.

RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES

These boxes now need emptying. Can all parishioners who hold these boxes, please return them to their respective church.

A box has recently been handed in without a name on it, this is now ready for collection.

So please everyone make sure your name is on the label when handing in your box.

Many thanks. Richard & Geraldine and Mike O'Sullivan

SUMMER COURSES AT STONEYHURST COLLEGE

The Christian Heritage Centre (CHC) based at Stoneyhurst College, Clitheroe, is offering the following summer courses this year:

Catholicism and Contemporary Culture, 3rd-6th August

Explore the themes of truth, reality and sacramentality, and the differences in the Catholic and secular conceptions of these. The course will be of particular support to teachers of RE, catechists and those working with youth and young adults.

Human Nature, Gender and Identity, 25th-28th August

This course will explore how Thomas Aquinas's anthropology provides the framework for the Church's understanding of what and who the human person is. The course will be of particular interest to those teaching theology in secondary and higher education and those providing training and CPD to other educators and catechists.

For more information or to make a booking please see the poster at the back of church

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 19th June	<i>No Public Mass</i>	
Tuesday 20th June St Alban, Martyr	9.30am Holy Spirit	Private Intention
Wednesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished Annunciation</i>	John Gill <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 22nd June Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	10.00am Holy Family	Requiem Mass for Peter Hill
Friday 23rd June	12.00noon Annunciation	For all souls in purgatory
Saturday 24th June VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Kate Johnson <i>Holy Hour</i> Kath Lowry
Sunday 25th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Giuseppe & Ida Acierno People of the Parish Roy Kellet

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.