

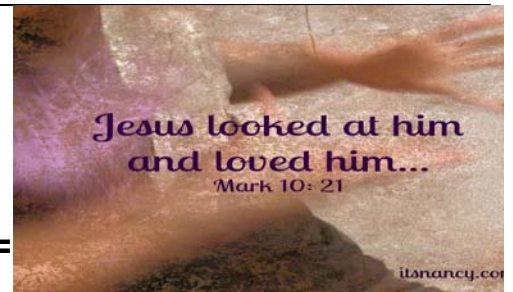
Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

11 October 2015

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Joy, Love and Sadness in the Visits Hall.

One of the most poignant places in a prison is the visits hall. These are usually fairly featureless places, with maybe a crèche in the corner for young children, where the world outside and the world inside a prison meet. There are groups of chairs around a table, with one chair on its own, for the prisoner, and a group of three for his or her visitors. Around the edge of the hall prison officers maintain a watchful eye, making sure that nothing illegal passes from one to another. It is a place of whispered conversations, of stress sometimes as fragile relationships struggle along, but very often it is a place of love.

It is here that a mother, a daughter, a grandmother, or a partner will look long and hard at the person they have come to visit. They will have known the prisoner long before he or she became a prisoner. And they will know them so well. It could be said of these people that they look steadily at the prisoner and they loved them.

Of all the words in our gospel this morning, these words about Jesus are deeply moving. A young man, full of ideals, full of energy, full of hope, has heard about this good man who seems so different from other people he may have encountered. He wants to come close to Jesus, to please him, and so he asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. He thought he knew the answers to this question, but maybe he didn't know Jesus as well as he thought. You see, this young man's encounter was with God, with God who knows us through and through and who knows what stands between us an eternal life- in case of this young man his attraction to riches
continued over.....



PRISONS WEEK

The Coming Week.....

**Sunday
11 October
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

**Monday
12 October**
We will be reciting the Rosary before Mass during the week.
8.30am Mass

**Tuesday 13 October
8.30am Mass**

**Wednesday
14 October
8.30am Mass.
9.15am School Harvest Festival service in Church.
All Welcome**

7.30pm RCIA. "We are People who Pray" – exploring the essence of prayer and the ways of doing it.

**Thursday
15 October
St Teresa of Jesus,(of Avila)
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**
Born in 1515, Teresa entered the Carmelite Order, making progress in the way of perfection and receiving mystical revelations. She undertook the reform of the Order, against great opposition. She died in 1582.
8.30am Mass

**Friday
16 October
8.30am Mass**

**Saturday
17 October
St Ignatius of Antioch
9.00am Mass in Cemetery.
11.30am – 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Sunday
18 October
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
World Mission Sunday.**

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

**Sacramental Programme
Celebration this Weekend.**

6.30pm Ecumenical Service, this month at United Reformed church, Worsley Road. This will include a continuous **reading of the whole of Saint Mark's Gospel** (the shortest of the four Gospels!) *Could you volunteer to be part of the readers' team for the event? – twenty volunteers needed, please append name to list in porch.*

Further ahead

**Saturday 17 October.
An Afternoon of Music** at Moorside Independent Methodist church by Sydney Hall and Friends.

**Saturday 24 October
An Invitation.....
Come & Meet the Fraternas**
In this Year of Consecrated Life, the Fraternas (The Marian Community of Reconciliation – based in Rusholme) would like to invite women between the ages of 18-30 years to share a day of community life, prayer and apostolic work.
**10am-6pm at St Edward's
Presbytery, 13 Thurloe St.
Rusholme, M14 5SG**

20-22 November
The Fraternas will also be leading a **Silent Retreat** ~ for single women aged 18 – 30yrs at Pantasaph Retreat Centre, North Wales. Cost £50 (meals included).
For further details see their website: www.fraternasuk.org or 0161 224 2589.

14&15/ 21&22 November
The UCM will be holding their Christmas Sale at the back of church.

But does Jesus, seeing into this young man's heart reject him or condemn him? No, the Gospel tells us that, knowing him so well, he looks steadily at him and loves him.

Those who end up in prison, in that visits hall, do so for many complex reasons - maybe through greed, plain and simple, maybe through a love of violence for its own sake, but often the reason why people commit crime are indeed complex. And it is important, if people in prison are to "make all things new" to begin a new life that they stay close to those who known them, to those who love them and who will support them once they are released.



We all need to be challenged about how we lead our lives, about our values and our relationships. Today's gospel should help us to do this. But we also need to support those who find this process so difficult and yet remain loving of those in prison. We need to support the families of people in prison so that we can support those they love in making their lives new again on release.

Please pray for those in prison, that they have an encounter with Jesus Christ and know that they are loved. Please pray for those who love people who are in prison.. Please pray for the work of the Prison Advice and Care trust (Pact) and all those who give real practical support so that loving relationships may be strengthened, even in the somewhat bleak atmosphere of the visits hall.

Written by Fr. Rodger Reade, Catholic Bishops' Prison Adviser.

Jimmy Cricket comes to Swinton...

Parish social evening/concert featuring Jimmy Cricket to take place at Moorside Social Club on Tuesday 10 November, tickets £8.00.

The proceeds will be for Francis House children's hospice.



This is in collaboration with promoter Jim Nicholas who many of you know is a long time fundraiser. Tickets are now on sale and I am sure you will want to support this cause that is very much part of the work of the diocese for children and their families in need of care during a critical time of their lives.

You may have heard that Jimmy C has just been awarded a Papal Knighthood in recognition of his work for charity - particularly for Francis House. Congratulations to a very worthy recipient.

Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Saint John's church Burnley are organising a pilgrimage 25 February - 3 March. If you are interested please consult Maria Kidd or take brochure from porch table..

Loreto Sixth Form College Open Day

Saturday 18 October

11.00am - 2.00pm

Please see poster in the porch for more details

Thank You from....

The Montfort Missionaries for your generous response to the appeal in September. The total collected was £660.91. Fr Blaise really enjoyed his visit.

And from CAFOD for the Harvest Fast Day collection - £788.15

Wednesday evening Growing in Faith series.....

Session 2:

Wednesday 14 October.

"We are People who Pray"

In this session we will reflect on the place of prayer in our lives and the importance of our personal relationship with God. We will explore some ways of using the Gospels in our prayers

Session 3:

Wednesday 28 October.

"We are People who celebrate Forgiveness"

In this session we will explore the notion of God's mercy and forgiveness and how we celebrate this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in our personal lives.

Session 4:

Wednesday 11 November.

"We are people who Celebrate God's Word"

In this session we will explore how God's Word in the Scriptures is so central to our lives as Christians, both in our worship and in our personal lives

Session 5.

Wednesday 25 November.

"We are People who Follow Jesus"

In this session we will explore the meaning of the Commandments and the Beatitudes.

Session 6:

Wednesday 9 December.

"We are people who Live our Faith"

In this session we will explore some of the practical ways in which we can live our faith by using the gifts that God has given us both in our life of community and as individuals.

Session 7:

Wednesday 16 December.

"We are People who Celebrate Life".

In this session we will explore the meaning of Christmas and our faith in Jesus being both God and Human.



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