

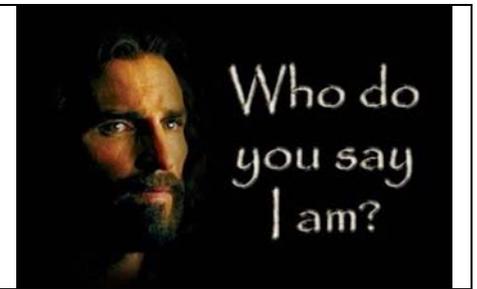
Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

19 June 2016

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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A Reflection on the Gift of Human Life

Paula has profound intellectual and multiple disabilities and she spends much of her time rocking gently, smiling and looking around her. She cannot talk but she clearly loves to sit outside in her wheelchair, in spontaneous appreciation, listening to the birds, feeling the warmth of the sun and the cool of the wind, taking in the scent of the flowers. Just watching the world go by. Above all, she loves people to come and sit with her. As Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche says, people like Paula live by the heart.

Paula reminds us all, especially very busy people, to stop and see that God has given us so many gifts, and often the most wondrous gifts are the simple ones that we take for granted. It is also easy to overlook or ignore or indeed think less of people who rely on the heart, who do not seem to be 'like us' because of disability, age, vulnerability or frailty.

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples come to a crucial turning point as Jesus asks them, "who do you say I am?". Peter's reply, you are "the Christ" is inspired and spontaneous. It is from the heart. People like Paula ask simply by their presence, "who do you say I am?". The response is also inspired: each human being, whatever his or her capacities, is wonderfully made in the image of God and as St Paul tells the Galatians, all the baptised are one in Christ. There is no 'us' and 'them'.



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The Coming Week.....

Sunday 19 June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time "Day for Life"

A day of special prayer for all human life.

This year's focus is on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home, which is God's creation. As Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in 'Laudato Si', there is a real need to rediscover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live.

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am and 11.00am.



6.30pm Ecumenical Worship – this evening our monthly service is at the United Reformed Church, Worsley Road.

**Monday
20 June**
No Mass in church this morning.

**Tuesday
21 June**
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
born into a noble Italian family in 1568, he entered the Jesuits at the age of 17. He worked to help the victims of the Roman plague in 1591, but contracted it and died aged only 23.
8.30am Mass

7.00pm Sacramental Programme. Final Unit, parents' session.

Wednesday 22 June

St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs
St John Fisher was born in Beverley (Yorkshire) in 1469. He was appointed bishop of Rochester and combined pastoral ministry with study and writing, especially in defence of doctrine. St Thomas More was born in London in 1478. An Oxford scholar and an incorruptible Judge who served as Speaker and Lord Chancellor. Both were drawn into the conflict with Henry VIII over his remarriage and papal supremacy. They were both imprisoned and beheaded for treason on 22 June 1535.

Mass in school this morning at 9.00am "ish"! Class 5. this will include Commissioning of new Chaplaincy Team.

7.30pm Grown-ups Growing in Faith (RCIA). Final session of year. The Church - Local and Universal - how the parish fits in to the rest of the Church, its structures and mission.

Thursday 23 June 8.30am Mass

Friday 24 June
The Nativity of St. John The Baptist.
8.30am Mass

Saturday 25 June
9.00am Mass in Cemetery.
10.00am Sacramental programme, final unit, children's session.
11.30am - 12.00noon Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Sunday
26 June**
**Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am and 11.00am.

Further Ahead...

Sunday 3 July.
The Final Celebration of the Sacramental Programme. Programme at 11.00am Mass.

In his encyclical on ecology, "Laudato Si", Pope Francis points out that we are deeply connected to the world around us. However, he adds that "a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." The Pope says that "we have only one heart" because ecology is also human ecology. An attitude of the heart allows us to see the world around us with wonder and as grace filled, so that all creation is alive to the glory of God. And the heart reminds us that every human being is a Christ for the other.

Pia Matthews

Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics,
St Mary's University, Twickenham.
from CaTEW Day for Life webpage.

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**A prayer to deepen our wonder at the gift of life from Laudato si':**

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, That we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Amen



**Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Wardley Hall.**

As you will be aware, we are in the midst of a "Holy Year" celebrating and focusing on the Mercy of God and its implications for our relationship with God and the very way in which we are Church in the world of today.

Part of the ritual of any Holy Year is the opening of the "Holy Door" in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome as a sign of the invitation God makes to each of us to enter into the embrace of his merciful love.

Each diocesan cathedral echoes that with its own Holy Door along with any other significant churches or places of pilgrimage.

Bishop John has designated Wardley Hall as the site of a Holy Door, combining it with his desire that the Hall is better used by the diocese. Many parishes and organisations have already visited. It is of course a place of great historic interest especially with its connection with Saint Ambrose Barlow.

I am hoping to plan a visit later in the year for the parish.



**Summer "Week" of Guided Prayer.**

Once again we are offering this over two weeks, from 6 - 20 August. For the Year of Mercy these weeks have been promoted throughout the diocese and a team led by the Jesuit community at the Holy Name church have undertaken this task. We will be using our own resources as in past years. **There will be more information available next week.**

**Red Missio Boxes.**

If you have one that has not been collected and emptied for some time, can you please bring it and leave it at back of church.

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**Ecclesiastical Education Fund.**

(for the training of priests for our diocese)

We had our annual collection just after Easter and currently the appeal is open for any further personal donations. Please place in an envelope marked "Ecclesiastical Education Fund".

Some donations are made in memory of a deceased loved one. Perhaps that might be an idea that interests you. **We will conclude this year's fund with a Retiring Collection at the end of July.**

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**SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS** – the uniformed organisations are grateful for your vouchers. The final date for collection will be Sunday 26 June.

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**Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.**

If you have a child not in Saint Charles school eligible for First Communion (i.e. in Year 3) and wish them to be part of the Sacramental Programme, please let me have name/contact details before the end of the school year.

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**Diocesan "Situations Vacant"**

Applications are invited for two posts of cemetery workers for our two Catholic cemeteries of Saint Mary's Wardley and Saint Joseph's Moston. *Details on poster in porch.*

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