

Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

9 October 2016

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CAFOD Focus on Bolivia...

Nicanora is a 32-year-old mother of four. She lives on a small farm on the Bolivian Altiplano - a vast, inhospitable plain almost 12,000 feet above sea level.. Nicanora works long, hard days, but the conditions on the Altiplano are tough - the burning sun shrivels fragile crops, and devastating hailstorms destroy what is left. No wonder Nicanora and her four children are hungry all year round.

Perhaps we can join here on a journey today - she begins it by digging a trench to catch precious rainwater to irrigate the potato field. Next, soil must be prepared so that carrots and onions can be planted. Bricks must be made to construct a greenhouse to protect the crops from hail and sun. A wormery must be built and used to create nutritious compost. If these steps and more are followed, through the grace of God, this journey that begins in poverty can - and will - end in abundance.

Of course, this journey will take more than two minutes. In fact, it will take two years. That's why, this Harvest Fast Day, We can do something a little bit different and rather special. We can stand alongside Nicanora and the people of the Altiplano. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has said: *"We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future."* Now is our chance to work together with Nicanora as she embarks on that journey towards a brighter future.



The Coming Week.....

Sunday 9 October Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is a Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

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

The Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a cake sale after Masses this weekend, funds for the restoration of Our Lady's statue.

**Monday
10 October**
St Paulinus of York, Bishop
Paulinus died in 644. He was among the second group of monks sent to England by Pope Gregory. After working for 20 years in Kent, he was ordained Bishop and sent to Northumbria. By 627, he had baptised the king and many of his nobles. Paulinus returned to Kent, where he served as bishop of Rochester for his remaining years.
8.30am Mass

**Tuesday
11 October**
St John XXIII, Pope
born in Italy in 1881, after a diplomatic a career he was elected Pope on 1958. He desired the Church to communicate more effectively with the modern world, calling the second Vatican Council and presiding at its opening before his death in 1963.
8.30am Mass

**Wednesday
12 October**
No Mass in church today.

**Thursday
13 October**
No Mass in church today.

Friday 14 October

St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
according to tradition he was a slave who became a deacon (supervising the cemetery on the Via Appia, that still bears his name) and later Pope. He was martyred in 222 and buried on the Via Aurelia

8.30am Mass

**Saturday
15 October**
9.00am Mass in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Wardley.

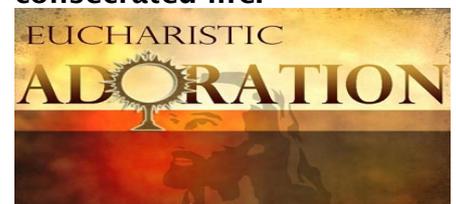
11.30am - 12.00noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 16 October Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Sacramental Programme
Celebration this weekend ~
Unit One "We are the People
of God".**

**Today is our day on the
diocesan rota of praying for
vocations to priesthood and
consecrated life.**



We will mark this with a period of Eucharistic adoration 2.00-4.00pm. This will depend on a good "sign-up" on the adoration list at back of church.

**Monthly ecumenical
worship** - this month at United Reformed Church, Worsley Road. 6.30pm.

In today's gospel we hear how only one of the ten men he healed came back to thank Jesus. How often do we remember to thank God for the good things we have been given? God created the earth and all that is in it for everyone to enjoy. Recognising that all we have comes from God should lead us to share these gifts with one another. And yet, so many of our brothers and sisters struggle to get enough to eat. Today we can give thanks for all the wondrous gifts that we have been given and commit ourselves to standing alongside those who are in need, like Nicanora. Let's do all that we can to ensure everyone can share in the abundance of God's gifts.

So how can we stand alongside Nicanora? Well, you'll see that your Harvest Fast Day Envelope includes the option to make a regular gift of £5 each month. By getting hands on to help people like Nicanora, your gift will provide the vital seeds, skills and training that Nicanora and her neighbours need. You will receive regular updates from Nicanora's community, so you'll be able to follow the journey from beginning to end. And in two years' time you'll be able to rejoice with Nicanora and her community as they await their first abundant harvest.

Of course, if you're not able to join the journey by giving £5 a month, anything you are able to give in the Harvest Fast Day collection is greatly appreciated, and will support CAFOD's work. Your generosity means everything to our sisters and brothers around the world.

(Adapted from material supplied by CAFOD)

Growing in Faith (RCIA Programme)

Exploring the Catholic Church
A series ideal for those thinking of becoming Catholics or renewing their knowledge of the Faith.

This is a series of DVDs from CaFé (Catholic Faith Exploration)

The talk titles are:

- * Who Needs the Catholic Church? (19 October)
- * Baptism - Gateway to Life (26 October)
- * Confirmation - Empowered to Serve (9 November)
- * Personal Prayer - Pathway to Joy (16 November)
 - * What is the Mass? (23 November)
- * Getting More out of the Mass (30 November)
 - * Keeping a Pure Heart (7 December)
 - * Mary and the Saints (14 December)

Reignite Young Adults Mass and Social! For young adults, on the back of the great experiences in Lourdes and WYD in Poland this summer - whether you were there or not - here is another chance just like then, to experience with other young people our faith as fun, engaging and transformative. Come along for - great speakers, brilliant testimonies, guest homilists, our young adults music ministry, hanging out with friends, pub social time - **Every 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5.30pm**, Salford Cathedral (Chapel Street, M3 5LL)

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Many thanks -
for gift of £100.00 received towards our Lady's statue restoration.

Further Ahead.....

Monday

10 October

Greater Manchester Churches Together are holding their Annual Assembly at the Cathedral Centre. The guest speaker will be Tony Lloyd, currently Police Commissioner for Greater Manchester. He will be speaking about the "Northern Power House", a very current topic with many implications for business and the economy of the region.

Saturday

22 October

Parish Holy Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Wardley Hall for tour and prayer service involving the "Holy Door" and Saint Ambrose Barlow's skull. Meet at church 1.00pm if you wish to walk or 1.30pm at Wardley Hall if going by car. **Please sign list in porch as places limited.**

Sunday

30 October.

"Carve a Heart" - "Turning a night of fear into a night of hope" - promoted by Greater Manchester Churches Together in conjunction with World Vision. See poster for more details.

Monthly Mass in Italian at the Hidden Gem

Starting on Sunday 24th October, Mass will be celebrated in Italian at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3pm. Fr Lorenzo Frosio, the Chaplain to the Italian Community in the Diocese of Leeds, will celebrate the Mass.

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