

Frank's marathon Marathon

"I finished in a personal worst time for a marathon but felt surprisingly good afterwards. I mainly walked and took 7h.45m including a beans-on-toast break. The weather was perfect and my injury didn't impede my walking.

"I split the route into three, and finished on a 4-miler with Anne, which was a great end to the day.

"Many thanks to all who donated and wished me well. I will leave the sponsorship open until Monday 19 October, and then send everything off to *Mary's Meals*: £1400 plus some gift aid so far." *Frank*

Visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FrankMiller>

Matthew Pearson RIP

Mick, Tricia and Clare would like to thank everyone for your prayers, kindness and support following the loss of Matthew.

Donations to the *Cenacolo* community in the UK raised £433 in memory of Matthew.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Winnie Kennedy (sister of Theresa Cole).

Those who are ill or infirm. Anne Hunt, John Skillen, Joyce Billsborrow, Alice Towers, Caroline Nurse, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, Margaret Pendleton, Janet Howarth, Austin Walmsley, Eileen Cartner, Andrew Whipp, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Simon Crossley, Mary Winstanley, Kevin Horan, Paul Cain, Jean Dunne, Louise Williams, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Pat Nickson, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornall, Florence McHale, Edward Pyke, Charles McKenzie, Robert Richmond, Bill Backhouse, Mary Constance (Connie) Acton, John Simpson, Elizabeth Pedder, Joseph Speight, John Waring, Isabel Berry and Peter Ibison.

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2020

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Brian Winstanley <i>RIP</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Marie McLaughlin <i>lately dead</i> [AML]
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---		
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Clare & Tony McManmon <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....				St Teresa of Jesus <i>virgin, religious, doctor of the Church</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri		---	Mass	In thanksgiving for a new baby [MC.G]
Sat.....				St Ignatius of Antioch <i>bishop, martyr</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	John Potter <i>lately dead</i> [VB]

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Hands, face, space, track & trace

Over the past few weeks, it has been heartening to see many of our parishioners returning to Mass. However, things are still far from normal and Wyre is an area of concern. How can we all play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe when attending Mass?

Hands. Please use the hand sanitisers as you enter and leave the church.

Face. All those who can are required to wear a face covering when in church. Please have your covering securely in place *before* you enter the building.

Space. When *entering* the church please be patient if you have to wait while the Stewards are seating other parishioners; you might even be asked to wait outside briefly. When moving around *inside* the church we ask households to keep to a 2m social distance from others. The easiest way to do this is always to ensure that you keep 2m away from those in front of you. When *processing to Communion* please keep 2m from the group ahead of you and allow an appropriate space before leaving your bench. When *leaving* the church please move away from the doorway without delay so that others can leave safely and do not have to walk through any groups.

Track & trace. Please complete a track & trace slip in your bench each time you attend Mass. Better still, scan in the QR code using the NHS Tracing app on your smartphone. In line with Government guidelines, your data will not be shared with anyone else and will be disposed of after 21 days. For more information on the NHS Track & Trace App: covid19.nhs.uk.

Sites of Christian pilgrimage in the Holy Land

This weekend, **10-11 October**, is the annual Holy Places special collection, which we were unable to take on Good Friday this year. This collection helps to support the Christian sites of pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Thank you.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day : special appeal

This is a Harvest like no other. Many families face chronic food shortage, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your support, Cafod can help people all over the world rebuild their lives.

Please return your Cafod Harvest Fast Day envelopes **this weekend**.

For Cafod's Appeal Video: <https://vimeo.com/453718072/66db9d386d>.

World Mission Day

Next weekend, **17-18 October**, is the annual World Missions collection.

First Holy Communions 2020

Over the coming weeks, and at various Masses, our young parishioners will be making their First Holy Communion.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Saturday 17 October, 10.00am: Mia Simpson.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

For many people, finding daily food is literally a matter of life or death.

For others, the challenge is to cook something everyone in the house will eat. For others still, it's the interest of trying a new recipe.

Sharing food and drink is at the heart of all our relationships; and when we celebrate the great events of life, we do so with food and drink and company. How we have missed that, and continue to miss it in these challenging times.

Isaiah the prophet imagined a coronation feast for the God of Israel; a feast the Lord himself will provide, on the holy mountain, and for all people. On that festival day, the shroud gripping the nations will be torn away; death and mourning will be cast aside. ... Sounds good to me.

Over centuries, the banquet became a potent symbol of God's purpose, God's vision. The destiny God has in mind for us creatures is a most marvellous feast of rich food and well-aged wines. On that day, our host will be the Shepherd-God described in the psalm. God will prepare our table, anoint our head, and fill our cup to overflowing. ... Sounds good to me.

This parable of the wedding feast, and last Sunday's story of the vineyard, both reinforce Matthew's vision of God's kingdom, God's open invitation.

Deliberately, Jesus ate with people everyone regarded as low-life. His parables spoke hope to people who had none, who felt excluded, shut out.

The sheer scale of God's vision is staggering. Isaiah saw a feast for all peoples; Jesus spoke of a wedding hall crowded with folk summoned from the streets and the gutters. Christ's blood was shed not for a few, but for the multitudes. "Blessed are *those* called to the banquet of the Lamb." Not just *us*, exclusively *us*, but *all those* God has in mind.

The sacrament of the eucharist and the scriptures declare God's vision for all God's children of every time and place.

In every aspect of our daily life, you and I either invite folk in to the vision, ... or turn them away.