

# BRINDLE St JOSEPH'S

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

(Sunday cycle year B, weekday cycle year 2, psalter week 4)

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY



*“Who do you say I am?”*

Through suffering and rejection, O God, you bring forth our salvation; for in Jesus you embrace our humanity and transform our lives by the glory of his cross. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may resist the lure of this world, take up our cross and follow your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THIS WEEK

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No 10.30am Mass</b>		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast)
	<b>Second collection: Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate</b>		<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	6.00pm	Denis Vizzard	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Ss Cornelius and Cyprian (memorial)
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Feria
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Feria
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Feria
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions (memorial)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No 10.30am Mass</b>		St Matthew (feast)
	6.00pm	Francis Elliott	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	For the Parish	

**First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass**

This week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	M Sherry	L Gardner	Not open
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	F Fordyce	J Slater	Not open
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	B Kellett	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	F Fordyce, C Snape
		<b>Collection counters</b>	C & K Snape
Next week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	L Gardner	P Cook	Not open
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	K Slater	L Rigbye	Not open
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	L Lomax	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	L Rigbye, J Kitchen
		<b>Collection counters</b>	L & M Gardner

**Last weekend: attendance: 81, collection: £239.55 – thank you!**

**Thank you also for the collection for the Catholic Education Service of £63.13**

### Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. (*Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*)

## This week's Saints

**Ss Cornelius and Cyprian.** Cornelius became Pope in 251 but died in exile in 253. Cyprian was Bishop of Carthage and was executed by the Roman emperor Valerian.

**Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr and Companions** (17th c): The Korean Church is unique because it was founded entirely by lay people. This fledgling Church, so young and yet so strong in faith, withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. Thus, in less than a century, it could boast of 10,000 martyrs. The death of these many martyrs became the leaven of the Church and led to today's splendid flowering of the Church in Korea. Even today their undying spirit sustains the Christians of the Church of Silence in the north of this tragically divided land. (*Pope St John Paul II at the canonization of the Korean Martyrs 1984*)

**St Matthew Apostle:** Also called Levi in Mark and Luke and a publican ie collector of taxes from his fellow Jews for the Romans. He is thought to have written an early version of the Gospel that bears his name. It was while eating at Matthew's house in the company of 'sinners' that Jesus utters the reassuring words: I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)

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**THIS WEEK** there are no Masses but there will be **Eucharistic Services** on **Tuesday** and **Friday** at 9.30am..

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This weekend we welcome **FR FRANCIS BALL** of Sacred Heart, Chorley.

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**THIS SUNDAY** is **Evangelii Gaudium** (the joy of the Gospel) **Sunday** – formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. There will be a **Second Collection** to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

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**READERS' TRAINING** organised by the Archdiocese Liturgy Commission on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD. 10.00am to 1.00pm followed by lunch. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For information or to book your place, please email: [pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk).

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**MISSALETTES FOR SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME** can be used on ferial days of the same week – the readings, psalm and Gospel acclamation will be different but the antiphons and prayers are the same.

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**PLEASE PRAY** for those who are sick or housebound including Michael Bolton, Isaac Wilson, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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**100 CLUB:** The winner for week 40 is number 19, Catherine Williamson. The next block of 10 weeks starts **next weekend** when **subs are due**.

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**During Ordinary Time (Autumn)** ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

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**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:** If you or someone you know would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain while in hospital, please ring 01257 262713 (for Chorley hospital) or 01772 719604 (for Preston). For St Catherine's Hospice, contact Brownedge St Mary's on 01772 335168.

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In the unlikely event of the need to evacuate church for any reason, the **ASSEMBLY POINT** is in Chapel Fold, by the statue of St Joseph.

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The **KEY FOR THE TOILETS** is available at the back of church during Mass.

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## Bidding Prayers – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (Home Missions) – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**(Priest)** On Home Mission Sunday, let us come together to ask our Father to hear and answer our prayers to bring the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ

**(Reader)** Let us pray for Pope Francis, that he may be a source of courage and dedication to us all and inspire the growth of our faith and deeper understanding of God. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for missionaries everywhere, working and serving in places unreceptive to the Gospel, that they might be filled with an enthusiasm that makes them effective and inspirational messengers of the word of God. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for those who care for the land. Bless them as they care for their livestock, harvest their crops, and continue to work tirelessly to bring us food. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for all people with mental health problems brought on, or exacerbated by, the stresses of modern life: may they receive all the help and support they need. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for all the young people who are beginning a new year at school or college. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, they may continue to grow in faith. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for the people of St Joseph's, especially the sick and elderly and those who may be feeling lonely and neglected. May we be generous in reaching out to them with practical support and love. Lord in your mercy...

We know that Mary our mother will always help us in our prayers. Let us think of her as we say Hail Mary...

We pause for a moment to present our personal petitions before God.

**(Priest)** Lord God, hear our prayers and those silently offered in our hearts through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.