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“Anyone who is not against us is for us”

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. Amen. (Catherine Gorman/CAFOD)

THIS WEEK

Sat 28 th	No 10.30am Mass		Feria
	6.00pm	Dyonizy and Olga Hetko	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 29 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 30 th	No Mass today		St Jerome (memorial)
Tue 1 st October	9.30am	Joseph and Mary Snape	St Teresa of the Child Jesus (memorial)
Wed 2 nd	9.30am	Abbot's intentions	The Guardian Angels (memorial)
Thu 3 rd	9.30am	For our schools	Feria
Fri 4 th	9.30am	June Rawson	St Francis of Assisi (memorial) CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Sat 5 th	10.00am	CONFESSIONS	BVM
	10.30am	For peace in the world (<i>Anointing of the sick during Mass</i>)	
	SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD		Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	6.00pm	Rodney Boon	
Sun 6 th	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 28 th		C Williamson		J Hothersall		L Lomax	
Sun 29 th		L Rigbye		S Schofield		B Gore	
Bidding prayers	Fr Raphael	Children's Liturgy	A Fowler, B Gorrell		Collection counters	P & J Kitchen	
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop	
Sat 5 th		G Hopkinson		P Fawcett		Not open	
Sun 6 th		R Conboy		M Gardner		Not open	
Bidding prayers	L Russell	Children's Liturgy	L Worswick, C Curwen		Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell	

Last weekend: attendance: 100, collection: £270.25 – thank you!

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48.

Anyone who is not against us is for us Jesus says to John in today's Gospel.

For John was protesting against someone whom he described as *not one of us*, but who was casting out devils in Jesus' name.

Jesus' response echoes that of Moses in our first reading, who centuries before, gives a similar answer to those making a similar protest against Eldad and Medad.

For, moved by the Spirit, they were prophesying, even though they had not been among the 70 elders who had, as it were, officially received the same Spirit.

Moses' answer was *If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and that the Lord would give his Spirit to them all.*

Returning to the Gospel: what did John mean by '*not one of us*'?

Did he mean not one of the disciples or not one of the twelve or not one of the inner circle of Peter, James and John himself?

Whatever John meant, Jesus opens, extends and broadens the meaning of '*one of us*' to **anyone** who calls upon his name ... since it was through calling upon the name of Jesus that the *outsider* was successful in casting out the devils, for there is no other name that has the power to drive them out.

For us today, it is this calling upon the name of Jesus that unites us as Christians regardless of denomination or tradition – at least, in the baptismal trinitarian context.

A reminder to us as Catholics that, although we may speak of having a deeper, fuller experience of God's love through our sacramental tradition, God's graces and gifts are not confined to ours or any other denomination or tradition.

Since Jesus is **TRUTH** itself, then he must be saying that **anyone** who sincerely seeks truth is not likely to speak evil of me.

Therefore, if you and I are rooted in truth, perhaps we will be more open and tolerant of all the myriad ways in which Jesus reveals himself to the world as Truth itself, odd though some of those ways may seem to us.

Reflections:

I Am the Way the Truth and the Life says the Lord. (John 14:6)

Jesus said: If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31)

With prayers,

Fr Raphael.

This week's commemorations

St Jerome (341(or 2)-420): monk, priest and doctor of the Church who translated the best part of the bible from its original languages to Latin – it became known as the Vulgate bible. He was known for his sarcastic and cantankerous temperament. Earlier in life he had reluctantly accepted Holy Orders but apparently never said a Mass and his life was beset with argument and controversy. He was unrivalled in learning except for St Augustine who was also around at that time.

St Teresa of the Child Jesus (1873-97) also known as **Thérèse of Lisieux** who found God in holy obedience and the little things in life known as her 'Little Way'.

The Guardian Angels When speaking of children, Jesus warns 'See that you never despise any of these little ones for I tell you that their angels in heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in heaven'. (Mt 18:10) That each one of us has a guardian angel reminds us of God's loving concern for every one of us.

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) born of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi but Francis renounced all he possessed, preferring to live in abject poverty. He preached to all the love of God and love of all God's creation, because having given up everything, he now celebrated with exuberant thanksgiving all he received as gift. He wore an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied around the middle with string. Ten years later, 5,000 followers were wearing it.

DURING OCTOBER, we will say a decade of the **ROSARY** after weekday Masses.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL: The coming week sees our twice-yearly CAFOD appeal. As we enter the season of autumn, we traditionally give thanks for the harvest and the food that we are fortunate to have. We are invited to share our resources and donate to support CAFOD's work. Featured in the posters that we have in church is Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. By donating to this CAFOD appeal, you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so that more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the CAFOD envelope available from church or in your regular giving pack, or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

READERS' TRAINING organised by the Archdiocese Liturgy Commission on Saturday, 2nd 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.

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.

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

100 CLUB: The winner for week 42 is number 70, Fred Graham. The next block of 10 weeks has started so **subs are due**.

BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY – limited places available. Open 8.30am-3.30pm. 15 & 30 hour government funding for 3 & 4 year olds accepted. All local primary schools served. Contact: 07956242409 or email nursery@st-josephs-hoghton.lancs.sch.uk.

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.

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 Browndedge St Mary's on 01772 335168.

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.

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

TEA AND COFFEE are served after Mass on Sunday mornings. Please come along – you'll be very welcome.

Bidding Prayers for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Priest: Let us ask God our Father for all our needs and those of the world.

Reader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Malcolm, for all the clergy and for the many people who serve the church as well as all good people who may not be Christians. May we all spread the good news of God's mercy and love. Lord, in your mercy....

Let us pray for all those forced to leave their homes and countries because of war, famine, wild fires, floods or persecution. May they find hope and security as they travel to a new life. Lord, in your mercy....

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for all those in need in our parish: the sick, lonely, bereaved or anxious. Lord, in your mercy....

Let us give thanks for all the good things in our lives. Lord in your mercy....

Let us join our prayers with those of Our Blessed Lady as we say: Hail Mary....

In silence we pray for our own intentions.

Priest: God our Father we pray that you will give us the grace we need to live our lives of faith to the full, through 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.