

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING

1Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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Put the oxygen mask on yourself first

We are familiar with the pre-flight instructions, "...make sure to put the oxygen mask on yourself first before attempting to help someone else put on theirs." The same is true spiritually; we must breathe deeply of God's Spirit ourselves before attempting to help others. When we attempt to teach or lead others, and we haven't opened ourselves to God's Spirit within us, we're putting on a front, a mask, a costume.



CAFOD
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CAFOD in Burgabo

Isacko Jirma, an aid worker for Caritas Kenya in Burgabo, is helping to rebuild peoples lives after the East Africa drought in 2017. The crisis leaving over 13 million people without enough food to eat may be over according to our TV screens, but for people like Kushi Huka, a single mum, it is still very real. She says, "Without you, I don't know what would have happened. Maybe we would be dead." CAFOD as part of an extensive global Catholic Church network is one of the very few organisations working with people on the fringes of society. Thank you for your support.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3rd March 2019

Missal: p994

Eucharistic Prayer: 3

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 2nd March 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Frances Copp	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Catherine Holmes Michael Solski	<i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Prayer for those unemployed</i>
Mon 11.45am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	For safe delivery	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Mary Russell	
Wed 9.15am 10.30am	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Gerard Knight For our parish	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>
Thur 10.30am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	<i>Funeral Mass:</i> Joan Wane	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Winnie Shaw	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	George Keane	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Robert & Joan Taylor Tony Hardman	<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £648.30 Attendance: 203 (6.00pm: 215, 9.30am 101)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Gerard Knight, Michael Solski, Catherine Holmes, Joe Holmes, for safe delivery, Frances Copp, Joan Wane, Tony Hardman.

Parish Leadership Group

Thanks for all the completed questionnaires. These are being collated and a summary will be produced. Today is the last day to return questionnaires.

Please pray for the following: Joan Anderton, Francis Parkinson, Bill Embery, Judith Holman, Chris Goldsmith, Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Frances & Les Farrer, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Frank & Norah Stanton and Lawrence Dunnagan;

... for those who have died recently: Maureen Stella Cox, Frances Copp, Joan Wane, Francis Smith, Catherine Holmes, Thomas Ryding;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Fr. Fred Hamer, Joseph Slater, Eileen Bamber, Kathleen Gielty, Arnold Horner, Phebe Billington, John Rawcliffe, Jim Whiteside, Stephen & Clare Cummings, David Walker, Gervase Bamber, Bill Ellis, John Hanlon. Barbara Twine, Hettie Miller, Teresa Holden, Joe Gornall, Ellen Horan, Gerard Knight, May Smith, Tom & Daisy Walmsley, Bill Heaps, Geoffrey Nickson, Sandy, George McMillan, Richard Clegg, John Hanlon.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday

There will be Mass with ashes at 9.15 at St. Anthony's and 10.30am at Holy Family. Thanks for all who have returned palms for burning for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm.

'Lent in the Minster' - The annual talks will take place on Monday evenings during Lent but this year they will be at Central Methodist Church). Details next week.

St. Anthony's project - "Genesis to Jesus"

- a Lent course giving an opportunity to deepen knowledge of the Bible. You can follow the free 6 week course in your own time or join a small group each Thursday evening to watch the videos together. More details next week, or contact Jackie Stopyra on jackie.stopyra@gmail.com or 07934 667292. Sign up for the course at the St Paul Center, USA - <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm. Any young people in Year 7 and above may apply. Young people in Our Lady's High school will be contacted direct around Easter.

Rosary Service

At the Carmelite Monastery Church, St Vincent's Road Fulwood, on Tuesday 5 March at 2.00pm, praying for all expectant mothers and their unborn babies. There will be a talk by Fr. John Millar. Further information: fjmccg@outlook.com or 0777 943 6279

The Salvation Army Community Food Bank

... is currently running low on food and toiletries. We have lots of cereal and dried pasta but are running low on everything else. So far during February alone we have given out 600 bags and we are struggling to keep up with the demand. Any further help would be greatly appreciated. Tel. 555425 for any further queries. Thank you for your support!" The Salvation Army Foodbank on Harrington Street (PR1 7BD) is open each weekday morning, donations can be taken there.

St Anthony's ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Raffle Tickets will be available at the back of church next week 8th/9th March 2019 in aid of the National St Vincent de Paul Society (£1 a ticket £5 per book) with large cash prizes for the winners. St Anthony's SVP thank you for your continued support.

Special favour

Angie asks a special favour: "Katie and her team only need to raise £170 this week to meet their target for Francis House children's hospice. If you'd like to help her there will be a donation bucket at the back of church this weekend. Thank you."

Vacancy - Coordinator of school Chaplains

Our Diocese seeks to appoint a dynamic and enthusiastic person to coordinate and support the Chaplaincy Teams of the schools of the Diocese. We are looking for a committed practising Catholic to develop formation opportunities, support mechanisms and facilitate effective communication, networking and resource sharing for those serving as Chaplains in schools. See poster or contact Heather Watts at the Education Centre on 01524 841190 or hew@lancastrerdiocese.org.uk for more information.