

**Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year
Year A Psalms Wk 4**

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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God's Call

God's call comes to us in many ways and at many different levels. However, his call is not so much a voice as a tug at our hearts, which we feel at quiet reflective moments in our lives. He is calling us into intimacy with himself. He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us to eternal life. To accept means to admit our need. Jesus said. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. But blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.' A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse but a blessing. A spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

OCTOBER

Sunday 15th	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament		3 p.m.
Tuesday 17th	The Way of Silence	<i>donation</i>	Priory Team
Fri 20th- Sun 22nd	How can Mark's Gospel speak to us today?	<i>£145</i>	Fr Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A
Fr Kieran returns to us for his seventh intensive weekend of scripture study. Fr Kieran is an honorary ecumenical Canon at Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin. He is the Biblical Studies Co-ordinator at Dublin's Holy Cross Diocesan Centre. He is an author and a lecturer, and has recently been involved in the presentation of a conference to mark the fifth centenary of Martin Luther's Reformation. Mark's Gospel will be our Sunday Gospel for the whole of next year			
Tuesday 24th	A Day for Families Introducing Christian meditation to children through contemplative and creative activities	<i>donation</i>	Priory Team

Masses at Christmas, advance notice

Sat 23rd December	Mass	10 a.m.	
Sunday 24th	Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
Sunday 24th	Christmas Eve	6.30 p.m.	9 p.m.
Monday 25th	Christmas Day	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
We have one other Mass, at HMP Highpoint at 9 a.m. But no longer at Cavendish.			

THOUGHTS FROM AUGUSTINE

The Wedding Garment

Now what precisely is meant by the words, 'My friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' Listen to the Apostle: 'If I give away all I have to the poor, if I hand over my body to be burnt, but have no love, it will avail me nothing.' So this is what the wedding garment is. Examine yourselves to see whether you possess it. If you do, your place at the Lord's table is secure.

Sermon 90, 1,6

Prayer: O Lord, my God, let my soul praise you that it may love you. Let it recount to you your mercies that it may praise you for them all.

Confessions 5,1

Saints of the Week

Monday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) A sister of the Visitation Order at Paray-le-Monial. Her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, her visions of Jesus and his promises to her, are the origin of the present-day First Fridays devotion.

Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, c50-c107, succeeded St Peter as second Bishop of Antioch, martyred in Rome. On his journey (it took months) from Syria to his death in Rome, he wrote letters to the Church in Antioch full of encouragement and faith. First writer to use the term 'Catholic Church.' Ignatius knew that he was to be thrown to the wild beasts to die. He wrote: *'I am the grain of God ground between the teeth of wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of Christ.'*

Wednesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist and author of the Acts of the Apostles, born in Antioch, companion of St Paul. Patron of the medical profession, artists and sculptors.

Friday 20th St Magdalene of Nagasaki, martyred in Japan 1634. An Augustinian Tertiary whose own parents were martyred in 1620, Magdalene served as a catechist and interpreter for the early Augustinian missionaries. Arrested and tortured for 13 days, she was suspended upside down in a garbage pit. Her body was burned and her ashes scattered. JPII canonised her in 1987.

Today is World Mission Sunday. It is a day of worldwide prayer for the missions and missionaries. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for *Missio*, to support the Church's missionary activity. Also, next Sunday, the 29th, we shall have a visiting preacher who will speak on behalf of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF).

(We are getting a bit clogged up with collections. Today we are catching up with last week's collection for PACT Prisoners Advice and Care Trust. We've had their intentions in our prayers all week.)

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for the CAFOD envelope collection which has so far amounted to £454. If there are any late entrants, not to worry: we shall send the money to CAFOD next week.

"A NEW HOPE IS BEING BORN."



This week a call by President Trump for an eight-fold increase in the number of US nuclear warheads further increased the anxiety of peace lovers all over the world. One of those peace lovers, whose voice doesn't make headlines, sees signs of hope in our troubled world. Jean Vanier, has written an open letter which restores our hopes.

"I am back in the monastery of Orval where I have been coming each August for 32 years now.

The swallows are still at work, singing, flying and crying their sheer joy at being alive. I give thanks for this place of peace where deep silence abounds.

In my latest book, I reflect on the evolution of humanity. Where are we going? Can we hope for peace, one day? Where are the signs of a renewal of humanity? I have the impression that a new hope is being born especially among young people. They want to work for peace, non-violence and unity. Perhaps this quest for peace is only a trickle of water, in front of the boiling waters of violence, but that trickle is truly there.

I dream that the prophecy of Isaiah would come true, where he writes of a time of peace where 'the wolf will live with the lamb, the panther will rest beside the kid goat. The calf and the lion cub will go together, led by a small boy.'

Recently I have come to see how compassion is at the heart of all religions. In Buddhism it is a compassion that ripens slowly in each person, through meditation and concern for the well-being of each human being, especially the most suffering and most rejected. 'Be compassionate as the Father is compassionate; do not judge, do not condemn but forgive.'

Perhaps, when we hear about the tragedies, about moments of suffering, and attacks in our societies, we could take some time to be in communion with these suffering people. This communion can become a prayer that helps those who suffer, easing their pain. I'm very touched by so many young people seeking God. Seeking a new meaning to their lives."

(Jean Vanier has a profound message for our time. Many of his talks are to be found in YouTube.)

Fr. Ben

On Retreat at Boarbank

The clouds seemed to have come down to meet me. The rain obscured the few but welcome signposts. I knew Boarbank Hall was just there. I wouldn't admit to being lost, but I certainly did not find it easily. I arrived by tight winding roads, now bordered by dry-stone walls, narrow enough to have once been sheep trails. I had aimed to arrive at the scheduled hour of four o'clock. To have made it by five past the hour I regarded as a triumph. The waiting cup of tea was as agreeable as I had anticipated. I did not expect to be able to stay awake for our first session at five o'clock but, dear reader, I did stay awake.

Our gathering on retreat consisted of seven friars of our Province and the community of sisters of the Convent at Boarbank. Basing his opening presentation on Pope Francis' first encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Fr Tony Banks spoke of **Ministry and Enthusiasm**. With lots of illustration from pastoral experience Fr Tony quoted Pope Francis: 'I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her.' We, retreatants, knew what was expected.

Fr Tony Banks is our Assistant General for the Augustinian family in the Asia Pacific areas. Before joining the Augustinians in Australia, he practised as a psychologist and also worked as a merchant banker: a formidable array of talent in one man. Fr Tony spoke of the **Joy of Evangelisation**, with its starting and finishing points in the first chapter of St John; *The Word was made flesh and pitched his tent among us* and the declaration *We have found the Messiah!* On successive days he spoke of the **Gift of Community** and of the possibility of jealousy and judgmental attitudes in community life contrasted with the **Ideal of Fraternal Love**. In speaking of the **Gift of Scripture** Fr Tony drew on much of Augustine's enthusiasms and insights, '*We should make a nest in our hearts for the Word of God.*'



On Tuesday afternoon, with Fr Tony and Fr Bernard, we went to Cartmel to see the village, the race course, and the Priory, a twelfth century foundation of the Augustinian Canons.

There is a well known sculpture of the Holy Family's Flight into Egypt, and there is a memorial of the Cartmel Martyrs, villagers and Austin Canons who were taken by force in a reprisal in 1537 after the Pilgrimage of Grace. This sunny day was followed by a day of torrential rain, flooded roads and high winds.

The days were framed by Morning Prayer, Mass, Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Compline. The sisters sing all the psalms, each to a different tone, rather beautifully. We friars struggled along in their company and Friday came all too quickly, but, Lord, it was good for us to be there.

Fr David

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brian Young (Lorna Quick's brother), Richard Lucking (Kate Davy's father), Freda Boylan (mother of Jo Donegan), Sarah Booth, Kath Bullen, Shirley Kennedy, Jane Brown, Sheila Green, Jack, Lali and Orlando Cardozo, Patricia McBride, Mark Lunn, Maura Kingston, Donna Wilson (Maria's daughter-in-law), Michael Farndon, Don Fitzgerald, Mary-Rose Henderson (Jean's sister), Abby Joyce, Pauline Wilkinson, Vivienne Hay's son Matthew, Peggy Rodgers, Jack Britton, Luke Twentyman, Ivan Smithet, Fred Taylor, Pat Dowson, Debbie Baloki, Brian David Hye (friend of Lucy Woodhouse), Karen Minns, Geoff & Joan Perry, Florence Hough, Gill Pardoe, Celia Poels, Karen Lane, Gloria Tatum and her son Alan, Annie Bareham, Joan Lally (Irene's sister), Anthony Stammers (relation of Sue Negus), Tony Ranzetta Jr., David Sowerby, Michael Kingston, Kathleen Taplin, Michael Cronin, Pat Moroney, Donna (Pat's daughter), Auriol Lamb-Cubitt.

If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound, and would like a visit, please let Fr. David know.

Remember in your prayers

On Wednesday we learned that Paddy Fitzpatrick had died. He had slept away. Paddy has done so much for the Priory. He will be greatly missed. He was one of the first that I met upon my arrival in 2001. Paddy was deeply affected by the loss of his wife, Nora, in June 2016, and by the very brief illness and death of his son, Martin, so soon after Nora. Let's keep the whole Fitzpatrick family in our prayers. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Fr David

Please note:

The **Requiem Mass for Pat Plenty** is at **1.00 p.m. on Thursday 19th October**. There will not be a 10 o'clock Mass that day, as I expect that many of our parishioners will be coming to Pat's funeral Mass at one o'clock.

And there will be no Mass on **Saturday 21st**

Collection

8th October - £788.00

Thank you for your continuing generous collection