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**Newsletter for the week commencing 5th/6th October 2019**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4.** In a vision, Prophet Habakkuk cries out to God for help, and God responds by asking him to write it down. That the righteous shall live by his/her faith is a famous saying of Habakkuk.

**Psalm: 94 Response:**  “O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts”.

**Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 6-8; 13-14.** St Paul advises Timothy to stir up into flame the gift of God that he has received through the laying on of hands. Paul, the pastor, turns theologian when he says that God does not give us a spirit of timidity but of power.

**Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10.** When the disciples ask for an increase of faith, Jesus refers to the Sycamore tree and says that if they with faith say to the tree to be uprooted and replanted in the sea it will obey them. Genuine faith can do unexpected things.

The hymns at the 10.30 Mass have been chosen by James and Lorraine Sharp for their 25th wedding anniversary. Please join in the CHORUS of the Communion hymn (832) - the verses are sung solo by the cantors.

**Father John writes:**

In recent years we have suffered natural disasters such as floods and wind damage and even wildfires, more than in the past. We are fortunate to live in a country that has resources to assist those badly affected, and also to take some defensive measures for the future. It is not the same in many other countries in the world – so often people are left with absolutely nothing when disaster hits them. And they are much more vulnerable than us to severe droughts and consequent famine. This is where organisations such as Cafod provide emergency resources. They also work constantly to help people to help themselves and become more self-reliant. Your generous contributions today from Cafod Family Fast day truly express your Christian concern for our needy brothers and sisters. The envelopes containing your gift will be collected as you leave after Mass.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Rev Mgr. Bryan Chestle RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton (in hospital) and Josie Payne.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Honora Scanlon, David Scrivens, Agnes Mary Nolan, Mary McHugh, Anne Wickham, Arthur McMullen, John Lorimar, Kenneth Stacey, Freddie Ryan, Fred Paynter, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, James Pillans, Andrew & Michael Steapp and Catherine Rice.

**This week’s events**

**CONGRATULATIONS to James and Lorraine on their silver wedding anniversary!** You are all invited to share cake and some fizz (or a soft drink if you prefer) to help them celebrate this Sunday, 6th October after the 10.30 Mass, in the church hall.

There is a **retiring collection** this weekend in aid of **CAFOD**, following Friday’s Family Fast Day. Envelopes for this collection are available for you to use.

  **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** “Beat on that thick cloud of unknowing with a sharp dart of longing love.” *The Cloud of Unknowing*, written by an unknown author in the 14th century, is an outstanding guide to contemplation, solidly grounded in the Western Christian mystical tradition. A series of excellent 10-minute talks on *The Cloud*, given by the Revd Graeme Watson, Anglican priest and author, is featured this week on [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 5th October | Our Lady | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *People of the parish*  |
| Sunday | 6th October | Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year  | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass *Lorraine and James Sharp - Silver Jubilee* |
| Monday | 7th October | Our Lady of the Rosary | 10:00am Mass *Canon Richard Meyer RIP* |
| Tuesday | 8th October | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 9th October | St Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration   |
| Thursday | 10th October | St Paulinus of York, Bishop | 9:00am Mass *Rev Michael Purbrick RIP* |
| Friday | 11th October | St John XXIII, Pope | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 12th October | St Wilfrid, Bishop | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 13th October  | Twenty-eighth Sunday (C) | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (12th/13th October)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Maggie U | Tony M | Rachel H |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise CarterMaria Milton | Liz DumbletonRani Thomas |
| **Flowers** | Hilary E | **Cleaners** | Noreen & Ted |

**Forthcoming events**

**Fr john is keen to start a parish home-visiting group** to fill the gap left by the closure of the SVP Society a couple of years ago. There will be a meeting in the **parish room on Wednesday, 9th October at 2.00pm** for all those who are interested in giving friendship and support to those who need to see a friendly face! Do come along and see what it’s all about.

**Missio: Today. Tomorrow. Together.** Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an [Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM)](http://www.october2019.va/en.html). This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment. We’re called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

There is lots of information on the Missio website. Do visit it and read about how you can get involved. Meanwhile, here is a special prayer which sums it all up**:**

**God our Father,**

**when your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,**

**He commissioned his followers**

**to ‘go and make disciples of all nations.**

**Through our Baptism You send us out**

**to continue this mission among all peoples.**

**Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**to be courageous and enthusiastic**

**in bearing witness to the Gospel,**

**so that the mission entrusted to us,**

**which is still far from completion,**

**may bring life and light to the world.**

**May all peoples experience**

**the saving love and generous mercy of Jesus Christ,**

**who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

There will be a second collection for Missio on 19th/20th October.