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1st September 2024 – 22nd Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr B

| <u>Day and Time</u> | <u>Mass or Service</u> | <u>Mass Intention</u> | <u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u> |
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| Sat. 6pm | 22nd Sunday | People of the Parish | <p>Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm</p>  <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p> <p>Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: psrenghishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk 07711 569880.</p> |
| Sun. 10.30am | 22nd Sunday | Budd Family | |
| Mon. | No Mass | | |
| Tue. | No Mass | | |
| Wed. | No Mass | | |
| Thurs. | No Mass | | |
| Fri. | No Mass | | |
| Sat. 6pm | 23rd Sunday | Halina & Ted Radlovski | |
| Sun. 10.30am | 23rd Sunday | People of the Parish | |

NEXT WEEK, 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr B ANNIVERSARIES, Fr. T Maudsley, Harry Littlefair

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY, We will have an open parish meeting on Sunday 15th September after the 10.30am Mass. More details to follow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025, We will begin in our First Holy Communion programme in September. Please do see if you would like your child to be enrolled. Year 3 and above are eligible.

ROME PILGRIMAGE 2025 is a Holy Year and so Fr. Daniel of St. Wilfrid's and I will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome from 22nd – 26th September. This trip is being organised by Tangey Tours, and we hope to have Mass both at St. Philip's Shrine and at the Venerable English College. Rome is already nearly full for the Jubilee, so please speak to Tangney's quickly. The hotel rooms can only be held until 16th September. Please email Gill@tangney-tours.com or ring 01732 886666. I know you have to make a decision quickly, but it will be great to get a good number! I also have booking forms.

MISSION BOXES, If any of you have a mission box that needs emptying, please bring to church and we'll count it and return it to you. Thank you for supporting the missions. If anyone would like a mission box, please let me know.

SUNDAY MISSALS, The new translation of the lectionary starts on the first Sunday of Advent. The CTS are publishing the new edition of the missal for £19.95. If interested in ordering copying, we can do it our repository.

DAY OF RENEWAL, Saturday 14th September from 11.30am-3.45pm in St. Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Starbeck, Harrogate HG2 7BE. Speaker is Fr. Michael Hall. "How to set the world on fire." Tea/coffee provided. Please bring a contribution to the shared lunch. For more info, contact Mary Callan.

YORK 50+ FESTIVAL, THE FRINGE & BEYOND, Anecdotes, drama and songs. Mary Callan reminisces about performing her BLAZING GRANNIES Bible shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, with special focus on her second show, KING DAVID'S WIVES. St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Tickets £5 or offer. Bookings welcome, tel 01904 464900 or ask Mary

SUNDAY PLUS

Care for creation

Clean hands AND clean hearts

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, I remember three things which proved to me, as a teenager, that there is a God. In no particular order, one was a single ray of sunlight which pierced dark clouds and bathed the fields below in golden loveliness. Another was the realisation that every tiny forget-me-not flower has a white, cream or yellow centre and I understood

the meticulous care that God has for each one of us. The third, surprisingly, was a cockroach dissection that I did as a biology student. The insect was so small that we needed to use a binocular microscope, which also showed the inner beauty of a creature I would have otherwise avoided – and I unexpectedly sat in the lab and prayed.

The Law of Moses is meticulous in its hygiene regulations so that

Jesus and his disciples were criticised for not washing their hands as far as the elbow before they ate – but if they were walking through the wilderness, how often did they have access to water other than for drinking? Sometimes legalism stifles reality.

Yet there are also occasions when law leads to life. Scientists have reported that since it became illegal to hunt the blue whale, numbers have increased beyond expectations. Time and again, the natural world has blossomed within a very short time of appropriate legislation.

Jesus told his detractors that clean hands are less important than clean hearts. On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, where are our hearts? Sometimes we can have both: clean hands AND clean hearts.

Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

Khufu's Great Pyramid at Giza.
Photo: Sr Janet Fearn

Hearts and hands

By Mary Bell

Recycling one's plastic and paper is admirable but not doing so does not constitute sin. Washing one's hands is obviously hygienic and during the Covid pandemic we were even instructed in how and for how long we should do it, but even this was not a moral obligation like "Do not steal or commit murder". There is a dividing line between what one might call moral rules and those which are "accidentals" or "externals".

In some religions certain foods are considered unclean and there are traditional practices concerned with washing, or wearing certain clothes, that are compulsory: things which, although they may be socially desirable, often loom larger in practice than matters of greater moral importance.

Truly unclean things, as Jesus says, are the evils which come from the heart. Washing hands means nothing in comparison with lying, cheating, murdering, committing all kinds of sins. These alone merit the loss of eternal life.

Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.

Each one of us should be a guardian of the environment, of the purity of the environment, seeking to combine ancestral knowledge of millennia-long cultures with new technical knowledge, so that our lifestyle may always be sustainable.

Pope Francis

Feast of the week
Monday 2 September

Bl. John Francis Burté and companions

Over the centuries, countless people have died as martyrs for their religious beliefs. Some of them are known only to their killers – and, most importantly, to God.

During the French Revolution, the Civil Constitution of the Clergy effectively subordinated the Church to the State by reducing the number of bishops, changing the clergy into paid government employees and ordering them to swear an oath of primary loyalty to the nation.

Today's feast commemorates the martyrdom of three Franciscans (Bl. John Francis Burté, Severin Girault and Appolinaris of Posat) who, with 182 others – including several bishops, and many nuns and priests – were massacred at the Carmelite house in Paris on 2 September 1792. They all refused to swear "to support with all [their] power the Constitution decreed by the National [Constituent] Assembly".

In recent years Christians and non-Christians alike have accepted a brutal death rather than deny God as they believe God to be. May their example bring peace to our troubled world.

Help us, Lord, to treasure our fragile and beautiful world.  Amen.

Today:
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday:
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Corinthians 2:10-16
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday:
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday:
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

Friday:
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday:
1 Corinthians 4:6-15
Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37