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22nd September 2024 – 25th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr B

Day and Time Sat. 6pm	Mass or Service 25th Sunday	Mass Intention Colin Smith	RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	25th Sunday	Jeff Corker	
Mon. 10am	St. Padre Pio	Chris Carling & Vocations	ADORATION Thursday 9.00-10.00am
Tue. 10am	Our Lady of Walsingham		LECTIO DIVINA
Wed. 2pm			Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm (in the presbytery)
Thurs. 10am	St. Cosmas & St. Damian		Scan this QR code with your mobile device to
Fri. 10am Fri. 12pm	St. Vincent De Paul Bar Convent	S.V.P Society Supporters	donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please
Sat. 6pm	26th Sunday	Charles Moorhouse	contact Franco Napoletano
Sun. 10.30am	26th Sunday	People of Parish	07903 221263
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NEXT WEEK, 26th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr B **ANNIVERSARIES, Charles Moorhouse** COLLECTION, £808.63

PARISH MEETING, I would like to thank everyone who came to the parish meeting last Sunday. It was an opportunity for me to tell you how much I appreciate all the work so many of you do to keep the parish running so smoothly. Quite a few suggestions came forward as to how we might make things better, chief among these was a parish suggestion box and the revival of the Parish Social Committee. There are lots of things happening in the parish happening in the parish, but not everybody gets to know about them.

I will also reproduce the Financial Figures for the flats and accounts on the parish notice board.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, Tuesday 24th is the feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham. I think we have the best altar in the diocese dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham. I hope as many as possible will come to the 10am Mass

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, Friday 4th October, envelopes will be available at the back at church.

INSPIRATIONAL DAY, Last chance to put your name down for the Inspirational Day in Scarborough.

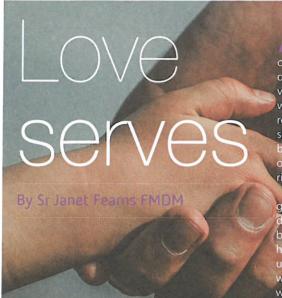
DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING STUDY DAY, I attended the Safeguarding Study Day on 18th September, which again stressed that every parish should have heightened awareness and commitment of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Again, thank you to Chris Thorpe for all his help.

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.

THANK YOU, To Fr. Michael Sellars, who is looking after the parish while I am away.

DAYPLUSG

The power of service



young man and his toddler son were in the local supermarket when the little one lost his shoe. He looked at it on the floor, pointed downwards and simply declared "Shoe!" in a loud, commanding, voice. Without a second thought, his father went down on his knees before the child and reinstated the shoe. They then continued shopping – but how many others would have brought the man to his knees by a one-word order? Possibly nobody and he would have

rightly objected to such a show of power.

The toddler showed the force of love which generates unselfish service. His father wasn't demeaning himself in publicly kneeling before his son and other customers didn't see him as humiliated: they laughingly saw and understood the effect of a small child's single word and accompanying gesture. They also witnessed the toddler's absolute trust that

his father would understand and respond to his need, despite his limited vocabulary and inability to explain his difficulties in any other way. He was extraordinarily effective - but that was because of the love of the one and the vulnerability of the other.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus describes leadership and service, he draws a child to himself and presents the child as an example for us to follow. The toddler in the supermarket will, hopefully, one day be an adult and will not consciously remember his father's example and their shared, beautiful, lesson that morning: love serves. Love trusts. Love grows. Love is not demeaning. Love is unselfish. Love brings us closer to God who

Divine Motherhood.

As we look at [Mary], in glory, we understand that the true power is service - let us not forget this: the true power is service - and to reign means to love. And that this is the road to Heaven.

Pope Francis

To serve and not to be served

By Camilla Harrison

Mother Teresa was asked, "How do we bring about world peace?" She replied, "Go home and love your family". She also taught that love cannot remain by itself. It must be put into the action of service.

She served "the poorest of the poor", those who had been abandoned by family and society. On being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she refused to take part in the banquet, uncomfortable to feast while others starved. She donated her prize money to India's poor people.

Mother Teresa followed closely the teachings of Jesus who came to serve and not to be served, washing his disciples' feet to show this love. She understood that a lack of family love, and the missing service of parents, can cause chasms of need in society. She said that the worst human disease is to be unloved. If love and service begin in the family, they can ripple outwards into the wider world.

Camilla Harrison was the head of an RE department at a comprehensive school for twenty years and the writer of two of the Family Walks series of books.



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Lord God, it's not easy to be in a position of service and yet that is the sort of leadership that you taught us. Help me to strike the balance. Amen.



Feast of the week Thursday 26 September

Pope St Paul VI

(1897 - 1978)

One morning in 2006, as I travelled to work at Vatican Radio, a lady sat beside me and seeing that I am a Sister, proceeded to give me - in Italian - her entire medical history. Unexpectedly, I realised that she had begun a unique and unforgettable testimony.

One day, as she walked through the famous Piazza Venezia, she unexpectedly started to haemorrhage. A priest saw her and stayed with her until the ambulance arrived. Later, he rang the hospital ward to ask after her wellbeing and to enquire whether she needed anything that he could get or do for her. They managed to hold a brief conversation.

To the lady's amazement, a few days later, that priest was declared Pope Paul VI! He had been on his way to the Conclave when he stopped to help her.

Sr Janet Fearns FMDM

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20 Proverbs 3:27-34 James 3:16 - 4:3 Mark 9:30-37 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Luke 8:19-21

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Proverbs 30:5-9

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9 – 12:8 Luke 9:43-45

Numbers 11:25-29 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48





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