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Parish newsletter for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4th July 2021

HOW MUCH DID JESUS KNOW?



When Jesus preached in his home synagogue of Nazareth people were amazed. Where did he get this wisdom from? Wasn't he the just the carpenter's son?

Now when Jesus lay in the manger at Bethlehem did he know he was the Son of God? When he began his ministry in Galilee did he know he was the Messiah? When he went through his Passion did he know he was God? The answer has to be "no" in all these cases, otherwise the life and death of Jesus is worth nothing more than a fairy tale. For if he knew that he was God then his humanity was never fully tested.

It's easy to presume that because Christ was God then he knew all things. But God knows all things at once in an instant that never ends: eternity. However, we human beings think in ideas and concepts, and our human thought unravels in time; it takes us a while to grasp and formulate things. That's why from birth Jesus had to learn from experience and discover the truth of things for himself. He had a clear awareness of his sonship, although he did not have the words to think or express this. This was a consequence of God humbling himself to take on our human nature. Jesus's own consciousness was wrapped in human limitation.

It can shock people to realise the human limitations of Jesus, for many of us were brought up to think of him as an extension of God's almighty power. Indeed, his miracles seem to support this way of thinking. Yet the more we look at Jesus the more we realise that, in the person of Christ, God decided to become vulnerable rather than almighty, gentle instead of imperious, tolerant not merciless.

This leaves us with a very different God from the one that's popularly portrayed. In Jesus we find a God much closer to our way of being than we could ever imagine. We come face to face with God's own lifestyle, God's way to be human.

Most who heard his Sabbath sermon couldn't cope with him and took offence – a prophet despised in his own land who could work no miracles. And what about us? Can we cope with the real Jesus or are will still hankering after a magical God for whom human life presents no problems? Because if we are, then we're asking for a God who's not one of us and who can work no miracles either.

Clergy: Fr Joseph Simionato sdp, St Marie's Presbytery, Almond Brook Road, Standish, Wigan WN6 0TB. Tel: 01257 423291

Parish Office at Saint Marie's: Open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 12 noon or email the parish office, olasb@rcaol.org.uk. **Please put this in your email address book.** The jointparishes@gmail.com email address still exists and is forwarded to the new email address.

Pastoral Associate: Joanne Wallace e-mail: j.wallace@rcaolp.co.uk

Baptisms: Check with Father Joseph whether possible.

Confessions: Saint Bernadette's: Sunday 9.10 to 9.20 am. Saint Marie's: 10.40 – 10.50 am on Sunday mornings or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please enquire about the current situation.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Place in an envelope and hand in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office. They can also be booked by telephone or email. Please indicate your preferred church, if any. Please also specify the reason for the intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary etc. For a particular day, please request early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to olasb@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Closed at present.

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Mass intentions

Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	Father Fabio Ianeselli (LD)
Saturday	St Marie's	6.00 pm	Ivana Hedley
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Marie's	11.00 am	Father Fabio Ianeselli (LD)
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Veronica A (Get Well)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Jane Gavin
	St Marie's	11.15 am	Funeral of John Chadwick
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Mary Sherlock (For a successful operation)
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Keiron Moore (Anniv)
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	Barbara Behenna (LD)
Saturday	St Marie's	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Margaret Hodge
Sunday	St Marie's	11.00 am	John Chadwick (LD)



QR Code

To help during the pandemic when parish Mass books are not able to be used, scan the QR code on your smartphone which will take you straight to a website where the texts of the readings can be found.

Thank you for your offerings £873.20. Thanks to all those Parishioners who are managing to make their offerings even when not able to attend Church. Payments can be made direct to St Marie & St Bernadette (001) HSBC account. Sort Code 40-29-12. Account number 61545922.

St Marie's **Sanctuary Lamp** this week burns for Kieron Moore (Anniversary).

Baptisms

This weekend, we welcome the family of Theo Michael Ball who will be baptised on the 4th July 2021 after the 11.00 am Mass.

At this time, **we say farewell to:-** John Chadwick. Until we meet again ...

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time (Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2

Corinthians12: 7-10 Mark 6: 1-6)

Recognising our real beauty When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

Covid Health & Safety measures.

In St Marie's church, the rows of pews have been re-arranged and stickers placed to show seating positions, offering the maximum capacity possible for parishioners to continue to attend Mass safely and ensuring our church stays open. It is important that you follow the instructions of the stewards to enable this to work successfully, particularly with the centre block of pews. Even if you arrive as a family of 2, or a bubble of 2 you will be asked to take your place indicated by the green stickers, ensuring the

use of all the rows. The situation is not ideal but please be thoughtful to your fellow parishioners. And please be patient. It may not be too long now before collective worship returns to normal. Thank you for your understanding and your continuing co-operation.

Sunday morning Mass at St Bernadette's and Stewards for St Marie's.

Volunteers are still needed to be on a rota to steward. Please contact Ann O'Raghailigh by email annriley@me.com for St Bernadette's and the Parish Office for St Marie's.

Covid and Singing in Church

Unfortunately, until further notice, along with our other current restrictions, we regret to advise that there cannot be any congregational singing in the church, with the exception of the choir. Please help us to stay safe as we look forward to a time when we can all praise God in song once again.

Something to pray about

Join **Pope Francis** in his prayer intention for July: **Social Friendship** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship. The Holy See's newssite <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Knights of St Columba recite **the Rosary** on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. To receive an email invitation to join, contact Steve Lester, steve.lester@zen.co.uk.

Congratulations to the school children who recently made their **First Holy Communion**.

Development Fund

We are now half way through the year. Anyone wishing to join the Development Fund to help with fundraising and stand the chance to generous prizes, would be most welcome.

Many Thanks to all those who contributed towards the planting of many **rose bushes** and to those who helped with the planting.

Medical professionals open letter regarding proposal to introduce abortion up to birth – Right

To Life UK. Please use the below link:-

<https://righttolife.org.uk/medicallletteramendment>

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced – Right To Life UK. Please use the below link:-

<https://righttolife.org.uk/stopabortionuptobirth>

India is suffering one of the worst COVID-19 crises in the world – more than 30 million people have fallen ill with the virus and upwards of 350,000 have died. During the pandemic, priests, Sisters and lay Church workers are doing all they can to support those who are suffering.

Archbishop Anil Couto of Delhi told

ACN: "The importance of pastoral work in this time of crisis cannot be exaggerated." The work of Sisters, priests and others witnessing to Christ's love in one of the countries most severely affected by the pandemic is truly heroic. ACN has provided support for those helping the sick and some of the most vulnerable in society after they lost their income because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Only through your generosity can we help them to reach out to those most in need. Please use the link below:-

[Aid to the Church in Need |](#)

[Donate \(acnuk.org\)](#)

At the back of church...

- Copies of the June edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available as you leave Mass. Access the online edition at <https://bit.ly/30qfl3r>
- Living Faith' booklets for adults, and children, July - September.'