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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18th July 2021
(Readings-Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4)**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Gospel: MARK: 6:30-34)

ST CATHERINE'S		Intentions
Sunday 18th July: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Private Intention (TM)
Tuesday 20th July: 9.15am	Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Thursday 15th July: 9.15am	Mass	Fr John McManus on his Golden Jubilee
Sunday 18th July: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Mrs Rita Dolan
ST AGNES		
Saturday 17th July: 5.30pm	Mass	John Madden
Sunday 18th July: 10.30am	Mass	
Monday 19th July: 9.15am	Mass	
Wednesday 21st July: 9.15am	Mass	
Saturday 24th July: 5.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 25th July: 10.30am	Mass	

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Images from the world of shepherds characterise today's readings. The gospel recounts the return of the disciples from their missionary journey (the gospel last week), and Jesus invites them to come away to a "lonely" place for rest, which ends up being short-lived as crowds arrive before them. Jesus then is moved with pity for them (literally "has compassion on"), for they were "like sheep without a shepherd," and he teaches them. This brief description is dense with biblical allusions. Like the people of Israel, the crowds are in the desert, where they will receive not only miraculous food (next Sunday's gospel) but guidance and instruction, just as the Torah (the law of Moses) was given in the desert of Sinai. Throughout the history of the Church, shepherding has been a prime image for leadership and care. Appropriately, the psalm this week is "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Ps. 23). Although used often at funerals, it is really a psalm about the journey of life. This week you could read prayerfully all of psalm 23 reflecting on your own life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently and their families especially Clare Gavin and Arthur Whittle.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick.

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ONLINE MASS via Zoom is on **Sunday at 9am** via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524>



GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS: In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival for Mass, a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and guide you to a suitable bench depending on whether you have come as part of a household or as an individual observing at all times the minimum 1m+ social distancing procedures.
- please sign the Test and Trace form on arrival. This information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you and **ensure it is worn correctly over your nose and mouth**. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- **please remain in your bench at the end of Mass and wait to be asked to leave by a steward. This ensures safe distancing on exiting the church.**
- booking is not required.
- please do not mingle after Mass and please leave the premises promptly.
- **Please bear in mind that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended.**

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY: The total offertory collection for June (monthly standing orders, plus four Sunday collections) came to £2,276. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to start paying contributions to the church by standing order, and possibly gift aid your contribution, please contact Phoebe or Wendy in the Parish Office. We think most parishioners who use offertory envelopes now have their box for the current year. If you have not received yours, please do get in touch and we can deliver to you.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL has recently been awarded the RE Quality Mark (REQM) at Gold level. The award recognises outstanding learning in Religious Education. The children have the opportunity to explore world views and think about their place in society. Congratulations OLOP!



Wishing all the children a very happy and healthy summer holiday!



WIRRAL FOODBANK: If you would like to donate any items to the Foodbank, they are in need of baby wipes and shampoo. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you.



Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter electronically or do you know anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet and would like a paper copy sent to them? Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathhoylake@gmail.com).

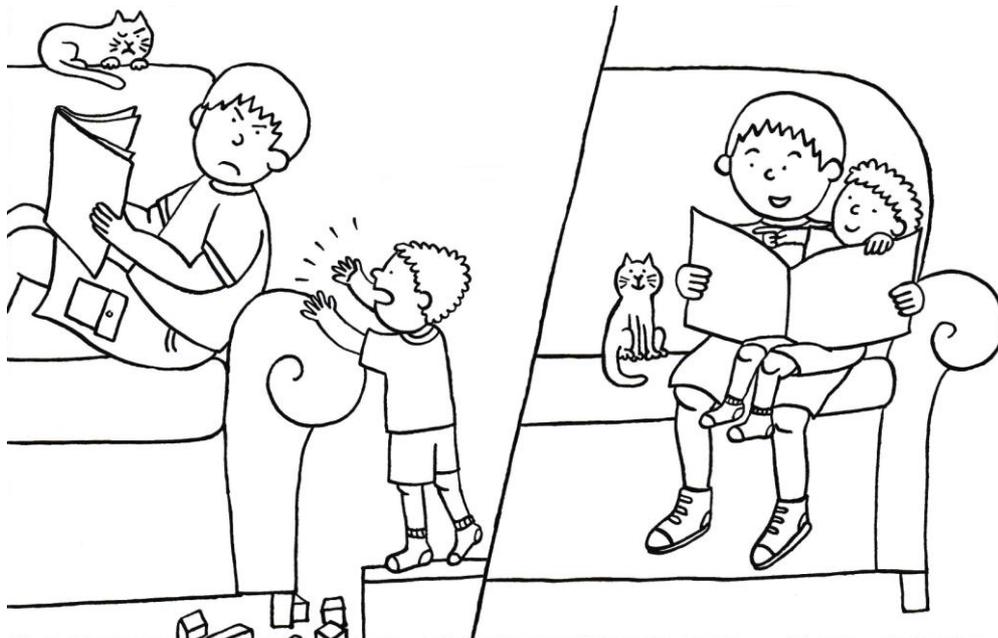
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus realises that his friends have been working very hard spreading the Good News. He knows they need to rest and pray, so Jesus tells them they must all go to a quiet place for a while.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Father in heaven, sometimes I am so busy that I forget to have some quiet time with you. Help me remember that you are always with me, just waiting for me to give you some time. Amen.

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34*



Find more activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families