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## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

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**Sunday** (Sat)      **5.00pm** Frank Kelly (B)  
                             **9.30am** Thomas Fisher (A)

**Monday**            **8.30am** Rita Smith (A)

**Tuesday**          No Service **Intention:** Private Intention

**Wednesday**      No Service **Intention:** Mary Morris (A)

**Thursday**         No Service **Intention:** Patrick (A) & Mary Ellen Creedon (RIP)

**Friday**            No Service **Intention:** James Jackson (B)

**Saturday**         **9.30am** *First Holy Communions*



**Sunday next**      **5.00pm** Suzanne Leigh (A)

**9.30am** Winifred Ann (B) & John Henry Eccles (RIP)

**NB: Crowning of Our Lady at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**OCTOBER - The Month of the Holy Rosary**

A decade of the Rosary will be recited immediately after each weekday Mass.

**No Confessions on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, First Holy Communions!**

**Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick:** Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, Anna Hennessy, Mary Hanson, Simon Milner & June Wrigley. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, our Nursing Homes & all those affected by Covid-19.

☩. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

☩. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

**IMPORTANT** – Because of the Pandemic, Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will not be going into the hospital with Holy Communion.

The Hospital, via the Ward, will contact St. Joseph's or the On-Call Priest for any visits to patients.

**Please include in your Prayers:** All those who have **Recently Died:** and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Thomas Fisher, Rita Smith, Mary Morris, Patrick Creedon & Suzanne Leigh.

**Keeping in touch:** Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email during these uncertain times? If you would, then please send a blank email to: [stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com). Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same. Also, e-mails are sent out on a daily basis with reflections and information, so please, if you would like to receive this then request it by the above bulletin email address. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

**Your Collection:** If you still feel unable to attend church, you can still make your weekly Offering to the Parish when you are out for your daily exercise by putting it through the Letterbox at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continuing & wonderful generosity & support to the parish. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for CAFOD. Please use your GA Envelope or Yellow GA Envelope.

**Mass Online at St. Joseph's:** Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: **5pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday and **9.30am Mass** on Sunday. On Weekdays Mass will be Live-streamed at **8.30am** Monday to Friday, & **9am** on Saturday. The Masses are also recorded.

The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

**Churches Together in Lancashire:** [www.ctlancashire.org.uk/](http://www.ctlancashire.org.uk/)

**Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St. Alphonsus**

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen.*

**Counters:** THIS WEEK: C. Carter & G. Kenyon

NEXT WEEK: J. Simmons & T. Schofield

**Readers Today: 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Next Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**5.00pm** Paul Southworth

**5.00pm** Tricia Evans

**9.30am** Sylvia Francis

**9.30am** Rosaleen Challoner

**Eucharistic Ministers Today:**

**Next Sunday:**

**5.00pm** Anne-Marie Hegarty

**5.00pm** Geoff Kenyon

**9.30am** Gerard Riley

**9.30am** Margaret Redshaw

## Why Must We Care for Creation?

How can we as individuals, families, communities, Church, take action? We need to discern what changes we have to make to a way of life we now see is just unsustainable. For example: use of energy, waste of energy (have a SWITCH OFF policy in the home), never leave equipment on stand-by.

Walk or use public transport whenever possible. ...Check how your electricity is generated, consider solar panels. Shop locally and buy locally produced products whenever possible. Become used to eating seasonal produce rather than

wanting out of season foods that cost air miles. In a garden or window box, plant flowers for bees, e.g., lavender, grow vegetables, leave some 'weeds'. Never use peat-based compost. Check the green credentials of all your investments. Be alert for news of UN Biodiversity Conference COP15 in China in October, and UN Climate Change Conference COP 26, in Glasgow in November. Be ready to sign petitions organised by CAFOD. For those on line please check: Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition. As Catholics, as Christians, it is our responsibility to act on behalf of the most vulnerable on our planet.

**Season of Creation: St Francis of Assisi:** The Season of Creation culminates in the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. St Francis is the patron saint of all God's creatures and the environment. One of the issues that demands our urgent attention is how we treat animals. The current pandemic is a wake-up call. God did not give us animals to do with as we like. He entrusted them to us: we are their custodians. Many animals suffer appalling cruelty because of our demand for food and sport. Christians have a duty of care to God's creatures. We can't keep turning a blind eye!

## A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering;  
for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated;  
for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat their wings against bars;  
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;  
for all that must be put death. We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,  
and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,  
and so, to share the blessings of the merciful.

*Attributed to the theologian and philosopher, Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)*



## CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day 2021

As we enter the last week of the Season of Creation, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of creation and the fruits of the earth which sustain us. Many churches and schools do this through Harvest Festivals – bringing the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and sharing these offerings with those in need. In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day on the first Friday in October. So, this coming Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, we are invited to give thanks by going without a meal or some form of amusement and giving what we save in this way to CAFOD. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don't have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters.

You can find out more about this Friday's Fast Day here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

### Prayer for CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day

Walk beside us, Lord, in the cool of the day,  
in the garden you have created as our common home.  
Walk beside us, Lord, as the cries of the forest  
pierce the dawn, and flames rip through our common home.  
Grant us courage, Lord, as we walk beside all those  
who struggle to protect our common home.  
Grant us hope, Lord, and the vision to walk dark paths  
in the light of a single sunbeam.  
Grant us grace, Lord, to put the flourishing of all people  
and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do,  
as we strive to be guardians of our common home.  
St Francis, pray for us. (Feast Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October)



## Harvest Fast Day 2021

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