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East Hendred Catholic Parish

22nd – 29th August 2021



***'You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed,
and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.'***

WEEK 21 YEAR 1

22nd – 29th August 2021

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St Mary's is usually open each day from 9am until late afternoon.

SUNDAY 21B			[Green]
22nd August	9.30am	Parish Mass	Pro populo
	12.30pm	Holy Baptism	Elena Vint
	6pm	Holy Mass	FM Frances Eyston 1862

WEEK 21 (Year 1)

Monday 23rd August	<i>Feria</i>		[Green]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	FM Frances Eyston 1862

Tuesday 24th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle		[Red]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	FM Frances Eyston 1862

Wednesday 25th August	<i>Feria</i>		[Green]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
			FM Angela Mary Stillwell, relative and friends 1951

Thursday 26th August	<i>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God</i>		[White]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
			Repose of the souls of Janina, Lech, Alice, & Ewa

Friday 27th August	St Monica		[White]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	FM Matilda Dearlove 1952

Saturday 28th August	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		[White]
	1pm	Wedding	Eamon and Grace Kelly

SUNDAY 22B			[Green]
29th August	9.30am	Parish Mass	Pro populo
	12.30pm	Holy Baptism	Daniel Jones
	6pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention

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THE ROMAN Canon is the oldest Eucharistic Prayer used and dates its arrangement to at least the seventh century. It has undergone minor alterations and modifications, but retains the same essential form it took in the seventh century under Pope Gregory I. Before 1970, it was the only eucharistic prayer in the Roman Missal, but three other eucharistic prayers were newly composed for the Mass of St Paul VI..

The first great turning point in the history of the Roman Canon is the exclusive use of Latin, first in North Africa. Pope Victor I (190-202), an African, seems to have been the first Pope to use it. Latin would become the only language used by Popes in their writings. Greek seems to have disappeared at Rome as a liturgical language in the second half of the third century, though parts of the Liturgy were left in Greek.

Certainly, by the time of Pope Gregory (590AD) the Roman Canon was already fixed in its present order. There are scarcely any changes to note in its history since then. The most important event in the history of the Roman Canon thereafter is not any sort of change in it, but the rapid way in which it spread all over the West.

The Council of Trent (1545–63) ordered that 'the holy Canon composed many centuries ago' should be kept pure and unchanged. It was to be the only one used in the West except for local uses that could be proved to have existed for at least 200 years. This exception allowed the Ambrosian Rite, the Mozarabic Rite, and variants of the Roman Rite developed by religious communities such as Dominicans, Carmelites, and Carthusians, to continue in use.

Pope St John XXIII inserted the name of St Joseph. In the Institution Narrative, Pope St Paul VI later added the phrase *quod pro vobis tradetur* ('which will be given up for you') from Luke's account of the Last Supper to the words of Jesus previously in the Roman Canon, and removed from them the phrase "*mysterium fidei*" ("the mystery of faith"), which was not part of his words. The latter phrase was then used independently as an introduction to an acclamation. Since Pope St Pius V, the Canon does not change except that on a few feasts and occasions slight additions are made, for instance on Maundy Thursday and during the Easter Octave.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Joyce MacKenzie, Baby Martha, Sid Wallace, Dame Catherine, Diana France, John Castle, Petal Connell, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary McNichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Christine Robinson, Rose

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 22nd - 28th August: George Dearlove, Alphonsus Hunt, Harriet Hunt, Jabez Booker.

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NOTICEBOARD

GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION

Many thanks to those who contributed in any way – not least by coming along. Last Sunday, 15th August, St Mary's Feast of Title and Anniversary of Consecration in 1865, was memorable, both for the singing and sparkling wine in the morning and the growing congregation at 6pm.

BOOKING FOR MASS

Please book for 9.30am Sunday Mass before 12 noon on Fridays hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk On Saturday contact Fr Andrew on aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

There is no need to book for the 6pm Mass. Nonetheless we are required to carefully note who comes, in case of infection alerts, and so we ask you to sign in on Sunday night and sit as allocated by the steward.

CHURCH SERVICES LIVESTREAM

On Sunday 15th, there were 168 hits from 58 unique viewers, with 105 remaining on-line long enough to take part in Mass. 49 machines were in the UK, 9 in the rest of the world.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Are you in the habit of looking up and using our website? This Bulletin appears each week on the website www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk Some look at our East Hendred Catholic Parish page on Facebook.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING THE SUMMER

There are no special Children's Prayers at 9am at St Mary's on Sunday during the summer, but we offer access to a website of the SDC Children's Liturgy Resource. All you need to do is click on this link: <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

Also we publish **at the end** of this bulletin (pages 18-20) the full CAFOD programme for children for the summer.

GIVING PAGE

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organizations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CHARITY: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is appealing for funds to help the suffering Church in Syria. The situation is desperate, and they are asking for donations. Contact 0345 646 0110 or www.acnuk.org/sy21donate

CHARITY: DIDCOT

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door.

CHARITY: WANTAGE

Jackymattam@btinternet.com helps with the poor locally. Does anyone have a clean single bed mattress? Some have offered both mattress and frame, but at present we need only a mattress.

AN UPDATE ON ST AMAND'S MARY'S MEALS PROJECT

With the generosity from St Mary's Parish, the family, and friends of St Amand's school, we raised more than enough money for the sponsorship of The Redeemed Elementary and High, Liberia, for one year.

With your help, we have provided every child, with a hot meal every day at their school; this is a great gift especially in such a challenging year.

We decided to forge ahead with sponsorship for a second year; we currently have raised £2,645.91 of £3,737. We are planning a second sponsored walk in September and hope to raise the remaining amount, therefore commencing the second year from September 2021. Should you feel you are able to help us reach our target by donating £15.90 to feed one child for a year, we would very much appreciate it. You can donate online: [Projects | Mary's Meals \(marysmeals.org\)](https://www.marysmeals.org)

With thanks

Helen Ellery

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Our Lady, Queen, is greeted by her Son

**Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)**

22nd August 2018

**Antiphons,
Prayers and
Readings**

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Inclina, Domine

Cf Ps 86:1-3

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphra'tes, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.... And if you be unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ...therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18 (RSV)

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23 R/9

R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R/**

The Lord turns his eyes to the just,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth. **R/**

When the just cry out, the Lord hears,
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R/**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R/**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the just man are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R/**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 (RSV)

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel*John 6:60-69 (RSV)*

Many of Jesus' disciples, when they heard this doctrine, said, 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?' But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, 'Do you take offence at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that should betray him. And he said, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.' After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, 'Will you also go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface*(V De creatione)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*after St Alphonsus Liguori (18th cent.)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Even if I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for you.

Communion Antiphon*Qui manducat meam carnem*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

*Cf Jn 6:54***Prayer after Communion**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Scripture Reading (Week 21 Year 1)

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday 22B	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

23rd – 27th August 2021

Monday in Week 21 *Per Annum [Year 1]*

23rd August

Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 (RSV)

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

1 Paul, Silva'nus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalo'nians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; **5** for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake....**8** For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedo'nia and Acha'ia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. **9** For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reflection

THE FIRST Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians is our main preoccupation in this week's reflections. It is not possible to reconcile the accounts in the Acts of the Apostles and the Letter to the Galatians with each other. Internal evidence strongly suggests that the Galatians

account is the correct one. In Thessalonica we assume, therefore, that it was not three weekends of preaching to the Jewish community in the synagogue but a rather longer period when Paul was addressing primarily Gentiles and not Jews. His listeners 'turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God', as we heard in the reading (1:9). Furthermore, as the opening to 1 Thessalonians suggests, Timothy was involved in the mission (whereas he was absent in the story as told in Acts). Indeed he is the envoy sent from Athens by Paul and others to the city (3:1-6). The Via Egnatia was the main route from Rome to the East and on it was the cosmopolitan city of Thessalonica. One can imagine St Paul and his companions travelling North from Athens and Corinth up to Thessalonica. The mission to Thessalonica is very early – perhaps as early as 41AD, less than a decade after the Crucifixion, and the First Letter to the Thessalonians might have been compiled anytime between 41 and 52 AD, maybe 48 AD. It is almost certainly the earliest New Testament writing we have and probably a composite letter – with some bits which do not quite fit a unitary composition – and the earliest articulation of Pauline theology, earlier than Galatians and therefore before the development of St Paul's famous doctrine of Justification by Faith through Grace.

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday 24th August

Reading

John 1:45-51 (RSV)

An Israelite in whom is no Guile

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶ Nathan'a-el said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!' ⁴⁸ Nathan'a-el said to him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' ⁴⁹ Nathan'a-el answered him, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.' ⁵¹ And he said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.'

Reflection

WE KNOW very little about Bartholomew. He is listed among the Twelve and linked with Philip in the synoptic Gospels but in St John's Gospel his name is missing. Instead, in John, there is a 'Nathaniel' linked with Philip and this Nathaniel does not appear in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. From this we infer that Bartholomew and Nathaniel are one and the same. There are stories about his apostolic career: legends take him further afield but the strongest evidence is that he preached and was martyred in Armenia. He died by being beheaded and skinned. On Monday of Week 14(I) - 5th July - we came across the story of Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:12), the story of the shrine at Bethel, the incident to which Jesus draws Nathaniel's attention in today's Gospel.

Wednesday in Week 21 [Year 1]

25th August

Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:[1-8]. 9-13 (RSV)

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

[**2** For you yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; **2** but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. **3** For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; **4** but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts. **5** For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness; **6** nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. **7** But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. **8** So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.]

9 For you remember our labour and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God. **10** You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behaviour to you believers; **11** for you

know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you ¹² to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Reflection

WE NEED to conflate yesterday's reading – displaced by the propers for St Bartholomew's Day – with the passage set for today. St Paul is anxious to establish that his missionary endeavours were based on moral exhortation – moral philosophers use the phrase 'parænetic model' – and not on hope of self-glory or personal gain. Things had not worked out well at Philippi, apparently, and Paul is anxious for better results in Thessalonica. It is possible that St Paul is aware of travelling charlatans – the snake oil salesmen of the day – and therefore particularly anxious to present himself as a serious thinker, moral, like a nurse or a gentle father. It is possible too that in that cosmopolitan city St Paul was focusing on the outlook of the Cynics. This school of Greek philosophy distanced itself from ease and pleasure and any new movement – Christianity included – would need to give an account of itself in relation to this cultural outlook.

Thursday in Week 21 [Year 1]

26th August

Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 (RSV)

3 .. In all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith; ⁸ for now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, ¹³ so that he may establish

your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reflection

THE LAST verse of yesterday's reading was as follows:

we ...thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Some scholars believe that this from what was the original 'First Letter to the Thessalonians', later included in what we now call '1 Thessalonians'. This early letter, inserted later, includes chapters 2:13 to 4:2 and therefore today's reading. It is entirely possible that the first verse of chapter of '1 Thessalonians' began the original letter. Certainly the theory makes sense of the fact that there is a thanksgiving section not only in chapter 1 but also in chapter 2: formal letters at this time usually began with such a section.

Paul had sent Timothy to see how things were and somewhat emotionally he is full of thanksgiving that Timothy has brought a good report. Clearly the Christian community in Thessalonica is thriving and the missionaries look forward to returning, 'praying ...[to] see [them] face to face and supply what is lacking in [their] faith'.

Friday in Week 21 [Year 1]

St Monica

27th August

Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (RSV)

A Life Pleasing to God

4 Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. **2** For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; **4** that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honour, **5** not in the

passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; ⁶that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you. ⁷For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Reflection

THE THEME of today's First Reading is sanctification – increasing in holiness through receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Thessalonians are asked to abstain from immorality, control the body in holiness and honour, and avoid the passion of lust. These are either separate threats to living the devout life – immorality, lack of self-control, sexual desire - or are a general warning against adultery and the behaviour that is associated with it. Quite what the heathen in Thessalonica were getting up to, we don't know. There may have been specific problems to which Paul is alluding, for example the practice of incest. We are sometimes embarrassed in modern times that sin is so often associated with sexual matters but there is no doubt that in the letters of St Paul there is a strong sense that holiness is closely related to purity.





Children's Liturgy resources: Summer 2021

The summer holidays have arrived, and after a challenging few months, I hope you're all getting the opportunity to have a break and enjoy some long sunny days.

Perhaps you're looking for things to do with your family or church? If so, we are excited to be offering some brand-new [prayer activities](#) for families to explore over the summer break.

There are six different themes and we hope the ideas will help. These resources are taking the place of some of our regular children's liturgy illustrations during August, and we would love to get your feedback on how you find using them.

Included below are the children's liturgy resources you need to take you into September. Obviously, many groups will be gathering in different ways over the summer so please do use them in the way that best suits your circumstances.

We'll also be continuing to stream our [virtual children's liturgy](#) live every Sunday morning over the holiday period.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (22 August)

Lots of people found it too hard to believe that Jesus was really the Son of God, and so they gave up, went away and didn't listen to him anymore. What do we do when things are difficult?

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (29 August)

Jesus tells us that it is not enough to say that we believe in God. We must show that we love God through our actions and by being the best people that we can be.

Download accompanying illustration

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (5 September)

Jesus helps a man who is deaf to hear and to speak more clearly. We think about how we can listen and speak out.

Download accompanying illustration

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (12 September)

We hear that it is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes it requires courage.

Download accompanying illustration

Wishing you all a fun and faith-filled Summer,

Catherine

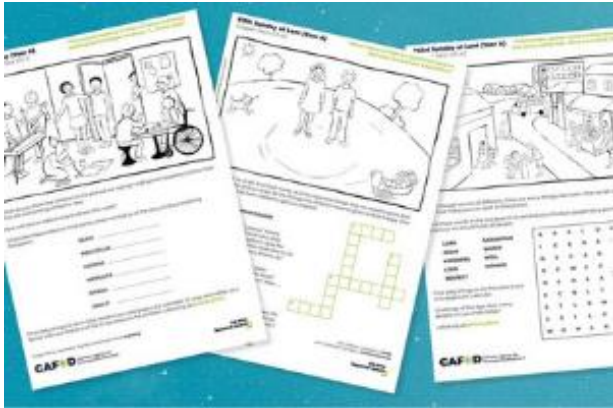
God of love,
open our ears to hear your word
and open our hearts that we may always speak up for what is right.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Family prayer resources

Share these creative prayer ideas and fun activities with your children throughout the school holidays.

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