



**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE**  
**OUTREACH 32      OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Autumn trees will eventually go bare. After a moment of brilliance, the leaves will let go. Their departure makes way for the starkness of winter. But as Karl Rahner observes, in winter we're able to see deeper into the forest. We gaze deeper into that unknown in an act of faith and surrender ourselves to something bigger, something yet to be seen but something that is, with hope, not so far off.**

Fr Adrian writes: Today's Gospel Reading (Thirtieth Sunday of the Year), reminds us of the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. Here, in a nutshell, we have the whole teaching of the Bible.

I am very aware, in this Parish, of how much generous love there is. Last Sunday we had our three First Holy Communion Masses – they were happy and blessed occasions for the Parish of Corpus Christi, for the families of the children who met Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist and for the children themselves. All this was possible because of the hard and cheerful service of our catechists, the parents and the children.

They all showed a generous and giving love. Love of God and love of neighbour.

Today's First Reading is from Exodus 22:20-26. God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weak. There must be love.

In the Second Reading, (1, Thessalonians 1:5-10), St Paul encourages the Thessalonians that, by their lives, they have been an example of love and service.

The Gospel invites us to love God and our neighbour.

In these challenging times, let us all be aware of the goodness we see around us. Let us be grateful for the quiet, understated love and service of so many in our Parish. Let us all thank God that we are not an abandoned or isolated people. We are loved, redeemed, forgiven and sustained by Jesus Christ. Keep safe. Prayers and all blessings. Adrian Howell, SJ.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:** Terry Walsh, Noel Dines, Rose Smith, David Froud, Barry Henwood, Lourdes Saunders, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Pat Hayden, Barbara Atkin- Spivey, Calvin Thompson, Mary Atfield, Margaret McNeil and Simon Hamerton 🙏

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Patricia Fox and Esther Watts. RIP 🙏

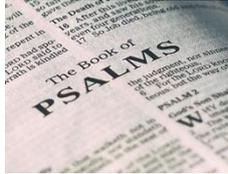
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LAST WEEK . Blessings on their families and thanks to Sr Maria and the Catechists who made the celebrations possible.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 : application forms for First Holy Communion 2021 will be available AFTER CHRISTMAS. The Parish will communicate further information via the Parish Newsletter, Webpage and through the schools.**



## PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS.

For most people the Psalms are the hymn that comes between the First and Second Readings at Mass, and they are almost never preached on. But the book of 150 Psalms, attributed to King David, can teach us to pray and is the prayerbook “par excellence”. It is, in fact, a school of prayer. The Psalms are, of course, revered sources of prayer for both Christians and Jews. They are among the oldest prayers ever written, “the heartbeat of the Bible”. Jesus himself prayed the Psalms. They were the prayers that he learned on his mother’s knee.



According to Pope Benedict: “These inspired songs teach us how to speak to God, expressing ourselves and the whole range of our human experience with words that God himself has given us.” “In the Psalms we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that colour our lives,” says Pope Francis. “The prayers in the Psalms arise out of lived experience, not abstract ideas; prayers inspired by God so that those who read them might learn how to praise, thank, implore, and invoke Him”. In the Psalms we can all recognise and make our own the experience of a special closeness to God to which each a one of us is called. Because, the Psalms are not just nice words of praise— “God, you are so wonderful, God, you are so grand. Praying the Psalms can be transformative. Just take a look at Psalm 139, that says that God knows each of us intimately. Wow!

There is a popular idea of the psalms as always lamenting some woe that has befallen the people of Israel, mourning over the sad days, repenting of sinfulness and weeping “by the rivers of Babylon.” There is, in fact, an entire category of psalms called psalms of lament. But the lamenting Psalms help to shore us up on days when we feel anxious or discouraged. They are a cry to God for help, waiting to intercept a listening ear.

There are, however, several other categories of psalms, including the Psalms of thanksgiving which remind us that we can follow our dreams, and that many opportunities lie ahead. Another important category is praise Psalms. The Psalms of praise, like Psalm 65, which have nourished believers for thousands of years, are filled with gratitude, happiness and delight. The same delight in God that made David dance! They are songs of joy. These Psalms of praise convince us that God will not abandon us on our journey through life, that He is always there for us and with us. Christ himself prayed with their words. So let us pray with the Psalms. And, as we read these inspired songs, let us ask the Lord to teach us to pray, with him and in him, to our heavenly Father.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONISATION OF THE FORTY MARTYRS

**This Sunday (October 25) marks the fiftieth anniversary of the canonisation of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales by Pope St. Paul VI.**

*“May the blood of these Martyrs be able to heal the great wound inflicted upon God’s Church by reason of the separation of the Anglican Church from the Catholic Church. Is it not one - these Martyrs say to us- the Church founded by Christ? Is not this their witness? Their devotion to their nation gives us the assurance that on the day when - God willing - the unity of the faith and of*

*Christian life is restored, no offence will be inflicted on the honour and sovereignty of a great country such as England. There will be no seeking to lessen the legitimate prestige and the worthy patrimony of piety and usage proper to the Anglican Church when the Roman Catholic Church - this humble "Servant of the Servants of God"- is able to embrace her ever beloved Sister in the one authentic communion of the family of Christ: a communion of origin and of faith, a communion of priesthood and of rule, a communion of the Saints in the freedom and love of the Spirit of Jesus. Perhaps We shall have to go on, waiting and watching in prayer, in order to deserve that blessed day. But already We are strengthened in this hope by the heavenly friendship of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales who are canonized today. Amen."*

### **MORE CHUCKLES**



Just tried to make my own hand sanitizer and it came out as a margarita



**Parish Finance:** We thank all who during these difficult times continue to support our parish through Standing Orders, Gift Aid, Cash and Donations via our Website. We appreciate all your financial support for the upkeep of our Church.

This week we have introduced a Contactless Card Device for those who would like to make donations when visiting our church.

One way we can increase our finances is for people to sign up for Gift Aid which enables us to claim and receive an extra 25% of donations.

We have a number of people who make donations on our website as Anonymous, we express our thanks, but if you would consider joining our gift aid we can recoup that extra 25%.

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Again many thanks for all you do to support our church  
Aidan

