



6 September 2020

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. (Ezekiel 33:7)

Faith in Focus

Live and Let Live?

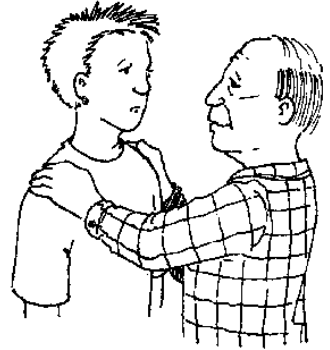
We're treading on ice with today's scripture readings. God tells Ezekiel that he's appointing him as sentry to Israel. Ezekiel's job is to warn people when he sees that they are behaving badly. And Jesus hands on that task to us. "If your brother does something wrong then go and have it out with him", he says.

For many of us this goes against the grain. We've been brought up to mind our own business, to leave others to get in and out of their own mess and to keep our noses out. One of the refrains in our modern society is "Live and let live", and this seems at odds with what the bible asks us to do.

Of course, it all depends on our motives. When we see something that is clearly wrong we can get on our high horse, as if we are perfect, and we can enjoy launching into the person who is responsible for it. Usually we get a good deal of pleasure out of this, partly because we see something of ourselves in the person we are condemning, and having a go at them is a way of exorcising the ghost from our own hearts.

On the other hand, condoning wrongful behaviour, from wherever it

comes, is not an option. We have to be sensitive to the person involved; we have to



understand the circumstances they find themselves in and seek for the reasons behind their actions. But we cannot remain silent and pretend what they are doing is right.

The gospel values which we hold are public and communal, and we have to ensure that we never cease to find fresh ways of letting the world know what they are and why they are important to us. If we were on the verge of destroying ourselves by some unhelpful course of action, then we would probably be grateful in the long term for someone who didn't just go along with what we were doing but pointed out the dangers to us. In the same way we owe it to others to warn them when we can see they are harming themselves.

The problem with live and let live is that it usually ends up as live and let die.

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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to
5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.
Information available at weekend Masses or
from Parish office.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Currently
suspended.

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

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box or with weekly collection.
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
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Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Currently closed.

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Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

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Twitter: @hollyphilomena

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

Parish website

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Additions this week include:

- New prayer resources from the Archdiocese of Liverpool:
 - Reflection for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download
 - Readings for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - School of prayer; this series will enable people to explore different ways of praying. Session 4, an exploration of Centring Prayer
- All can be accessed/downloaded at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/
- The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th September) E-Missalettes

QR code

To help 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 readings can be found.



Congratulations to Fr Stephen Cooper who is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his ordination this weekend.

As many of you will know, Fr Cooper is the chaplain to our local hospitals; and has spent much of the last six months supporting COVID-19 patients and their families, for which we are all grateful.

Hello from Fr John

Hello, I'm Fr John Hindley, and I'm your new parish priest. I'd like first of all to thank Fr Kevin and Fr Thomas for all the help they've given me since the changes were announced. I know any move is a time of upheaval for all concerned, [I know this personally at the moment as I write this surrounded by boxes!] but I'm confident that we'll work together to build on all that has been achieved so far. To tell you a little more about me, I was born in Southport 48 years ago and I have a sister and a twin brother, who are both married with families. Together with Mum, they all live in the south of England, so I know the West Coast mainline fairly well. I was ordained priest 22 years ago and have served in parishes in Toxteth, the Isle of Man and for the last 14 years in Shevington and Standish. I look forward to getting to know you and to experiencing for myself all the great things that I've heard about the parish from priest friends who have served here in the past.

From Father Kevin

Father Kevin is starting to settle into his new parish and has unpacked most of his boxes. Father Kevin would again like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, kind words and best wishes; and in particular for your generous donations for CAFOD that now total £3,230.

Should you wish to keep in touch with Father Kevin at his new parish the address is Holy Family Presbytery, 1 Brompton Road, Southport, PR8 6AS

Return to School

This week we welcome back our staff and pupils at Our Lady & St Philomena and Holy Name Schools for the beginning of the Advent Term. We pray that they may have a blessed and grace filled year and thank the staff for their long preparations over the summer to provide a safe and happy learning environment for our children.

We also wish the staff and students at Archbishop Beck Secondary School all the best for the academic year ahead.

YouTube Mass

Starting this Saturday, 5th September, Fr John will upload Mass to the parish YouTube channel, which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>. Fr John has recorded a welcome video, so you know you're in the right place.

Second Collections

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has offered the following dates for rescheduled national collections. The Archbishop is very conscious of the financial pressures on parishioners at this time, and so contribute as best you can in the present circumstances. Appeals by Missionary Congregations have been suspended for the time being, so the World Mission Sunday collection will be the key opportunity this year to support missionary endeavour.

Holy Places: 13 September

Home Mission: 20 September

Peter's Pence: 4 October

CAFOD Family Fast Day: 11 October

World Mission Sunday: 18 October

World Communications Day: 1 November

Day for Life: 15 November

Sea Sunday: 13 December

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday Our Lady on Saturday	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Patricia Hodgson
Sunday	9.30 am	St Philomena	Joseph Stone (1 st birthday away from home)
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Monday	10.00 am	Holy Name	Gerard King, speedy recovery
Tuesday Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	Holy Name	Anthony Thompson RIP
	11.00 am	St Philomena	Funeral Service: Veronica Smith RIP
Wednesday Optional Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Monica Murphy (sick)
Thursday Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr	10.00 am	Holy Name	Nora Ellison, RIP
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Marcella Owens
Friday	10.00 am	Holy Name	Philip Gallagher (lately dead)
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Anne Murphy
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Saturday Optional Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Carol Braithwaite, RIP
Sunday	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	John Dreifus Tumulip, RIP

COVID-19 Guidance

- When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn.
- The number of attendees at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend.

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently:

Carol Braithwaite, Veronica Smith, Tony Brennan, Dennis Menezes, Joseph Furmedge, Frances McPartland, Charles O'Donnell, Mary Price, Anna Fessey, Irene Hartless, Marcella Owens, Dave Rankin, Joan Common, Gilbert Corke, Anne Murphy, Anne Fitzgibbon (Baby), Albie Cooper, Joseph Stone

May they rest in peace

Mass is uploaded daily to <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>