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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
SUNDAY 8th September 2019

None of you can be my disciples unless you give up your possessions

(Lk 25033)

SUNDAY LITURGY.

HYMNS : ENTRANCE	THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME	729
OFFERTORY	LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER	377
COMMUNION	BREATH ON ME BREATHE OF GOD	98
RECESSION	CHRIST BE BESIDE ME	106

FIRST READING: Wisdom : 9:13—18

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

PSALM RESPONSE: O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE

FRON ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

SECOND READING: Philemon 9—10. 12—17.

Have him back, not as a slave anymore, but as a dear brother.

GOSPEL ACCLAIM . ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. I CALL YOU FRIENDS, SAYS THE LORD, BECAUSE I HAVE MADE KNOW TO YOU EVERYTHING I HAVE LEARNT FROM MY FATHER. ALLELUIA :

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25—33

None of you can be my disciples unless you give up all your possessions.

THE DEEP END — Rethinking our attachments.

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow we must move on from the comfortable. Let go of the familiar. That can often be painful.

During September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering a loss of bio-diversity largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we cannot comprehend, creatures trees and plants are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline will end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate, interdependent web of life created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try and live more simply and sustainably, and to try and encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

Suggestions: Can you remove single use plastics from your life? Buy a reusable water bottle? Say no to plastic food wrappings and plastic straws?

Jane Mellett.

DAILY MASS-WEEK 8th September 2019

Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	5.15pm	Thanksgiving
Monday	9.30am	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Tuesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday	7.30pm	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Thursday	9.30am	Arthur Devlin Decd.
Friday	9.30am	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Saturday ****	9.00am	Bike & Hike Participants

CONFESSION Saturday After 9.00am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday	7.00—7.25pm	
Friday	10.00—10.30am	Prayers for Vocations.

DIARY

TUESDAY : UCM Meeting 7.30pm Angela Room

SVP Meetings: Contact Ian Cousins for details: 07526 753 986

FINANCE MATTERS: Last week's Collection £ 622+ £90 S/Os.

Next week: Second collection for HOME MISSION APPEAL

BEATITUDES.

Blessed are those who realise they cannot live on bread alone, but need the word of God: they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, to come back home to seek reconciliation, they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbour, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope; they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling his brother remove the splint from his; their efforts in reforming others will bear fruit.

And blessed are those who having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back; they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.

Biggleswade Parish invite us to *Afternoon Tea*.

THIS AFTERNOON 3 to 5p.m..

You are invited to **Afternoon Tea Sunday 8th September 3.00 – 5.00 pm.**

If you would like to attend, please put your name on the Notice Board List.

(If you have a small table and / or garden chair please could you bring them along?).

Bike Ride 14th September 9am to 6pm.

is THIS Saturday.

This is a wonderful local Charity which helps the many Old Church Buildings throughout Beds and Herts. (Shefford, St Francis got over £ 30 a few years back).

Furthermore we are allowed to keep a full 50% of any Sponsorship money.

We now need

- Cyclists.

Folk to “man” the Church- welcome the Cyclists. Do just an hour!. There is a List in our Porch to be filled in. Ideally we need 2 people for each Hour.

The Cyclists need more Sponsors. The more you give the more we get. And REMEMBER that the Churches (especially the Church of England) get no State Aid to upkeep their Ancient Village & Urban Buildings. This money goes to your own Church in your own Village (Town). Few causes are more worthy !!!.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LISY IN THE PORCH IF YOUR
ARE ABLE TO SPEND AN HOUR OR SO WELCOMING THE
RIDERS TO THE CHURCH AND SIGNING THEIR FORMS**

Latin Mass: *Mass of the Ages*.

The *Latin Mass Society* publish a lovely monthly Magazine and, from time to time, they give us free Copies. There are five free copies in our Porch. Just serve yourself.

**IT'S TIME TO ENROL
YOUR CHILD FOR
First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation
Formation
For Children who will be 8 years of age or over on the
31 August 2020**

The preparation classes will be associated with the 9am Mass and will finish at 1040am.

This will give parents time to have morning tea/coffee with us after Mass.

As parents you must promise to make the following commitment.

Ensure that your child attends all the instruction classes.

Attend Mass as a family regularly on Sundays.

Pray every day in our home as a family with your Child.

Formation will start mid. September 2019

OPEN EVENING

The John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 26th September, from 5.30 – 8.30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and the Headteacher, Mr Mathew, will start his talk at 7.30 pm. The last tour of the school on the Open Evening will be at 7.00 pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.”