

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,  
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13)

**28th August 2022**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Readings p. 130**

**Ecclesiasticus 3:17 - 20, 28 - 29**

This reading from the Hebrew wisdom literature, reminds us that humility and wisdom go together.

**Hebrews 12:18 - 19, 22 - 24**

Because of Jesus, we are allowed to approach the living God.

**St. Luke 14:1, 7 - 14**

The gospel parable reminds us of our true identity.

"When you  
have a party,  
invite  
the poor,  
the crippled,  
the lame,  
the blind.."



In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. He speaks of a place where those who consider themselves entitled to the highest seats at the table take the low seats. He urges us to invite the poor, the lame and the blind to this celebration. Jesus encourages us to turn the world upside down in a reversal, an upheaval, where the preferred option is for the poor and those considered least in society.

Today is an important day, as we begin the Season of Creation (from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October).

Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home. The theme this year is 'The Web of Life.' The most vulnerable among us are suffering most deeply as this web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today, where we are called to consider those on the margins, including those most at risk from climate change, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet.

Find out more and see what you can do as a parish community during this season of creation at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org).  
Jane Mellett

**Today's Psalm  
Psalm 67**

These verses are from a long psalm composed for the procession to the temple with the Ark of the Covenant. This richly decorated chest which contained memorabilia of the Exodus was a reminder of God's presence and protection. *The just shall rejoice at the presence of God.* People chanted a long list of God's favours. *Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.* Widows and orphans were extremely vulnerable in days when women held no property rights.

Today's first reading calls for gentleness and humility in dealing with people, pointing out that pride is an evil growth. In the gospel Jesus reminds those who are wealthy enough to host parties not to forget the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. These were the very people who were considered to be excluded from the messianic banquet. 'That they cannot pay you back means that payment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.' The poor will act as the doorkeepers of heaven for the rich.

*In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.*  
**Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM**

## St. Mary's Catholic Church, Euxton - Tel: (01257) 262665

Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday, August 28 2022

**Sun: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Eileen O' Donaghue

**Mon: The Passion of John the Baptist**

9.30.am: John Bracken LD

**Tues.am: St Edmund Arrosmith Martyr**

9.30.am. Special IntentionDH

**Wed: Weekday**

9.30.am. TJC

**Thurs: Weekday**

9.30:am: Mary Kelly

**Frid Weekday**

7.0.pm Private Intention

**Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Gerard Walmsley

0771 942 7926 (only for emergency use)

### Confessions

At your request

### **On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home**

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

### **Cemetery**

is looking pretty good now thanks to the regular workers. please give them a hand.

### **Mass Intentions received upto 26/08/2022**

JC. Stringfellow Family; John Bracken LD; Sean Connolly LD; Special Intention DH

**We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop; JC; atherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth; Desmond Corman; and Jean Telford.**

**ur prayers and sympathies go to yhe family and friends of John Bracken who has died recently.**

**Monday** The death of St. John the Baptist is reported in varying amounts of detail throughout the synoptic Gospels and Mark and Matthew report the event with the most detail. In Mark's Gospel, John was arrested and imprisoned because of King Herod's fear of him. But although Herod feared John, he would not kill him because he knew John was a righteous and holy man, and he liked hearing John speak. Herodias, Herod's wife, did not share his respect for John and looked for any chance to have him killed. Herodias' chance came when her daughter Salome's dancing so pleased the smitten Herod that he promised her anything she desired. Herodias prompted her daughter to ask for the death of John the Baptist. Herod granted her wish and John was killed.

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You might be taking a sharp intake of breath at the cost of school meals, but in some parts of the world it costs just £15.90 to feed a child for one whole year in a place of education. That's not a huge ask for us in wealthier countries. As you're paying your child's school meals, consider also paying for a child's meals in a developing country if you are able to. **Mary's Meals** serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Donate online at [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)

**CAFOD Summer Raffle 2022** Last call for CAFOD's Summer Raffle which closes on 2nd September. Every ticket you buy helps local experts around the world to reach out to people with practical help. Whether that's food supplies after an emergency, or resources and training to give people the opportunity to build the future they want. The closing date is 2nd September, the draw date is 16th September and the tickets cost £1 You can play online at [www.raffleplayer.com/cafod](http://www.raffleplayer.com/cafod)

"It is always the secure who are humble." (Gilbert Keith Chesterton)