

Childlike wonder

RIGHTLY, we lay great stress on the importance of education. So why does Jesus urge us to be like children, rather than the wise and learned? After all, God has given us minds and expects us to use them. The ability to reason distinguishes us from the brute beasts, and enables us to discover the wonder of the world in which we live and to develop its resources. We can even conclude that there's a supreme being, the creator of heaven and earth, whom we call, 'God.'

But there's a danger of intellectual pride, in which we think reason can provide all the answers. We can become so confident in the power of reason that we refuse to accept anything we can't prove.

But without undermining the importance of reason, Jesus has extended our horizons. He has revealed the intimate life of God Himself and taught us that His love calls us to a life and happiness beyond our wildest dreams. Jesus has shown us that God loves us so much that He has lived among us and died for us. To human reason the cross seems sheer madness. None of us deserves such love; none of us can gain happiness with God by our own efforts. God's love is a gift, which we can't understand.

So what is there about a child which is essential to our entering the kingdom of heaven? Certainly Jesus doesn't want us to become childish and immature. Nor is He sentimental about children, thinking they are all little angels.

But a child has a sense of wonder. Far from thinking he or she already has all the answers, a child has an openness to the unknown, to the mysterious. Constantly it asks, "Why? What's this?"

Everything is new; familiarity hasn't yet led to a jaded complacency.

Jesus urges us to rediscover the child's sense of wonder, to have the humility to admit that the greatest truths are beyond our human grasp. To believe in the wonder of God's love and welcome it with excitement.

In urging us to be like children Jesus is not anti-intellectual. Some of the saints have been great scholars. They were prepared to raise their sights beyond the limits of human reason and welcome the wonder of God's self-revelation. They used their minds to deepen their understanding of God's truth and love. Like them, we will only be truly wise when we have the sense to welcome God's self-revelation, which we try to understand, without ever losing our childlike sense of wonder and gratitude.

Fr Isidore, OP

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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Entrance Antiphon:	Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.
At 11am — page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Asperges, p 40; Mass Proper, p 131 •Sung setting: Mass XI <i>Orbis factor</i> , p 210 ; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake <i>Farrant</i> •Sortie: Concerto in C BWV959 <i>J S Bach</i>
1st Reading:	Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm R:	I will bless your name for ever, my God and King. (Ps 145)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8:9. 11-13
Alleluia:	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Gospel:	Matthew 11:25-30
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in the Lord. <u>Or</u> — Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR DETAILS OF:

- A Day with Mary** from 10am on Saturday 9 July at the Birmingham Oratory — see also the website www adaywithmary.org;
- Padley Pilgrimage** (at Grindleford Station, Derbyshire) — interdiocesan pilgrimage in honour of the Padley Martyrs, Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Sunday 10 July at 3pm (more details from celia.white@btconnect.com, 01433 630352, and the Hallam diocese website);
- The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Saturday 23 July;
- The Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's 25th Rosary Rally**, at Grace Dieu Manor (near Coalville) on Sunday 21 August, commencing at 3pm with concelebrated Mass;
- The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Sunday 11 September.

The fourth *Evangelium* conference for Catholics aged 18-35, organised in association with the CTS, is taking place at the Oratory School, Reading from 5th-7th August. This is a unique opportunity to hear many fine speakers, including Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury and Joanna Bogle, and to meet Catholics from all over the country. Speak to Fr Thomas for more information, call 01834 812643 or visit www.evangelium.co.uk.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection [No figure available at time of going to press]; SVP £30.50; Friends of Holy Cross £8.55; Holy Souls £21.29; Grenada Church Restoration £22.00. No figure yet available for the retiring collection for Peter's Pence.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Seeing Christ in our midst. This is the theme of the SVP's Annual Art Competition 2011. There are four categories from the Under 11s to the Over 16s, and prizes up to £100. More information from www.svp.org.uk and the noticeboard. Closing date is 31 October.

A Vision for Life: the Spirit of Catholic Theology. There will be a study week from 11 - 15 July led by a team of Dominican friars offering a systematic overview of Catholic Theology, at Buckfast Abbey, Devon. Costs £83 per person. Full details from Br Nicholas Crowe OP at studyweeks@english.op.org.

Ivanhoe: John Middleton, a musician from our Woodhouse congregation, has written an opera, the première of which will be performed at the Loughborough Endowed Schools' Music School at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 July. See noticeboard, visit www.lesmusic.ticketsource.co.uk or ring 01509 283770.



"I bless you, Father ... for hiding these things from the learned and clever, and revealing them to mere children."

Forthcoming parish events for your diary

Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch

Through 'Appealing4' asylum seekers or new refugees who need something which they are not in a position to buy, whether a Mum wanting a school uniform to enable her child to fit in at school, or a musician wanting a guitar to give them a creative outlet, they can give 'Appealing4' the details and 'Appealing4' will make an appeal to ask if anyone has one they no longer need which they are willing to donate. This week they are Appealing4:

- a stair gate requested via the British Red Cross;
- a cd player requested by a lady whose room is in a shared house;
- a back-pack or rucksack requested by a gentleman who needs a replacement to use as he cycles around Leicester;

and also for: 'shopping buddies' – people willing to be paired with an asylum seeker and do some monthly shopping in one of the main supermarkets, eg. Boots or Peacocks (doesn't involve any financial contribution). For full details please get in touch with Gill Buttery, the Development Worker at City of Sanctuary, on 0116 261 6222 or 07716 073403 or leicester@cityofsanctuary.org. See also www.cityofsanctuary.org/leicester.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Gregory, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
Sunday	14 th Sunday per annum. <i>Today is the Day for Life: prayers are encouraged that the sanctity and dignity of human life may be everywhere respected and promoted.</i>	
Vigil	18.00 ✠ Anthony Vaz	Fr Peter
	8.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	Fr Fabian
Family	9.30 In atonement	Fr Duncan
Solemn	11.00 Thanksgiving to heavenly hosts	Fr Peter
OP Rite	12.30 S O'Connell	Fr Thomas
Students	17.00 No Mass now until next term	—
	19.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Isidore
Monday	Feria	
	10.00 ✠ Bridget Doherty	
	12.30 In atonement	
Tuesday	Feria	
	10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 Buntin family	
Wednesday	Feria	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 ✠ Hilarie Gonsalves	
Thursday	Feria	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 Natasha Furey & Chris Tate	
Friday	Bl. Adrian Fortescue, lay Dominican, martyr	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Saturday	St John of Cologne, priest, and Companions, martyrs	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Peter, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Isidore	
	WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	
	Next Sunday – 15th Sunday per annum. Sea Sunday: prayers for seafarers are encouraged. Readings:	
	Isaiah 55:10-11	Romans 8:18-23
		Matthew 13:1-23

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived students and other visitors.

Noticeboards are situated in the New Walk and Wellington Street entrances and at the back of the church in the Narthex. If you don't see what you are looking for, please check the other boards.

BLACKFRIARS' MARKET: Thank you to those of you who have already sponsored Blackfriars' Market. The total raised so far is £215. Everyone is welcome to sponsor the event, sponsorship envelopes are available by the doors. All sponsorship needs to be in place by August 31 please.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.45 Vespers
Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS
10.30 Exposition until 12.30
11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Novena to Our Lady
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS
18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass
17.45 Vespers
19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR)
7.30 Lauds
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
9.30 Mass (Family)
11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays)
12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin)
17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only)
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Rosary
18.20 Sung Latin Compline
18.40 Benediction
19.00 Mass
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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