



FAITH IN FOCUS: NOTHING SPECIAL HERE

There's a famous Latin phrase, attributed to Tacitus the Elder, that says "Omne ignotum pro magnifico". When roughly translated it means "Things we don't understand seem wonderful".

People are always impressed by things that are a bit exotic. They presume a French burger van is going to serve better food than a British one. They imagine even a one-legged ballerina will perform excellently just because she is Russian. They are convinced that since a Scandinavian scientist has a theory on black pudding being good for gout then it must be correct. And they

are prepared to spend a fortune on a holiday to Burma on the assumption that it's bound to be better than Bognor.

We are easily impressed by out-of-the-ordinary things. We find them somehow more glamorous than what's on our doorstep or what's easy to understand. This is illustrated in today's gospel when Jesus returned to his home town and to the people that knew him. Despite his reputation and regardless of the fact that he's just performed a series of miracles his neighbours reject him. Why? Because we know who he is; he's Mary and Joseph's son. Nothing special. Nothing to start crowing about.

It's easy for us to sit in judgement on the people of Nazareth and accuse them of blindness and stupidity. But we can be as guilty as they are. We can fail to see what's good on our doorstep. We can fail to see the wood for the trees.

God uses people and situations of ordinary daily life to speak to us. Most of us will never be visited by an angel with a special message. But we will meet all sorts of people and situations week in and week out that are shouting the message of the gospel to us. These people may be our neighbours; they may be (and often are) people we don't like or find it hard to accept and get on with. But they're still the mouthpieces that God uses to announce his never-ending call. There are no people or places that we can write off.

So, how open are we to all the sights and sounds around us? God's voice is bound to be in one or other of them. Why not let yourself be surprised?



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Sunday 3rd July 2011

Prayer for the Parish

O God our Father and Creator

Where two or more are gathered together in your name
you are there in their midst.

We bring to you our parish of St Joseph's to ask your blessing
as we meet the challenges of our mission of witness and discipleship.

Give us courage and enthusiasm.

Give us spirit of initiative and originality of thought.

Give us charity and unity

and make us aware of each other as we work towards the renewal of our
parish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Joseph pray for us.

MASSES

Saturday 5-30pm

Sunday 9-30am/11-00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday 12noon

Tuesday 7-30pm

Wednesday 9-30am (School Mass)

*Thursday 12noon Funeral Mass

Friday 12noon

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

11-00am to 11-30am

5-00pm to 5-30pm

EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND QUIET PRAYER

Saturday 11-00am to 12-00noon

**MASSES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF A FUNERAL
OCCURS**

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers all those who are sick, especially :

Basil Sanders, Mary Derrick, Peggy Porter, Edward Burke, Bridget McLaughlin, Fr Colm O'Riain OMI, Wendy Swinton, , Mary O'Leary, Fr Chris Dunne OMI, Eddie Mann, Neil Hogan, Mike Tobin, John Lyon, Rose Bostock., Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Josie Canning, Eddie Hosker, Stacey Usher, Anne Boyle, Claire Carlson, Ernie Speakman, Derek Hughes, Annie Quinn, Annie O'Neill, Heather Hillis Maxwell.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Mary Peddar (1984), Thomas Pedder (1983).

Recently Deceased

Mary Cafferkey, Nora Ryan, Derek Hughes, Drina Watts.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£695-79

(including £294-35 loose)

REPOSITORY

The Repository is open after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses And also from 12-30pm till 1-00pm weekdays.

NOTICE BOARD

Information or notices for the parish notice board should be given to Sr Clare in advance

Apostleship of the sea

There will be a 2nd collection taking place over next weekend 9th/10th July On behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea.

WORD FOR TODAY

When were you last surprised to learn something from an unexpected source? From someone you thought unlikely to be able to help? Like the people in Jesus' home town we often close our eyes and ears to what our neighbours are saying; yet we might just learn something if we open ourselves to the possibility that people we're familiar with might have something to offer us.

WORD OF GOD

This is the carpenter surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept him.

(Mark 6:3)



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PARISH NEWS

Parish Holiday

The next parish holiday will be to Bideford. Departing 16th April 2012. Cost will be £165-00. Additional accommodation has been obtained. See John (Organist) or Tel: 517038.

Choir at the 9-30am Mass

Further to a recent parish meeting if anyone is interested in taking the matter the matter further please contact John at the organ.

Christmas Market

Now booking for a day trip to the Christmas market held in Manchester on Saturday 26th November. Seats are £10-50 each. Please see John (Organist).

Special Donations for Essential Maintenance

The Parish is urgently in need of additional donations to fund the renewal or renovation of the Church gutters and downspouts and other external repairs and decoration. The present income covers the day to day running of the Parish but there are no reserves. The Parish Finance Committee will be ensuring that additional donations will be held in a special account for this maintenance work. It is appreciated that these are difficult times but, if you can contribute what you can, please place your donation in the post box in the Church Porch in the envelope provided. If you Gift Aid at present, mark the envelope with your name and Gift Aid envelope number so that the Parish can recover the Tax on your donation. Your contribution to this essential work will be greatly appreciated. The Parish Finance Committee.

Foodshare

Urgently needed are coffee, biscuits or muesli bars, tins of cold meat preferably with ring pulls and tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding all with ring pulls for people who are homeless. Also if anyone is interested in delivering parcels one afternoon a week, for about an hour please contact Fr Declan or Anne-Marie Furse on 07971 526733. Foodshare don't deliver parcels directly to people in need, but to drop off points such as social services. Many Thanks.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 2nd July.

Confirmation

As this year's programme of Confirmation nears its completion, we would like to ask the Parish of St Joseph's to pray for the young people preparing to celebrate this Sacrament.

S.P.U.C. Little Feet Club

June draw winner is Pat McPartland—Next meeting will be held at 7-00pm on the 28th July in the Presbytery.