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Newsletter

Newsletter for the week of 16th Aug 2026 *Readings Cycle A* *Weekday Readings Cycle II*

Readings for the Assumption: Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10; Psalm 45(44); 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39- 56

Saturday 15th Aug **5.45pm Vigil Mass of the SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of the B.V.M.**
Sunday 16th Aug **10.30am Mass of the SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of the B.V.M.**
Monday 17thAug 9.15am Mass
Tuesday 18th Aug
Wednesday 19th Aug 11.30am Mass *(Optional: St. John Eudes, priest, missionary, religious founder)*
Thursday 20th Aug *St. Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church*
Friday 21st Aug 1.00pm Mass (in the Hospital Chapel) *St. Pius X, pope*
Saturday 22nd Aug 10.00am Mass *The Queenship of the B.V.M*
(*Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-11.30am;5pm-5.30pm)*
Saturday. 22nd Aug 5.45pm Vigil Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 23rd Aug 10.30am Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings for the 20th Ordinary Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137(136); Romans11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

INFO for VISITORS
Entrance to the church can be gained from the rear through the *parish community door* as well as from the front of the Church. Find your way to Lomas Square. *SK11 7RZ* & park in the *car park area off the road,* then it's just a few steps to enter via the *Community Room Door.* For weekday Mass the only access is through the *Community Room Door.*

STUDY DAY VIDEOS ON POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL
Are you curious to find out more about Pope Leo's encyclical, the *Catholic Centre for Social Thought & Practice (CCSTP)* study day videos on Pope Leo's *Magnifica Humanitas* are available to free to view on https://www.youtube.com/@CCSTP

ASSISTANT PRIEST COMING TO ST. ALBAN'S
Fr. Febin Thomas who is currently at the Cathedral will be joining Fr. Tomasz & Deacon Gyorgy at St. Alban's from the middle of October, and will bring a very welcome help to the pastoral work in St. Alban's, in the hospital & even in St. Edward's. Welcome Fr. Febin.!

HELP STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED
Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill to legalise Assisted Suicide. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an **Easy Action tool** to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September.,Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vot

FOOD BANK
The Food Bank continue to request:- tins of rice-pudding & of fruit particularly peaches; packets of crackers, rice-cakes, instant pasta & small packets of sugar. Also requested: biscuits, squash, tins of beef bolognese, beef casserole, beef curry. Chicken curry & chicken in white sauce Go to ***https://www.bankthefood.com/download-the-app***

WISTASTON HALL RETREAT CENTRE
Go to *https://www.orc-crewe.org/events* for information: two Autumn events may be of interest 1) *Individual Guided Retreat* led by the Retreat Centre Team Mon 14th Sept -18th Sept 6 Day £670 or 3 Day £385; *2) Jesus the Teacher-* led by David Wells, well known speaker – suitable for teachers, parish volunteers, catechists, parents-Fri 25th Sept-Sun 29th Sept Residential £210, Non Residential £150

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER:
During October half term, *Castlerigg Manor* is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there's a talk, Mass, & Evening Prayer, and plenty of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Check out ***castleriggmanor.com/events***

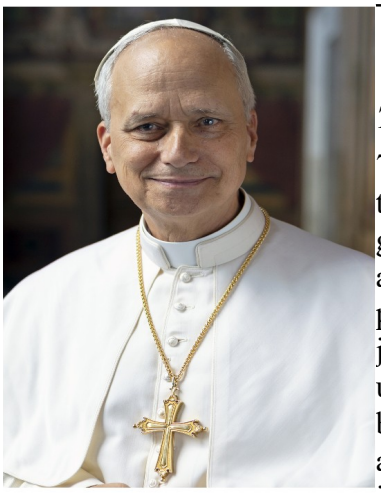
THANK YOU for YOUR GENEROUS GIVING Last Sunday's Collection £166.02

GET IN TOUCH QUICKLY –IF YOU ARE SICK If you or your relative enters Macclesfield Hospital or East Cheshire Hospice let Fr. Peter Cryan know as soon as possible tel: *01625 423576* or by e-mail *st.edmacc@gmail.co*

DIARY OF EVENTS
Wed 2nd Sept Christ the King Pr. Sch. reopens

In POPE LEO XIV'S first encyclical letter "Magnificans Humanitas" Chapter 2 gives us what might be called the official summary of the Catholic Church's social teaching. Over the summer weeks, as the opportunity arises, extracts of chapter 2 of Magnificans Humanitas will be reproduced here. Note: you can press Control + click the numbered links to find the references. For the full document go to https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html Fr. Peter Cryan

MAGNIFICANS HUMANITAS CHAPTER 2 (part 7)



THE PRINCIPLES of the SOCIAL DOCTRINE of the CHURCH

The principle of solidarity

73. Having considered the common good and subsidiarity, I would like to reflect on the principle of solidarity. This emerges from a vision of the human person generated by faith, namely that every human being is created in the image of God and is part of a network of relationships that bind him or her to others, to specific populations and to creation. Saint Paul VI observed that the obligations of solidarity, justice and charity are rooted in the human and supernatural fraternal bonds that unite individuals and populations. [98] Fraternity is not merely an aspiration of believers, but is a social and political reality to be embodied in communal choices and endeavours. Solidarity, then, is the concrete recognition that the future of each individual is connected to the future of all; indeed, "no one is saved alone." [99] The close link between subsidiarity and solidarity thereby becomes evident. When subsidiarity is not linked to solidarity, it ends up becoming merely the protection of particular interests; when solidarity is not supported by subsidiarity, it degenerates into a form of welfare that does not foster responsibility. [100] This interconnectedness also pertains to the responsibility of authentic participation. Solidarity is expressed when each person, both individually and collectively, takes part in the life of the community — by staying informed, engaging with others, making their voice heard and contributing to public decisions and choices — while also assuming real responsibility so that the common good is achieved through shared decision-making.

74. In many areas, we are already experiencing a kind of " *de facto* solidarity," for our lives are intertwined; digital networks connect people and communities across the world in real time, and global economies and communications mean that events in one place have a far-reaching impact. This network of relationships, however, only constitutes solidarity in the fullest sense of the word when it becomes a conscious choice. Faith invites us to see this reality as a call: we are not merely Neighbors to one another, but entrusted to each other, so that each of us may take responsibility, as best we can, for the lives and wounds of our brothers and sisters. Solidarity arises precisely when we decide not to remain indifferent to what happens to our neighbour but instead to transform unavoidable bonds — economic, cultural and technological — into paths of sharing, cooperation and mutual care, embracing the idea of "thinking and acting in terms of community." [101]

75. The Church's social teaching emphasises that solidarity is both a principle and a virtue. As a principle, it expresses the objective order of relationships among individuals, groups and peoples, pointing to an awareness of interdependence whereby the good of each person depends on the good of others. As a virtue, it requires a "firm and persevering determination" [102] to strive for the common good, with particular attention to those most in need. Pope Francis noted that solidarity is "a way of making history" [103] that creates communities and not just masses of individuals. For this reason, it requires a modest and shared way of life, the ability to forego immediate benefits in order to create opportunities for others in the future, and a willingness to challenge habits and privileges — including those related to digital consumption and the use of technology — when they prevent others from living with dignity.

76. In a world marked by increasingly close connections between people, communities and nations, solidarity also takes on a global dimension. Benedict XVI strongly emphasised the link between development, justice and responsibility toward future generations, stating that authentic development requires solidarity and inter-generational justice, [104] as well as an awareness of the bonds that unite us to the natural environment. Today, this responsibility also extends to digital and information infrastructure. Like the natural environment, the "digital ecosystem" can be preserved or exploited, shared or monopolised. Solidarity demands that decisions regarding data, algorithms, platforms and artificial intelligence take into account not only the immediate benefit for a few, but also the impact on all peoples and on future generations.