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Newsletter

Newsletter for the week of 2nd Aug 2026 *Readings Cycle A* *Weekday Readings Cycle II*

Readings for the 18th Ordinary Sunday Isaiah 55:1-3;Psalm 145(144) ; Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday 1st Aug 5.45pm Vigil Mass of the 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 2nd Aug 10.30am Mass of the 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Monday 3rd Aug 9.15am Mass *St. Oswald, ruler, martyr*
Tuesday 4th Aug *St. John Vianney, priest*
Wednesday 5th Aug 11.30am Mass *(Optional: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)*
Thursday 6th Aug *FEAST: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*
Friday 7th Aug 1.00pm Mass (in the Hospital Chapel) *St. Sixtus, pope & 6 companions, martyrs)(St. Cajetan,priest)*
Saturday 8th Aug 10.00am Mass *St. Dominic, priest, religious founder*
(*Sacrament of Reconciliation11am-11.30am;5pm-5.30pm)*
Saturday. 8th Aug 5.45pm Vigil Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 9th Aug10.30am Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for 18th Ordinary Sunday 1Kings 19:9,11-13;Psalm 84(83); Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage groups have now set out for Lourdes. You may like to follow *Lourdes TV* via the sanctuary website at https://www.lourdes-france.com/ -join the pilgrims at the international Mass on Sun 2nd Aug (8.30am UK time) & the Grotto Mass Mon 3rd Aug (9am UK Time)

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

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 11 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 11 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***

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER:

For August & September, *Castlerigg Manor* in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast & evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out / *017687 72711*castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us

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 £176.72 July S/O £726.00

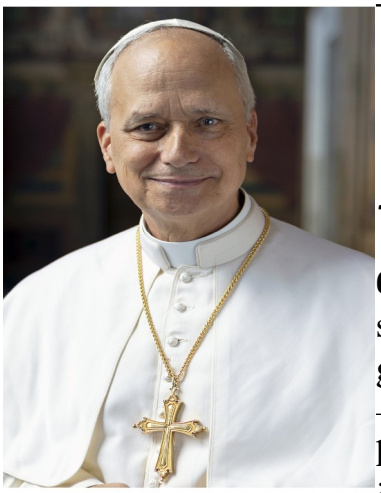
GET IN TOUCH QUICKLY –IF YOU ARE SICK If you or your relative enters Macclesfield Hospital or East Cheshire Hospice let Fr. Peter Cryan know as soon as possible tel: *01625 423576* or by e-mail *st.edmacc@gmail.co*

DIARY OF EVENTS

Sun 16th Aug Solemnity of the Assumption **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 5)



THE PRINCIPLES of the SOCIAL DOCTRINE of the CHURCH

The principle of the universal destination of goods

65. "Among the numerous implications of the common good, immediate significance is taken on by the principle of the universal destination of goods." [85] First of all, this principle reminds us that the earth's goods — soil, water, air and natural resources — are given by God to the entire human family to sustain the lives of all, and that every person has an inherent right to the use of such goods, both now and in the future. Saint John Paul II recalled that, "*God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favouring anyone.*" [86] Consequently, "i*t is not in accordance with God's plan to use this gift in such a way that its benefits accrue solely to a select few*." [87] Today, we are called to recognise that this universal destination applies not only to material goods, but also to immaterial and cultural goods.

66. Certainly there is a right to private property, which has its own specific meaning and purpose, yet it is always subordinate to the universal destination of goods. According to John Paul II, this subordination is the golden rule of social conduct and the "*first principle of the whole ethical and social order.*" [88] In the Church's tradition, property has been viewed as a means of protecting and managing goods so that they may better serve the common good. Since "*the Christian tradition has never recognised the right to private property as absolute or inviolable,*" [89] its social function must not be considered a mere theological opinion, but a doctrine of the Church, already present in Sacred Scripture and in the writings of the Church Fathers. For this reason, Pope Francis reminded us that solidarity, when lived out in its fullest sense, also means *"to restore to the poor what belongs to them."* [90]

67. Today, among the goods that are universally intended for everyone, we must also include new forms of property, such as patents, algorithms, digital platforms, technological infrastructure and data. In a context where the wealth of nations depends increasingly on knowledge and technology, when these goods remain concentrated in the hands of a few, without adequate forms of sharing and access, a new imbalance is created that contradicts the universal destination of goods. In turn, it widens the gap between the included and the excluded, between those who can participate in the digital revolution and those who remain on the margins. Furthermore, care for our common home and our responsibility toward the poor and future generations require that the use of the goods of creation and the new possibilities offered by technology be regulated in such a way as to respect the environment, avoid waste and prevent new forms of exploitation.