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Newsletter

Newsletter for the week of 9th Aug 2026 *Readings Cycle A* *Weekday Readings Cycle II*

Readings for the 18th Ordinary Sunday 1Kings 19:9,11-13;Psalm 85(84); Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Saturday 8th Aug 5.45pm Vigil Mass of the 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 9th Aug 10.30am Mass of the 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Monday 10th Aug 9.15am Mass *FEAST: ST. LAURENCE, deacon, martyr*
Tuesday 11th Aug *St. Clare, consecrated virgin, religious founder*
Wednesday 12th Aug 11.30am Mass *(Optional: St. Jane France de Chantal, religious founder)*
Thursday 13th Aug *(Optional: Ss. Pontian, pope & Hippolytus, priest, martyrs)*
Friday 14th Aug 1.00pm Mass (in the Hospital Chapel) *St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, religious, martyr*
Saturday 15th Aug 10.00am Mass
(*Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-11.30am;5pm-5.30pm)*
Saturday. 15th Aug 5.45pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 16th Aug10.30am Mass for the Solemnity: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings for the Assumption Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10; Psalm 45(44); 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39- 56

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*

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 72711castleriggmanor.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*

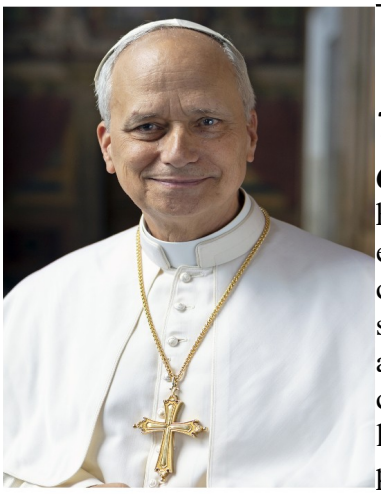
THANK YOU for YOUR GENEROUS GIVING Last Sunday's Collection £202.78

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
Next Sun 16th August Solemnity of the Assumptionm of the B.V.M ; **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 6)



THE PRINCIPLES of the SOCIAL DOCTRINE of the CHURCH

The principle of subsidiarity

68. The principle of subsidiarity stems from the very same understanding of the human person that has guided our reflection on dignity and the common good. If every woman and man is called to take ownership of his or her own life and to contribute to the formation of society, then social institutions must also respect and support this responsibility. The Social Doctrine of the Church refers to subsidiarity as the principle according to which the role of individuals, families, local communities and intermediary organisations should not be supplanted by higher-level authorities. Moreover, higher-level institutions must recognise, protect and promote the freedom and creativity of lower-level entities, coordinating their contributions so that they can cooperate effectively for the common good. [91]

69. Starting with Leo XIII and the beginnings of modern social teaching, the Church has insisted that neither the individual nor the family should be subsumed by the State, but should be allowed to act freely, as far as possible, without harming the common good. [92] Saint John Paul II took up and developed this perspective, noting that the political community is at the service of civil society and that the State must protect the common good, intervening when necessary, but without permanently supplanting the responsibilities of intermediary organisations and social institutions. [93] Subsidiarity does not justify the State's disengagement, but rather guides its actions. Indeed, public intervention is necessary precisely to enable all social actors to fulfil their mission without being stifled. It is the responsibility of the political community to create the conditions that allow individuals, families, associations and intermediary organisations to fulfil their mission in society, without being replaced or reduced to mere facilitators. [94]

70. This principle encourages us to move beyond any form of paternalistic or welfare-based management of societal life, but instead to promote a culture of shared responsibility in a State that values citizens' initiative, and a civil society capable of forging bonds and mobilising energies in the service of the common good. In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, decisions are made at the closest level possible to the persons involved, thereby fostering community life and avoiding people being presented with decisions that have already been taken. In this way people can participate in the decision-making process. When families, associations, local communities, volunteer organisations and those in the so-called "third sector" are recognised and supported, social life becomes more accessible to people, services become more attuned to real needs, and solutions are more creative and respectful of the dignity of each person. [95]

71. The principle of subsidiarity applies especially in the context of the digital revolution. Here, the highest level is not the State, but rather major economic and technological actors that exercise *de facto* power over the conditions of everyday life. This level, which monopolies expertise, data and decision-making authority, involves companies and platforms that define conditions for access, rules of visibility, forms of interaction, and even economic opportunities. The principle of subsidiarity requires that such processes not be imposed from above in an opaque and unilateral manner, but instead be directed toward the common good with transparency, accountability and meaningful forms of participation (including independent checks, transparency regarding algorithms, equitable access to data and avenues for recourse). [96]

72. In this context, States and transnational institutions are called to ensure fair rules and effective safeguards, so that local communities, intermediary organisations, schools, universities, religious institutions and associations have a voice and can contribute to the discernment of choices that affect people's daily lives, such as employment, access to services, data management and digital environments. When it comes to decisions regarding economic flows and digital platforms, as well as the governance of data and algorithms, we cannot allow a handful of actors to dictate these processes on their own; instead, we must build forms of cooperation that respect the various levels of the global community and make them jointly responsible for the common good. [97]