



**The Parish of English Martyrs,
St Joseph & St Peter
in Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne.
*THE GOOD NEWS***

15th October 2017

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr A)

**From Robert - on the behalf of the Postlethwaite family, October
2017**

Thank you for lifting Gerard's spirits after he came to you and together creating a thriving spiritual community which he very much valued. Thank you for working with him to transform the church into a place of beauty and spirituality. When he showed us round we were overcome at the wonderful simplicity, beauty and peace of the church; a Little Gidding in Chard. Thank you for giving him the space to develop his passion for the Camino and joining him on pilgrimages there. Thank you for being so welcoming to the family during the ceremonies to celebrate his life. Thank you for organising the ceremonies. An already difficult task was made even more difficult by the need to co-ordinate arrangements with Spain, Scotland, Somerset and Warrington. These complexities were surmounted and the services were very moving. Despite the many competing needs the family are appreciative of how they were involved in the preparation of the services and in the actual services. Thank you for the very profound eulogy from the parish. It was very consoling to hear how he had touched so many people in the parish and what a transformation he had enabled. Thank you for the reception after the church services. So many people wanted to speak to us to tell us about how Gerard had made a difference for them. Thank you to the people who made the long journey to Warrington to join us in the mass and internment there. It was much appreciated that there was a representation from the parish.

***SILENCE IN CHURCH:** please remember that the time before Mass is a time of quiet reflection and that there should not be conversations within any of the three Churches. Please ensure that mobile phones remain switched off during mass.

Welcome to this House of God: Talk to God before Mass, listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.

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Induction Loop systems are installed in our churches in Chard & Crewkerne.

BULLETIN BOARD

HOLY HOUR: Today at 2pm, 15th October

*The next two Holy Hours will be on
19th November, and 10th
December, at 2pm.*

MORNING & EVENING

PRAYER: *The celebration of Morning prayer on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the celebration of Evening Prayer on Wednesday allows us to join with people throughout the world praying the prayer of the Church.*

REPOSITORY: *selected items are on sale at all three of our churches. Please ask if you don't see what you want !*

100th Anniversary Needlework Project: *this will be launched on 6th January 2018.*

Parish Co-ordination:

Fr Louis has asked for the coordination that was started after Fr Basil's death to continue. This is to ensure that the day to day matters needed to run the parish are dealt with. This group should prevent duplication and omissions. It consists of

Mick Capps - fabric and utilities 261008
Diane Butler - finances 929893
Pat Hanks - ladies group 62338
Sue Kirby - liturgy and liaison 73418

Any issues you observe or anticipate please bring to the attention of any of the above.

TAIZE GROUP: *The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th October at 7pm. This is an opportunity to spend an hour in prayer making use of the chants from the Taize Community.*

CENTENARY GARDEN: *The ground work is complete. Please consult with Mick Capps if you would still like to purchase a plant for this garden.*

MISSION APPEAL on behalf of the Columban Fathers: *due to circumstances, the Special Collection held on 24th September will remain open until 15th October (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time), to allow Ilminster an opportunity to contribute. We thank Fr. John Collins for his care and compassion when he came to the parish.*

The CAFOD collection raised £318.99
The coffee morning raised £180.
THANK YOU

PARISH COFFEE MORNING Saturday 4th November 10am - 11.30am

- Coffee, tea and home made cakes and savouries
- Michael's famous doughnuts!
- Book stall and craft stall

This coffee morning is being coordinated by the **Catholic Ladies Guild**, in aid of CLG funds. Please contact Pat Hanks if you are able to do some baking or provide help!

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Ignatius was a convert from paganism to Christianity. He succeeded St Peter the Apostle as bishop of Antioch, Syria. During the persecution of Trajan, he was taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. In his letter to the Romans he wrote "I am God's wheat and shall be ground by the teeth of wild animals. I am writing to all the churches to let it be known that I will gladly die for God if only you do not stand in my way. I plead with you: show me no untimely kindness. Let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread. Pray to Christ for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God."

He was the first writer to use the term the Catholic Church. His name occurs in the Roman Canon. Legend says he was the infant the Jesus took into his arms in Mark 9.

His feastday is Tuesday 17th October

AT MASS AND IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember with the whole Church, our Pope Francis and those who hold high office under him.

Our whole Diocese follows a Cycle of Prayer, so during Ordinary Time (Autumn) we pray for: the spread of the Gospel; The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and teachers; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

*In our own Parish, we pray for all parishioners and visitors; for those who are unable to be with us today, the sick and the housebound and those who care for them, and all who have asked for our prayers, **all those who have died recently, especially Fr Basil,** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

Please take this newsletter home with you as a reminder of this week's Masses and events

DIARY

Sunday 15th October: Holy Hour at 2pm

Monday, 16th October, 10am :SVP meeting

Thursday, 19th October: Taize Group. 7pm

Sunday 19th November: Holy Hour at 2pm

Sunday 10th December: Holy Hour at 2pm

MASS - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr A)

ENTRANCE HYMN: 303

GLORIA: Said

FIRST READING: from the Prophet Isaiah 25: v 6-10.

RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: vv 12 - 14, 19-20.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word has made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: v 1 - 14.

CREED: Said

OFFERTORY HYMN: 315

OUR FATHER: 507

COMMUNION HYMN: 627

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 772

Next week: Special Collection for World Mission Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Mass & Service Times for this week - Ordinary Time week 28

Saturday 14th October	5.00pm Ilminster	Thanksgiving Pat Hanks
Sunday 15th October	9.00am Crewkerne 11.00am Chard	Deceased members of the SVP Dennis Plaskett
Monday 16th October	9.10am Chard NO MASS	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th October	NO MASS	
Wednesday 18th October.	6.40pm Chard NO MASS	Evening Prayer
Thursday 19th October	9.10am Chard NO MASS	Morning Prayer
Friday 20th October	9.10am Chard NO MASS	Morning Prayer
Saturday 21st October	9.10am Chard NO MASS	Morning Prayer

Next Sunday: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

Saturday 21st October	5.30pm Ilminster	Joan Byrne (RIP)
Sunday 22nd October	9.00am Crewkerne 11.00am Chard	The sick of the parish Fr Basil (RIP)