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Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Freda Herman RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	30 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	1 st	9.30 am	Victor Keogh RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30 am	For ill members of the Adams Family
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Thursday	3 rd	11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR BERNARD BANDY RIP
		7.00 pm	Mike Steere RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	4 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.30 pm	Beginning of 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Patrick Moloney RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Mike Butler RIP
		3.00 pm	Golden Jubilee Concert



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 553 Stations of the Cross: £6,850 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which is on Friday.

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Ken Ellis, Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: PAMELA SIMBLETT and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley, Cecily Grundon, Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher, Mary Simmons, Charlotte Kelleher, Christopher Vanston, Honora Acrell

3. GOLDEN JUBILEE CONCERT will be held **next** Sunday 6th October at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to come to this special event in honour of our church's Golden Jubilee, where our Choir and Young Music Group, together with pupils of Chatsmore and English Martyrs Schools, will present a programme of hymns, songs and readings from the last fifty years. Come and join us at our musical celebration of this landmark anniversary of our parish.

4. CONFIRMATION 2019/20: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting soon. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

5. '24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PARISH': This Friday 4th October from 7.30 pm until Saturday 4th October concluding with 6.00 pm Parish Mass. As part of our Jubilee celebrations our 24 hr Prayer Vigil for the parish is less than a month away. It is a time for giving thanks to the Lord for the Grace he has poured out on us and to pray for our future. It begins with Friday Payer Group and finishes with the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. It won't be completely silent- there is a timetable of events, available in both porches. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the 24 hrs and cannot be left unattended. Therefore there are sign-up sheets where we ask you to let us know the times you might plan to attend so that we can ensure there is sufficient cover. Night Owls, insomniacs and early risers are all welcome to join those of us who have elected to stay over-night. We look forward to sharing this special time with you."

6. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Rosters for October are now available in the Sacristy

7. SAINTS & SINNERS XVIII, to raise money for Turning Tides (WCHP) will take place here in the Barn on Saturday 19th October with a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets, £7.50 each, will be on sale next weekend. Please see poster in porch for further details.

8. 'SCHOOL OF PRAYER': This is a two-day introduction to 'Weeks of Guided Prayer' which will be happening in our area on the 12th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and 13th October from 12 noon – 4.00 pm at Chatsmore Catholic High School. The Jesuits together with the Diocese will be delivering this exciting course which will provide a comprehensive exploration of prayer in many forms. Our Deanery has been chosen to host this event, which will in time take place in all other Deaneries in the Diocese, and we look forward to welcoming you. Please see posters in both porches

9. A KSC RACE NIGHT supporting St Mary's Catholic Primary School Inclusion room and KSC charities will be held on Saturday 12th Oct at 7.00 for 7.30pm start in The Barn. There will be a licenced bar and raffle

10. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Soap and Flannels. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

11. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be **this** Thursday 3rd October at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 8th October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Father Liam says: The Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region is meeting in Rome from 6th to 27th October. The theme of the Synod is 'The Amazon: New Paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology'. The Pan-Amazon Region is the richest geological and most complex biosphere on the planet. It contains one third of the world's biodiversity as well as half the species that have so far been discovered. The territory covers 7.8 million square kilometres. The River Amazon itself is nearly 7,000 kilometres long and is the world's largest navigable river. The area is shared by nine countries from Brazil with 67% of the territory to the Guianas which have 0.1%. It is home to nearly 3 million indigenous people from 390 ethnic groups who speak 240 languages belonging to 49 linguistic families.

In the past this area covered by the world's largest tropical rainforest has been largely unexplored. It was regarded as home to scattered and isolated ethnic groups of little importance – a backwater for production of raw materials, timber and a rubber boom at the turn of the 20th century. Today the region is the target for huge capital investment in the exploration, production and exportation of commodities such as energy resources of oil and natural gas. Mega hydroelectric dams are being constructed and mining for precious metals and the expansion of vast areas of land is pressing ahead with the burning of the rainforest for sugar, soya, palm oil and beef production.

Latin America's economies are still dependent on the exportation of raw materials. Corporations devoted to extracting all these riches are guaranteed massive profits while the locals, whose habitat is being ruined, have to accept meagre pickings. Corruption among public officials is rampant. The destruction in the Amazon puts the future of the drinking water supply and the amount of oxygen in the atmosphere in jeopardy. The spoliation directly affects climate change and increases the incidence of flooding and droughts throughout the world.

In his encyclical 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis insists that everything in creation is interconnected. He says that 'strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.' Pope Francis has convoked this special Synod as he is deeply concerned about the plight of the Amazon where 20% of the rainforest has already been irrevocably lost.

The Synod is an important moment for the voice of the Amazon and its peoples to be heard. It has been much prayed over and has come out of an extensive consultation. It is the result of reflection, debate and approval by a pre-synod council put in place by Pope Francis' bishops and representatives of specialised agencies within the region and those with relevant experience outside the Amazon area who have all participated. About 87,000 people have taken part in the consultation process. Of those 22,000 participated in assemblies and various forums. At least another 65,000 were involved in the preparatory processes in the nine countries of Pan-Amazon parts of Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Venezuela and Surinam.

The Synod will be concerned with addressing the huge ecological problems facing the area but, important as these are, they are only part of the agenda of the Synod. After all the theme of the Synod is: 'The Amazon: New paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology'. The new paths for the Church is a quest that the Church must always and everywhere pursue. New paths has been the story of the Church's ministry from the beginning. If we don't seek new paths we will perish from stagnation. In a world of change new paths are always necessary and this is a world of unprecedented change. An important challenge that the Synod sets itself is discovering new paths for the Church. This has alarmed many people who dread change. The spiritual needs of the indigenous people must be addressed as well as their material needs. How are those people with their multitude of languages to be integrated into the Church? Where are the priests who can celebrate Mass with them and communicate with them? That is why proposals will be discussed about the possibility of ordaining married men from among their number to serve their Christian community. This is exactly how the Church, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, at the beginning rose to the challenge. There was no other way then. There is no other way now. What is there so fearful in that? To do nothing would be the truly fearful thing. And God has not called us to do nothing but has promised to be with us to the end of time in our efforts to work for his Kingdom.