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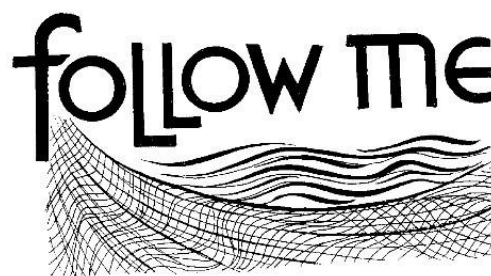
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Humphrey Niven RIP
Monday	31 st	9.30 am	Catherine Reed RIP
Tuesday	1 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls (Adams)
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30am	Heinricotot Juen RIP
Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Bessy Shaji RIP
		11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR CAROLYN CRUZ RIP
Friday	4 th	9.30 am	Anne, Mike & Stephen Steere RIP
Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Yvonne Carter RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-9, St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9, St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

COLLECTIONS: Church: £489 Dona: £194

Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Friedel Herrmann, Sarah Johnstone, Angela Day, Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, Marie Davidson, Alice Headon, Shona, Jonathan Waywell, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Diett, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Ernest Hare, Cyril Woodgar, George Welch, Mark Zenkteler.

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **PAT DUGGAN, CAROLYN CRUZ** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Nora Puttock, Canon Eric Flood, Isobel Shepherd, Helen Gates, Veronica Wood, Francis Vooght, Kathleen Leech, Emily Dove, William Turner, Cassia Denne, Peter Edwards, Irene Stephens, Michael Butler, Frank Foy, Veronica Brown, Anne Steere. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. MINISTERS ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER are available in the Sacristy

5. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

6. THE MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS will take place on Saturday 3 October at Arundel Cathedral at 11.30 am. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. The Cathedral and Centre are wheelchair friendly. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

7. CONGRATULATIONS to our 100 Club winners for August: £15 Peter Lucas (16), £10 Sonya Fernandez (90), £5 Alberico Peci (88), Antonio Loyola (9) and Elaine Ryan-Bassi (80). Please collect your prize from the envelope in the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next months draw!

8. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the noticeboard to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

9. TURNING TIDES: THE SUMMER WISH LIST: Tins - Fish, Ham, Meat and Vegetarian Ready Meals, Fruit. Quick Cook Meals - Pot Noodles, Instant Noodles, Cup a Soups, Microwave Rice. Drinks - Bottled Water, Juice Cartons, Milk & Alternative Milk, Squash, Instant Coffee. Easy Snacks - Crisps, Cereal & Snack Bars. Toiletries - Sun cream, UV Lip Balm, Body Wipes. Clothing - Sun Hats & Caps, Sun Glasses. Outdoor Essentials - 1-2 Person Tents, Sleeping Bags with cover, Reusable Bottles. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations. It is much appreciated.

Father Liam says: The Rev Robert Stephen Hawker is credited with introducing the Harvest Festival. He was vicar of the rural parish of Morwenstow in Cornwall for 40 years. He was appointed as resident vicar in 1843 after many years when absentee vicars appointed substitutes. Hawker was a young Oxford man, aged 33, winner of the Newdigate Prize for poetry. He had recently married a woman twice his age, Charlotte I'ans.

Rev Hawker's life in Morwenstow had its difficulties. It was a remote, wild and mainly poor parish; a group of hamlets without a real centre. It was noted for smuggling, violence and shipwrecks. 'The earth is an orb of emblems', he wrote. 'God made this world for man to see him by'. He once wrote: 'If I eat and drink and see my poor people hunger and thirst, I am not a Minister of Christ but a lion that lurks in his den to ravish the poor'.

One of his saddest and most harrowing duties was to give decent burial to sailors washed up after a shipwreck. Previously they had been summarily interred by the shore. Sometimes after a shipwreck bodies would be washed up every hour. He referred to the victims as 'Unknown and yet well known'. He used to diligently search among the rocks for human remains after some unfortunate vessel had been dashed to pieces.

The year 1842 was a particularly hungry period in what were known as the Hungry Forties but the harvest turned out to be good. Special thanksgiving prayers were decreed by the authorities. On 13th September 1843 Hawker called his parishioners to meet in the church on the first Sunday in October for a service of Harvest Thanksgiving. This idea was soon taken up by others and so the modern Harvest Festival began. Hawker often wrote about the Lammas Day – the ancient Celtic Feast of Lúnasa, which was held early in August. This was an appropriate time for the celebration of the first fruits but was too early a date for observing the gathering of the harvest. He also introduced the regular offertory, which brought him into conflict with The Times and the church authorities. For many years he wore the vestments, as he claimed, of an Armenian Archimandrite and for everyday use a seaman's jersey with formal clerical clothes and sea boots.

His wife Charlotte died in 1863 aged 81 and to the surprise and satisfaction of the villagers, who had observed his distraught state, he married a year later a governess of Polish extraction. Pauline Kuezniski, who had occasionally visited the village with the family for whom she worked. In contrast to his 61 years, she was 20, thus reversing the age discrepancy of his first marriage. At their first meeting she had thought him 'a little cracked' but she soon came to appreciate his endearing manner. There were three children of the happy but brief union. Juliet, the youngest, died in 1950 aged 81. She had been a Catholic nun for 60 years.

Hawker certainly put Morwenstow on the map because Hawker of Morwenstow is known all over the world. I certainly enjoyed my visit there recently. On his deathbed in 1874 at the age of 73 at Plymouth, where he had sought medical treatment, his wife called in a Catholic priest, Canon Mansfield, who received him into the Catholic Church. He is buried at the cemetery in Plymouth and not in the space left for him at the foot of the pulpit at Morwenstow. Much controversy surrounded the final act of the drama. His wife, Pauline, insisted that she was merely carrying out his wishes. It seems that Hawker had long considered such a step but held back for prudential reasons. He had money troubles because he was a compulsive giver. He had a growing family and a deep attachment to Morwenstow. He had corresponded with Cardinal Manning of Westminster and with Cardinal Newman and he wore a Rosary and an amulet of the Immaculate Conception. Today, with the development of ecumenism and a much more friendly religious climate, his dilemma would not have been so acute.

Celebrations of harvests safely gathered in formed part of many rural traditions for centuries. But Harvest Festivals in churches with special services and elaborate decorations only became part of many Christian church calendars during the 19th Century.

This year the harvest was particularly early because of the results of the climate change. The heat and lack of rain has led to poor yields and ensured that there has not been much rejoicing in the farming community this year. Over long periods of time climatic variations had resulted in the warm summer of the early 13th century and the little ice age of the 17th century. Adapting to these climatic shifts has limited the cultivation of wheat in Northern Britain because 90 frost free days were required. Similarly, vineyards declined in the Middle Ages and were revived in Britain for commercial farming only in the 20th century.

The Feast of Michaelmas – 29th September – marked the end of the farming year when annual accounts were rendered. Before mechanization the process of harvesting crops took a long time and was greatly labour intensive. Yields generally have increased greatly. This year's harvest was particularly affected not only by climate change but by unsettled world trade resulting in greatly increased fertilizer costs for example. And the climate change is due in no small measure to the prolonged emissions from fossil fuels.