



As they approach Jerusalem the apostles sense the mounting opposition to the master's mission and feel isolated. They are tempted to despair so they ask for an increase of faith. Then Jesus tells them the power of faith and what it can do. A faith that is deeply rooted can achieve the impossible because life takes on a new significance when the power of God is at our disposal. In life God often seems to be silent in our suffering and in our difficulties and we are left dumbfounded. Whatever evil there is in the world, the person of faith will always emerge victorious because that person is in communion with God. For this reason we can join the apostles in their request to Jesus to increase our faith. This is a gospel that calls us to give our lives to Jesus and

make a special effort to push ourselves to our Christian limit. How many of us who say we are religious have a casual approach to prayer, the observances of the commandments and the exercise of charity? Faith and good works are not alternatives to the Christian, they are inseparable. God's gifts require of us that we are open-handed to others. If we believe in Jesus we will give him unswerving allegiance in our everyday life. Even if we do what he asks of us we have done nothing remarkable in his service. God owes no gratitude to us for our service to him.

**Masses/Services during the week: Monday - Eucharistic Service 9.00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday- 9.30 a.m. Thursday 9.00 a.m. Saturday Reconciliations - 12.30 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. Sunday Masses – 9 am, 10.30 am & 5.30 pm.**  
**Every day holds the possibility of a miracle.**

**We are delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to the parish today to celebrate the 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. masses. Bishop Mark will be joining us for Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall after 10.30 a.m. mass. All are welcome.**

**We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Moylan whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace. We pray for her husband and children at this sad time for them.**

**If anyone needs a visit from SVP, Deacon Tom or myself, please let us know. We will not know unless you tell us.**

**First Holy Communion Leaflets are now available in the church porch for Parents of Year 3 children and above, NOT attending St. Benedict's School, who would like their child to be part of the 2017 preparation group. Please fill in the tear-off slip and return to Trish Crisp at the address in the leaflet before the end of October please.**



**Family Fast Day - This coming Friday, 7th October, is Family Fast Day. Envelopes are available at the back of church today. These may be placed in the usual collection next Sunday or into the 'Flower' collection box on the right as you leave church.**

**Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' - Next Sunday morning, 9th October.** There will be a cake sale during our usual coffee after mass in the church hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Please do come, enjoy a coffee or Tea, some delicious cake and a chat with our church family whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Research at the same time. We look forward to seeing you.

**The Place of Mercy in end-of-life Care - Saturday 15th October, St. Ambrose College, Hale Barns, WA15 0HE.** Arrivals 9.30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12.20 p.m. Final Prayer and Departures at 3.40 p.m. Please register with Helen Jones by Weds 12th October. Take a packed lunch, Tea & Coffee provided. See poster in the porch.

**A.C.T.S' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') "Reflecting on Mary, Mother of Mercy"** annual retreat from Fri evening, 28th until after lunch, Sunday 30th October. All those aged 18 – 35 you are very welcome. Fr Tony McGrath will lead the retreat at Savio House, Bollington. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £95). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or Tel: 0161 477 2783 / mobile 07761 138947

**St. Ambrose College – Premises Maintenance / Caretaker Vacancy - Full Time, 40 hours per week, salary at NJC Point 21 £19,939 per annum (rising to £20,138 per annum from April 2017) plus overtime (for College events in the evenings and at weekends), membership of a local government membership scheme. Application Pack available online at [www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) or: St. Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Cheshire, WA15 0HE. Tel: 0161-980-2711. Application deadline: Friday 14th October, Interviews: Friday 21st October. Duties to start as soon as possible.**

**God Bless You All**

**Fr. William O'Riordan**

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**Parish Website:** <http://stbenedictshandforth.mycylex.co.uk>

**Your Catholic Primary School is:** St. Benedict's situated on Hall Road, Handforth.

For more information please contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Jane Gornell, on 01625 520207