

**Eucharistic Services**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30a.m.**

A few weeks ago, on my arrival here in Mossend I predicted that, the dual responsibility which the bishop has asked me to fulfil here, that of School Chaplain as well as Parish Priest would have implications for the parish regarding the provision of Masses and services. The bishop has asked that I should give at least 12 hours per week to Cardinal Newman, and part of my remit is to provide the school with Mass on at least a few mornings per week. I have already started to say Mass three days a week in the High School at 8.40am. on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. For the past few weeks I have hot-footed it immediately back to Holy Family to say the 9.30am. Mass, before hot-footing it back down to Cardinal Newman again. This isn't a practice that I will be able to continue indefinitely since it is the mind of the Church that a priest should celebrate Mass only once a day. In certain cases, priests are permitted by law to say Mass more often but these must be backed by good reason and remain the exception, never the rule.

At the moment I am saying two Masses at least, five days a week though this past week I've said two Masses everyday. The bishop rightly discourages this practice and has encouraged me to look at alternative provision re. the daily liturgy. After much thought and prayer, I have decided that beginning Monday, 23rd October, on **Mondays and Wednesdays during school term** (i.e. on two of the days when I am saying Mass in school), **there will be no Mass in the church at 9.30a.m.** Instead there will be a **Eucharistic Service** which will include Morning Prayer of the Church and the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament from hosts consecrated at a previous Mass. I am indebted to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy for agreeing to conduct these services. If and when I can get another priest to say Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays, I will do my best to arrange it and let you know of this from week to week via the bulletin.

During special seasons when people make an extra effort to get to daily Mass (Lent, Advent, November etc) I will make a point of seeing to it that there is always at least one Mass in the parish, if not in the morning then in the evening. If a popular feast or funeral were to occur on a Monday or Wednesday, then it goes without saying that there will be Mass rather than a Eucharistic Service.

I know that some people may be disappointed by this decision - as I am myself! I would love to be able to offer you Mass everyday but it is not possible at the moment. I stand in admiration of the good number who faithfully attend morning Mass here. I know they will find this decision hard but a sacrifice has to be made for the sake of our young people. If it helps some of our young people to grow in faith and their love for the Mass, then surely it will have been a worthwhile sacrifice. I know I can count on you to give the Sisters every support and encouragement in the exercise of their ministry when conducting these Eucharistic services.

# **Holy Family Parish**

## **Mossend**



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**15th October 1995**  
**28th Sunday of the Year**

*Let the message of Christ  
in all its richness,  
find a home in you*

### ***Times of Masses this week***

Saturday (Vigil): 6.00p.m.  
Sunday: 10.00a.m., 12.00noon  
Weekdays: 9.30a.m.

### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Saturday: 10.00 - 10.30a.m., 4.45 - 5.45p.m.

**15th October 1995**  
**TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**SINCERE THANKS** for your response to last week's special collection on behalf of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund. It amounted to £655. I have made up the shortfall from the parish account and sent the required quota (£925) to the bishop.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,** (if you haven't done so), return your census form this week.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Our Mass attendance last Sunday 7/8th October totalled 729, the breakdown being as follows: Vigil: 229, 10.00am: 214, 12.00noon: 286.

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN:** Please hand these in by Wednesday 8.00p.m. Write each item out fully, place it in an envelope clearly marked "Bulletin" then post it through the presbytery letter box.

**APPLICANTS FOR SEMINARY:** An invitation is extended to single men, especially young men, to consider the call to diocesan priesthood. If you feel a desire to help the Church as a diocesan priest, please let yourself be known to me as soon as possible. Names of those wishing to be admitted to seminary in 1996 are to be submitted now.

*Next Sunday is Mission Sunday*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** October is traditionally the month in which we remember the foreign missions. We will celebrate Mission Sunday on Sunday 22nd of this month during which there will be the annual Special Mission collection at all Masses.

**PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH:** There is also the opportunity for you to take out special membership of the Pontifical Mission Societies as follows: Life Membership : £100, Family Membership: £10, Ordinary Membership :£5.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS** Thursday at 7.00p.m. The rosary is recited every day after 9.30a.m. Mass and also on Mondays at 7.00p.m.

**MEETING WITH MINISTRIES** As I said last week, I'd like to meet with all those who fulfil a ministry during the liturgy. This is primarily an opportunity to meet with you but also to allow me to share some of my own ideas regarding the way I would like to see the liturgy celebrated in the parish. I have set aside the following dates which I hope will be convenient for those concerned. Hopefully after each meeting there will be an opportunity to chat with one another over tea/biscuits. The venue on each occasion will be the Parish Hall and the dates are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues. 17th October:	<b>READERS</b>	7.30 - 8.30pm.
Wed. 18th October:	<b>EUCH. MINISTERS</b>	7.30 - 8.30pm.
Thu. 19th October:	<b>PASSKEEPERS</b>	7.30 - 8.30pm.

*Please note that there was a mistake in the actual dates given last week.*

**THANKS** H.C.P.T. (*Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust*) wish to express their gratitude for all the help given at their charity shop and making it such a success. The sum raised was £1,652. Thankyou

**LADIES GUILD** A.G.M. on Monday 16th October. All welcome.

**THIS WEEK'S FEASTS**

**Tue: St. Ignatius of Antioch.** Among the many Christians who were killed in the Roman arena (Second century) by wild animals, was this elderly bishop. His writings reveal much about the daily life and liturgy of the Christians of that time.

**Wed: St. Luke the Evangelist.** As well as being the author of the third Gospel, St. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles. He himself was a companion of St. Paul,

**WANTED  
 MORE READERS**

Reading the Word of God in the House of God is an act of service, a ministry. When God gathers His people and brings them into His presence, He also calls on one or two to speak in his name. This is the Ministry of of the Word and those who fulfil this ministry are Ministers of the Word (or Readers as we commonly refer to them)

**If you would like to volunteer your services for this ministry then please come along to the above meeting on Tuesday at 7.30p.m.**