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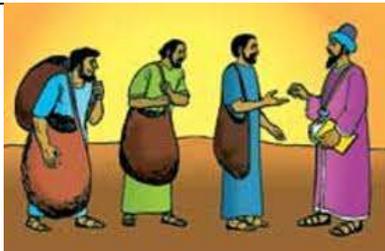
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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th/20th September 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Readings Next Week:



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732

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This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

This weekend at the Cathedral, six men will be called to Holy Orders; three as Priests for our Diocese and a further three as Transitional Deacons. These Deacons will, God willing, be ordained Priests in due course. Usually, this event is one of the larger occasions in our Diocesan calendar; this year inevitably it is a rather smaller affair. Nonetheless, it's still a very important and joyful moment.

The Gospel this Sunday about the vineyard workers reminds us that it's never too late (or too early) to allow God and His grace to work in our lives. Each of us is at a different stage and each of our journeys is unique. And God works with that! It is appropriate today to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. These are very real options for people – they are not the preserve of apparently “spiritual athletes” or intellectual powerhouses. No, the vocation to serve God in either priesthood or religious life is there for all of us to consider. The two essential qualities that are needed I suggest, are an openness of heart, especially in prayer and a generosity of spirit.

When we open our hearts to God's grace then amazing things can and do happen. We start doing the things that we have to do, then what we can do and finally we find ourselves doing things we never thought possible. The important thing is that we are open to the possibility of growth – and perhaps too of being surprised at where we are led!

Sometimes people are nervous of putting themselves forward – given that the world around us is extremely nervous of apparent failure. This is not so in priestly or religious formation. Discernment is a wonderful thing and crucially gives us time and space to get to know God and what He wants for us. I know several people who have offered themselves to either the priesthood or religious life but found that, during the formation process, they discerned a calling to be elsewhere. In all these cases, and I'm sure others too, they all said how much they had gained as people from their time in formation.

And, if it is God's will that you become a priest or religious, then I can assure you that it really is a wonderful life. It is a life of service – to God and to others; it is a life rich in variety such that no two days will ever be the same. Above all, it is a life of prayer and of love lived out each day, often in the apparently smallest of ways, a conversation here, an encounter there. Even the daily chores can become the source of unlooked for graces; “finding God in the pots and pans” as St Theresa of Avila put it.

So, be generous, take a risk on God and ask Him what it is that He would have you do. The world needs priests and religious like never before and whatever the outcome, you will receive so much more than you could ever expect. You will be amazed at God's loving generosity, just as those six men in the Cathedral have found and will continue to find, in their ministry of service to the Church and the world!

Let's pray for each other.

FR. JOHN LOUIS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19	11am	Rosario Fernandes RIP
Sun 20	9am	Intentions of the 9am Choir (Church)
	9am	People of the Parish (Parish Centre)
	11am	Hourihan Family Intentions (Church)
	11am	Holy Souls (Parish Centre)
Mon 21	11am	Michael McManus RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Tues 22	11am	Anacleto & Mary Araujo in Thanksgiving – 40 th Wedding Ann.
Wed 23	11am	Filsu Rebelo RIP
Thurs 24	11am	Deceased members of the Pham Family
Fri 25	11am	Tony Black RIP
Sat 26	11am	For the intentions of Penny Gunny
	3pm	CONFIRMATION
Sun 27	9am	Graham Johnston RIP (Church)
	9am	People of the Parish (Parish Centre)
	11am	Michael & Christine Bigley RIP (Church)
	11am	Dicky Lee in Thanksgiving (Parish Centre)
	3pm	CONFIRMATION

Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls RIP

TRACK AND TRACE

It is now a legal requirement that all parishioners and visitors attending Mass in the church will need to provide their surname and phone number (one member of each household). We are required by the Government to record details of all who attend church during the Covid-19 pandemic. The privacy impact of those whose personal data is recorded in the register is minimal because the register is kept securely and the information is divulged if required by the Government is only kept for 21 days and then shredded. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PARISH MASSES

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers (maximum 64 people with 2 metre distancing).

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group. Rule of 6 applies at all times.
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- **Face coverings are mandatory in Church and all those attending must wear a face covering which should be kept on during the whole service - mouth and nose covered.**

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

SUNDAY MASSES

- Sunday Masses will be at 9am and 11am **in Church and the Parish Centre (4 Masses)** with 2 metre distancing and everyone over the age of 11 should wear masks unless exempt and have proof of exemption.

- On Saturdays there will be confessions at 10.30am and during confessions there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Saturday. Mass will be at 11.00am.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021

Parents of Year 3 children and above who wish to enrol them for the First Holy Communion Programme can do so by emailing theresafernandes@aol.com requesting an enrolment form.

This year the First Holy Communion programme will be zoomed each week beginning on Saturday 10th October.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Our Confirmation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament the weekend of 26th/27th September. Please keep them in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

Bidding Prayers for the week:

In this sometimes bewildering and tragic world, let us pray for those who are suffering, that we may all hear and accept the invitation of God to leave lives of goodness and peace:

For the Pope, our bishops, priests, deacons, religious and faithful people: that they may live out the love and mercy of God.

For our parish: that we may be welcoming and open to all whom the Lord is calling into his kingdom.

For places experiencing environmental disasters especially in the America and Asia and other parts of the world; we also remember the refugees in Greece whose camp was destroyed by fire. We pray that relief efforts will relieve their suffering, that respect be shown to them and effective help given to them.

For the three men ordained as Priests and three ordained as Transitional Deacons in Westminster this weekend. May God be with them and guide them in their ministry.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise

Father, you are kind and full of compassion, abounding in love, look upon our world and our Church and save us from present dangers. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Meditate

For a society which is based on fairness and justice, this parable is incomprehensible. God's economy is different to ours. This parable points to the generosity of the landowner, an image of God, who wants all people to receive the reward of eternal life. We are called to acknowledge him as the Lord of the vineyard who allots the task as he desires. We should rejoice that all are given what they need for their day.

Act

At this time of the pandemic many people have lost their jobs. Pray for them today and, if you still hold a job, try to help those haven't got one.

SCHOOLS

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

All those wanting a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School transfers please call Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

Year 7 2021 Admissions - Livestream presentation by the Headteacher at 6pm on Thursday 24th Sept 2020. Link to be published on the day.
Sixth Form in 2021 admissions– Wednesday 30th September 2020. *Further information to follow.*

A promotional video of the school will be able to view around mid-October
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE is offering two Virtual Open Evenings for entry to Year 7 in 2021, on Tuesday 13th October, 2020 at 6:30pm and 7:30pm respectively. Details to sign up are available on our college

CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Year 12 Open evening will be available on our website www.cvms.co.uk/admissions from 5.00pm on Tuesday 13th October.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day takes place this year on Friday 9th October. We will not be having a collection but if you wish to donate to CAFOD please put your money in an envelope marked CAFOD. Alternatively you can donate online direct to CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Patricia Frost, Michael Nsiah, and all those who have died with the Pandemic.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.