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26th Sunday of the Year

28th/29th September 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 143: Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
Next Week: 27th Sunday of the Year: Page: 146: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10



Dear Friends

I think it fair to say that as we get older we get to a certain level of stubbornness in our way of thinking. Sometimes this can be a good thing if it is based on our wisdom, and when it is bound up in true wisdom (our faith and the teachings of the church) then our being fixed in the unchanging truth of the love of God will set us free. Conversely, when it is bound up in ourselves, in our own experiences and our own opinion then it can be a most dangerous practice that can threaten our very own life of faith.

Thus says the Lord "Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion". These words from the prophet Amos in our first reading in which Amos issued a call from the Lord to the people of his time. These people who had turned away from God's call and plan for them. They had lost sight of their identity to be a special people of God. And so Amos warned them, that if they continue in this practice then their culture will become weakened and they will eventually be vulnerable to invading armies. Sadly, the people do not listen and ultimately the northern kingdom of Israel is destroyed.

In today's Gospel we are given the example not of a nation but of an individual who is stubborn in his way of living. The rich man symbolises an individual who is totally self-centred and considers himself self-sufficient, and like the people of the northern kingdom who pay no heed to the prophet Amos and suffer national destruction, the rich man pays no heed to the teachings of the prophets of his time and he too perishes. And from the depths of hell he cries out to Abraham, pleading with him that Lazarus might be sent to touch and teach his brothers so that they won't suffer the same fate that he has suffered. And then the parable ends with a very stark phrase, that even if someone were to rise from the dead they still wouldn't be convinced.

Indeed, someone has risen from the dead, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and he calls us to follow him, and in doing so to raise our awareness of our complacency and to turn away from our sin. And it is our response to that, that identifies our discipleship and our following of him.

As we gather here at St Lawrence's every weekend, we celebrate the greatest gift that God has given us, the gift of Christ in the Eucharist, however, we should be aware that each and every one of us can fall short in our response to follow Christ. All of us can, at times, fall victim to some kind of complacency, similar to that prophesied by Amos in our first reading.

Being Catholic has often been (and indeed still is) counter cultural. Perhaps as we reflect on our lives we could ask ourselves, *have we taken the opportunity to attend any of our bible study groups?* We should be mindful that we have adoration of The Blessed Sacrament every Saturday between 11:00am and 11:45. *Do we take time every week (or even once every few weeks) to call in, even if only for a few minutes? Have we received the sacrament of reconciliation recently?*

Today's readings leave us with a sense of urgency for our Church and our mission given to us by Christ, all of us should have a very real need to constantly reform and turn away from anything that restricts our life of faith.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

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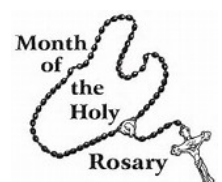
Sr. Katherine O'Reilly, Sr. Mary O'Malley, Sr. Nora Gorman

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

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Cameron Jacey Thiago Quan-Vie who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The enrolment Mass for Sunday School Children will take place on **Sunday 6th October** at the 11am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

The next Class is on **Tuesday 1st October** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Registration is now complete for Group One. The First Confirmation Class for Parents and Candidates is on **Thursday 3rd October** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

If you are seeking to understand better the love and mercy of God as lived in the Catholic tradition you are invited to join our Faith Formation course that will begin on **Wednesday, 2nd October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish. Please speak to Fr John, Fr John Louis or Colin Macken if you would like an application form.

PARISH NOTICES

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This will be the second weekend of The Annual Mass Count. All ushers and those from our different Ethnic Chaplaincies please complete your counting sheet and return to Fr John after Mass.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who supported the International Evening with donations of food, helping to set up and clear up, donation of raffle prizes. A great evening was had by all and a fantastic amount of £780 was raised.

The next event is the **Advent Fayre on 24th November** more details next week.

ST LAWRENCE'S FELTHAM HOLIDAY CLUB

Caritas will be hosting a meeting on **Monday 30th September** in the Parish Centre at 7pm to discuss next steps for the Holiday Club day to be held in October. All those who had signed up to volunteer at this programme please attend.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Churches Together takes place on **Monday 7th October** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

We hope to set up a Gospel Music Group, if any musicians are interested please contact Jordan Pullicino, details overleaf.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

On **Sunday 19th October** there will be an exhibition after the morning Masses to commemorate the 17,000 Polish people who lost their lives in the war. There is also a 303 Squadron Memorial 5k run on the 19th October starting at 11.00am at Springwest Academy.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and envelopes are available for your donations. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please sign the declaration form. Collections will be taken up next **weekend 5th/6th October** after all Masses.

Friday 4th October is First Friday and there will be the usual CAFOD Coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

The Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place every first Friday of each month from 10.30am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8pm to give time for all parishioners to drop in at their leisure to have an hour or two with our LORD. In the event of a funeral Mass, Exposition will follow soon after. **On Friday 4th October Exposition will take place from 2pm to 8pm due to the Wedding beforehand**

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board and flyers in porch for open days at Local schools.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 6 October 11am Mass – Enrolment Mass for Sunday School children

Saturday 12 October – Eucharistic Ministers Retreat Day

Saturday 2 November – Readers Retreat Day

5/6, 12/13 – October - Annual Mass Count

5/6 October – Harvest Fast Collection

12/13 October – Talk on CAFOD Climate Change

Sunday 3 November – Messy Church – 10-11am - Parish Centre

Sunday 3 November – Blessing of Graves

Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November – Annual Mass for Bereaved Families 6pm

Sunday 24th November – ADVENT FAYRE

Saturday 30 November – Catechists Retreat Day

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 12th October** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

St Paul's Catholic College is currently looking to appoint a Foundation Governor to join our Governing Body. We are particularly interested in anyone who has an educational background, however, this position is not applicable to any existing parents of St Paul's children. For further information with regard to this role please contact our Clerk to the Governors, Jo Chappell, directly on 01932 704119 or email jchappell@st-pauls.surrey/sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John Byrne will be available for School Form signing on the following dates. Please put your name on the lists in the porch. There are 20 slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and Certificate of Catholic Practice and wait in Church.

Monday 7th October, Tuesday 15th October – 3.30-5.30pm;

Saturday: 12th & 19th October – 9.30-10.30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Ruzario Luis Souza and Domiana A Colaco RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Cameron JT Quan-Vie
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community
	16.30	Mass in Polish (Special Celebration)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Deceased family members of Timothy Fernandes RIP
	19.00	Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 29	09.00	Michael & Suciõrina Coelho RIP
	11.00	Michael & Christine Bigley RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Egidio Rodrigues RIP
Mon 30	09.30	Deceased family members of Amelia Fernandes RIP
Tues 1	09.30	James Hallahan RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Wed 2	09.30	Pat Miles & Maureen Ross RIP
Thurs 3	09.30	Isaura Britto RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 4	09.30	Myra Hayes RIP
	12.30	Marriage of Mark Stewart and Naomi Ennis
Sat 5	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Harris D' Cruz RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
Sun 6	09.00	Frances & Brian Doran RIP
	11.00	Edith Maple in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Valerie Gill RIP (5 th Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: David Ugowe in Thanksgiving		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

14-15 September: Envelopes £802.37 Loose £1,544.36

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £3,115.73**

21-22 September: Envelopes £686.22 Loose £1,081.58

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,536.80**