



# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 1 / Year A

**Sat 17/Sun 18 October****6pm (Sat)**Rosa Fabrizi +  
Peter Ward (int)**9am (over 70s)**

Isabel Tennant +

**11.30am (family)**

Tony Tucker +

**6pm Mass**John Cash +  
Paddy Costello ann+**Monday 19****6.30pm (streamed)**

Georgina Herd +

**Tuesday 20**

10am Sandeet Shah +

**Wednesday 21**

No Mass

**Thursday 22**

No Mass

**Friday 23**10am Dennis Hyland ann+  
6pm-7pm Adoration in  
Church**Saturday 24**

6pm Sr Jo Chambers (int)

**Sunday 25**

30th in Ordinary Time

**9am (over 70s)**

Isabel Tennant +

**11.30am (family)**

John Brooks ann +

**6pm Mass**Kate Lyne (int)  
John Wright ann +

And they brought him a coin. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marvelled; and they left him and went away.

Jesus avoided the trap of the Jewish authorities by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image... male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God.

Let us pray: Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. (*prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109 AD*)

Fr John

**NHS TRACK AND TRACE**

We are encouraged by the NHS and Diocese of Westminster to use the QR Scan Code which is displayed in the entrance porch

You will need to download the NHS Covid 19 app on your smartphone/iphone to scan.

**No smartphone? Please collect a track & trace card, complete it and put it in the bucket (*one at each exit*) on your way out.**

(There is no need to do this each time)

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:** Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Anne Marie Nowell, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Margaret Dixon, Rita Rawlings, Mary Stella Soosay, Margaret Trehy.

**Please pray for:** Holy Communion Children, Confirmation Candidates, their families and catechists as they begin their sacrament programmes.

**Recently died:** Margaret Bailey

**CCP PRIEST SIGNING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLY.** CCP Paper is available on our parish website to download. Please complete and post it in a sealed envelope, with the relevant support documents **AND** a current photograph of you and your child, through the presbytery door. Please put with your paperwork your email and telephone number (*printed out clearly*).

**PLEASE do not contact** the parish office for updates on your application. Rest assured, admission deadlines will be met and we will contact you by email/telephone as to how to collect. Please regularly check your **trash/bin** boxes as emails may end up in there! Any questions please email only.

**Future Signing of CCP for Primary Schools:** please check each individual school admissions policy regarding the Catholic Certificate of Practice (CCP) as it may not be a requirement for all schools you are applying for. Thank you.

**Please may I remind you that Sunday is currently not a Holy Day of Obligation so you can attend any Mass.**

The 9.00am & 11.30am Masses are becoming very popular. Therefore, for the safety of everyone, and following Diocesan guidelines, I have instructed the stewards to begin locking the front doors when we have reached the full capacity.

**If you can only attend a weekend Mass, Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm Masses are quieter.'**

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: **POLITE NOTICE - 11.30AM MASS** :  
: **'EACH FAMILY MUST COME INTO MASS TOGETHER'** :  
: Please refrain from sending 'half your family' ahead to reserve seating. :  
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**St Catherine's Primary School:** are delighted to welcome prospective parents to St Catherine's via a zoom meeting virtual tour. Please contact the school office if you would like to register a place at the following meeting dates: Thursday 5th November 9.30am, Friday 6th November 9.30am, Friday 13th November 9.30am and Tuesday 17th November 1.30pm. School office contact number: 020 8440 4946 or email [admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net)



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every Friday, 6.00pm to 7.00pm in Church

'Come and spend some time with Jesus in private prayer'

seating will be on a first come, first serve basis

(Apologies in advance if you are unable to come in)

## ALPHA COURSE ONLINE

### Exploring the big questions of life

Do you have questions about the Christian faith no one has ever really answered? Have you wondered whether Christianity is relevant to your life? During this time of pandemic, have you thought, 'there must be more to life than this?'

Join us online on Monday evenings, 8.00pm to 9.15pm to explore the big questions of life. Enjoy an evening meeting new people, watching a video and having a discussion on faith, life and meaning.

Please email [barnetalpha.com](mailto:barnetalpha.com) to register.

All are welcome - please share with family and/or friends and work colleagues

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION - UPDATED 15 OCTOBER 2020

### YEAR 9 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020-22

Two year programme begins in January 2021. Information will be available soon on the parish website.

**RE INSTRUCTION** (formerly Saturday RE Classes): we are offering RE instruction for children attending non-Catholic schools who would like to make their first holy communion or any children from nursery to year 2. Please email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk) for further details.

### BAPTISM

Please email the presbytery.

### MARRIAGE

Please email the presbytery for details.

### CONFESSION

Please see Fr John.

**NEWCOMERS IN THE PARISH!** Welcome! Please email the presbytery [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) with your household details, name, address, contact no etc., if you wish to register with the parish. If you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation, please email the presbytery.

Stay in Touch

Some of you may be isolating for one reason or another, living on your own with no local family able to help you or feeling a bit lonely. We have in place a lovely group of volunteers who are available to assist as much as they can. If you need help or just a friendly voice on the telephone for a chat, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery by calling 0208 449 3338 (*please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply*) or by email [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) someone will get back to you.



**Survive Rebuild Heal.** Coronavirus has affected us all. This Family Fast Day let's stand alongside communities across the world to help them *Survive, Rebuild and Heal*. Let's hold them in prayer.

Our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

*\*texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and sms. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.*

**Red Missio Boxes** are being collected at the presbytery.

Thank you for your continued support in your Red Missio Boxes. Please can we ask you to assist us by counting your donations into individual money bank bags (if you can't, that's okay). Place your donations into a carrier bag with your details and post it through the presbytery.



## World Mission Sunday 18 October 2020



**World Mission Sunday** supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilceia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important cause which will sustain the future of our Church.

You can call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk) Thank you.

Please take home a copy of '**Mission Today**' after Mass and watch the uplifting video about the inspiring work of missionaries around the world: '**We Are Still Here**' on their website.

Please take a look at their new children's activity sheets for every Sunday in October, available on the World Mission Sunday page [www.missio.org.uk/wms](https://www.missio.org.uk/wms)

Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. He reminds us that *'in a context profoundly marked by the COVID 19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptised person.'* (After Mass, please pick up the full copy of Pope Francis' message available near the newsletters).



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2020**

***Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)***

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: “Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World”.

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord’s question: “Whom shall I send?” (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. “Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying ‘We are perishing’ (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this” (*Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn* 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. *Jn* 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always “on mission”, always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn* 3:16). Jesus is the Father’s Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father’s will (cf. *Jn* 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; *Heb* 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

“The mission, the ‘Church on the move’, is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you” (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human



life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt* 5:38-48; *Lk* 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. *Lk* 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here am I, Lord, send me" (cf. *Is* 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (*Is* 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. *Mt* 9:35-38; *Lk* 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost*

***Franciscus***