



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week I Year B

Sunday 17th October 2021:

6pm* Rita Deasy (RIP)

8.30am: Paddy Costello
(ann.)

10.30am: Rodney Fernandes
(ann.)

6pm: Jose Sumaylo (ann.)

Mon 18:

St Luke the Evangelist

(Church open 10am-6pm)

6.00pm: Eileen Mullen (RIP)

Tues 19: St John de

Breboeuf & Companions

(Church open 10am-6pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Noreen Mullen (int.)

Wed 20: NO MASS

(parish office closed)

Thurs 21:

10am: Dennis Hyland (ann.)

Fri 22: St John Paul II

(Church open 10am-7pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Julie Loh (RIP)

(1.30pm: Christian Meditation)

(6pm-7pm Adoration)

Sat 23:

6pm* Margaret Simons (RIP)

Sun 24: 30th in Ordinary

Time

8.30am: Emma Bannerman

(int.)

10.30am: Margaret Geigar

(RIP)

6pm: Parish & People (int.)

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This weekend we can ask ourselves- ' Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honoured by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives, as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being the first and most important in position.

When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would teach and exercise spiritual authority on his behalf, he did the unthinkable. Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last. Jesus wedded authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to lay down his or her life - each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required - and even to the point of shedding one's blood if necessary for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love - the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us". This week let us be ready to lay down our life and to serve others as Jesus has taught us?

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Not to be served but to serve, by St John Chrysostom (344-407 AD) "Jesus says, 'The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' It is as if he were saying, 'I willed not even to stop at death but even in death gave my life as a ransom. For whom? For enemies. For you. If you are abused, my life is given for you. It is for you. Me for you.' So you need not be too picky if you suffer the loss of your honour. No matter how much it is lowered, you will not be descending as far as your Lord descended. And yet the deep descent of one has become the ascent of all. His glory shines forth from these very depths."

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NOTICES

NEW MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (vigil): 6.00pm

SUNDAY: 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm

MONDAY: 6.00pm (not 6.30pm)

TUESDAY 10.00am, WEDNESDAY no mass,

THURSDAY: 10.00am and FRIDAY: 10.00am

SATURDAY RE GROUP: November 6th and 20th, December 4th and 11th. **Where?:** In the JP Room
Time?: 9.30-10.45am

Who is the group for?: We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish.

What will you do?: We start each session with a prayer, reflection and song. We may talk about seasons of the liturgical year, feast days or concentrate on the gospel for the coming Sunday. We then break into groups with more focused teaching for KS1 and KS2 children. Our classes aim to give the children an overview of the RE teaching they would receive in a Catholic school. We do not provide specific preparation for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, this is addressed elsewhere in the parish.

It would be helpful if each child brings their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils as we have been advised that, due to Covid precautions, we do not share resources.

LIFE ASCENDING - A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years: Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Next meeting is on Tuesday 19th October after the 10am Mass.** If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021-22 FOR PARISH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL* YEAR 3: is available online. Please email Anita on anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk with your forms.

Please be advised that the closing date for First Holy Communion Applications is Sunday 24th October

***Please note** if your child is not attending a faith school, they must have attended our parish RE Classes for a year before enrolling onto the HC Programme.

MORNING PRAYER: Every Tuesday and Friday 9.30am in church.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 'Maranatha' every Friday 1.30pm in church.

ADORATION: Every Friday 6pm-7pm in Church (*except first Friday of every month*).

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS are back! After the 10am Mass in the JP Room. All welcome.

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, Bernadette Hunt, Amparo Abalos, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Steven Hunt, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig and the Nestor family.

(***please note we are updating our prayer requests. You will see many names have been removed - if you wish for them to be placed back on the prayer list, please email the presbytery - thank you*).

Recently Died: Maurice Hunt, Cathy Stayne.

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