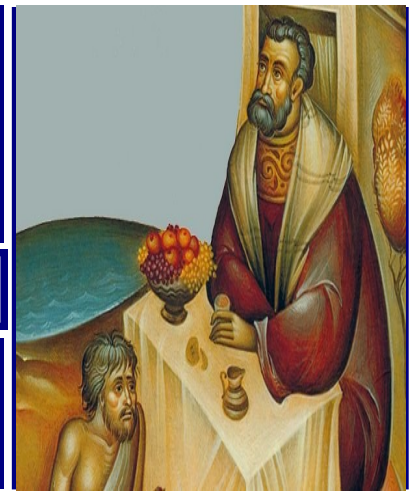


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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 25th September 2022**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 24th September	Vigil: 26th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Billy & Mary Byrne RIP
		10.30am	Wilford Tompkins RIP
Tuesday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul	7.00pm	Catherine & Nick Dodd
Wednesday 28th September	Feria	9.15am	Bob Deen RIP
Thursday 29th September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.15am	John Murray RIP
Friday 30th September	St Jerome	9.15am	Bill Metcalfe
Saturday 1st October	Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Betty Flanagan RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**  
 Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

**Liturgy of the Word: 25th September 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us accordingly to the bounty of your mercy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord.  
 I know them and they follow me.  
 Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Psalm 94, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17: 5-10

**Gospel Reflection**

In the parable of the rich man who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus, Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was lying at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings.

In Jesus' teaching those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they give away. The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar.

"God made both the rich and the poor. So the rich and the poor are born alike. You meet one another as you walk on the way together. Do not oppress or defraud anyone. One may be needy and another may have plenty. But the Lord is the maker of them both. Through the person who has, He helps the one who needs - and through the person who does not have, He tests the one who has." (St Augustine Sermon 35)

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols, along with other faith leaders have an audience with King Charles.**

King Charles spoke privately to the Cardinal, and asked him to pass on his thanks and gratitude to Catholics and the Diocese for their prayers.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**

Prayer Holy, beloved Father,  
your Son Jesus taught us  
that there is great rejoicing in heaven  
whenever someone lost is found,  
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded  
Is gathered into our "we",  
which thus becomes ever wider.  
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,  
and all people of good will,  
the grace to do your will on earth.  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach  
that draws those in exile  
into the "we" of community and of the Church,  
so that our earth may truly become  
what you yourself created it to be:  
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.  
**Pope Francis**

**DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal**

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Or see the poster in the Narthex and donate using the QR code.



**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

In October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. For further details on when the relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster visit <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/> or see the poster at the back of church.

The dates/times for *St Joseph's Church, Stevenage*

The relics will arrive on Monday 17th October at 1pm, and depart on Tuesday 18th 8.15am



**ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL Catholic High School**

**OPEN MORNING on 23rd September, 9:30 -11:00 am** with limited places bookable through [admissions@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk) This will include a talk from Mr Conway and a limited tour of the school.



**ST. JOAN OF ARC Catholic School**

**ST JOAN OF ARC Catholic Secondary School**

Open Evening on **Thursday 6th October 6-9pm** & Open Morning on **Friday 7th October 9-11.30am** for students and parents who are seeking admission in September 2023. To find out more about the school and download an application form visit [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially**

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan, Bernadette Cruickshank and Alice Sheppard.

**Offertory for Sunday 11th September Envelopes £282.92 Loose £180.33 TOTAL £463.25**

**Offertory for Sunday 18th September Envelopes £247.71 Loose £231.61 TOTAL £479.32**

**Standing Orders for August £1769.00**

**Many Thanks**