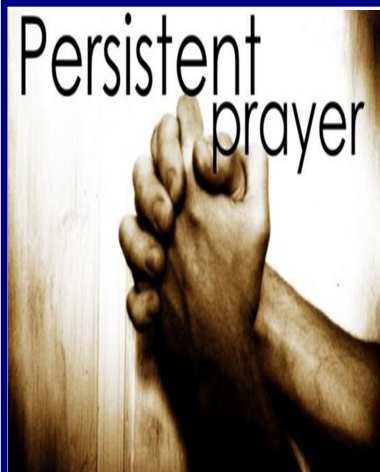


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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16th October 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 15th October	Vigil: 29th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Daniel Francis Foley
		10.30am	Jorge Varela RIP
Tuesday 18th October	St Luke, Evangelist	7.00pm	Ralph Brown RIP
Wednesday 19th October	Feria	9.15am	Maggie Lunn RIP
Thursday 20th October	Feria	9.15am	Kathleen Moffatt RIP
Friday 21st October	Feria	9.15am	John Chaloner
Saturday 22nd October	Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Vanessa & Paulo Vaz

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: 16th October 2022

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19, Psalm 33, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Gospel Reflection

In our Gospel this week Luke tells us about a parable which Jesus used to teach his disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Parables were short stories which Jesus used to illustrate a point he wished to make. Sometimes a key figure in the story is meant to be compared with God; for example the Father who runs out to forgive and welcome home his long lost child (in what is known as the parable of the Prodigal Son), makes us think of God's mercy and forgiveness.

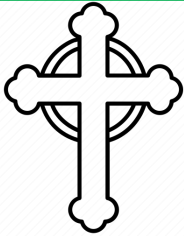
Sometimes Jesus uses characters who remind us that God is different. This week we are told about a judge who neither feared God nor respected any human being. A woman keeps coming to him for judgement against someone. For a long time he refuses, but the woman persists and he agrees to give judgement on her behalf just to get rid of her!

Jesus is saying that if even an unworthy judge will listen to someone's pleas, how much more will a kind and merciful God want to grant our prayers.

The woman never gave up. We too must never cease to lose hope in prayer. God loves us and wants us to be happy. He is always stretching out his hand to heal and to support us.

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he told them to ask that God's will be done. We hand over our requests to God, confident in his love and kindness. We accept the will of God in all things. Prayer unites us in love with God and helps us to trust in his plan for us.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". (Philippians 4:6)



November is the Month of the HOLY SOULS

Please complete the white form with the names of any Deceased family members or friends whom you wish to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Enclose the form in the dedicated brown envelope *with a Mass offering*. Then post in the wooden box at the back of church.



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SPUC is holding a one-day conference on the important topic of **Abortion and Coercion**

Many women have an abortion against their wishes. SPUC is campaigning to expose the scourge of coerced abortion and to gain recognition that this is a form of abuse against women.

Saturday 22 October in London SW1

9.30am-4.30pm . Cost £35 Concessions £25. Lunch included.

To book a place contact Katherine Hampton on 01892 542616 or email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST –VACANCY

WST is looking for a part time Primary Schools Worker to join Watford Schools Trust's team for an 18 month fixed term with the possibility of this being extended depending on funding.

It is a flexible position for approximately 15-18 hours per week (term time only) offering a pay rate of £12-£13 per hour dependent on previous experience.

For further details see the flyer on the noticeboard or contact the Chair of Trustees for an application pack at chair@watfordschoolstrust.org

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th October 2022



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.

Monday 17th October: visit of St Bernadette's relics to St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts.

SG1 1NJ. Church open 1pm to midnight, then **Tuesday 18th** from 6.00 to 8.15am.

Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. See poster at the back of church.

For the full programme, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>



Grants to older people living on low incomes

Friends of the Elderly have a small grants programme for elderly people living on low incomes, identified by the Diocesan fundraising department. Grants are c£400, cost of living grants c£250 according to their guidance.

<https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>



Loreto College Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 19 October @ 6.30pm. Now a Co-Ed Sixth Form.

www.loreto.herts.sch.uk



LORETO COLLEGE
ST ALBANS

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 9th October

Envelopes £292.71

Loose £356.45

TOTAL £649.16

Monthly standing orders for September 2022 £1,770

Many Thanks