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24 September 2023 • World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Last Sunday's collection: £1886. Evangeli Sunday collection £642. Many Thanks.

Gaudium et Spes- Joy and Hope. This is the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the modern world from the Second Vatican Council. The words Gaudium et Spes mean the joys and the hopes. The document is trying to remind Catholics that they can be open to the world, to dialogue with the world, because the joys, hopes and sorrows of human beings are of their concern.

Lumen Gentium- Light of Nations. In eight chapters we are told about the mystery of the Church. And the mystery of the Church came into being because God created us in his image and likeness and gathered us into himself in the Old Testament through the gathering of the people. That was then given to us in the person of Jesus Christ who gathered his disciples around the Kingdom of God through his teaching and preaching.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The 100th anniversary is celebrated on this Sunday 24th September. The Holy Father has chosen the theme –To choose whether to migrate or stay.

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell in the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen. Pope Francis.

Feasts this week. Tuesday. Ss Cosmas and Damian. Martyrs. Wednesday. St Vincent de Paul. Priest. Friday. SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Archangels. Saturday. St Jerome. Priest and Doctor.

During October the Rosary should be recommended to the faithful and its nature and importance explained. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general wherever several persons have gathered for a good purpose: in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

Thoughts of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer. Do not worry about things that generate preoccupation, derangement or anxiety. One thing is necessary : to lift up your spirit and love God. If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves but our souls, and with that, God himself. Continue to be patient-it will be for your good. Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.

Marriage Encounter non-residential enrichment weekend for couples: 30th Sept & 1st Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

First Holy Communion application forms for 2023/2024 are available from the Parish office and the deadline for returning applications will be Sunday 1st October.

The Pope's Monthly Intention. For people living on the margins: We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane living conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.