

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 17th October 2021

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This Gospel message is certainly easier said than done. It reveals one serious temptation that those “who are recognised as rulers” may fall into. This is the temptation of an abuse of power and a lack of humble leadership. For example, tradition states that at the heart of the fall of Lucifer and the demons was a desire for power. “I will not serve” are the words attributed to Lucifer. In other words, the desire for power and to be served by others was real and very powerful for these fallen angels. So it is with each one of us.

Though we may not be in a position of great power over others, we will most likely all struggle with the desire for power. This can happen in just about any context. Take, for example, a friendship. Very often when there is the slightest disagreement on something, we want our own way. We want to be in charge. Or take the example of home life. How many enter into family life with a desire to serve the others and to humbly submit to the others’ wills? This is hard to do. It’s much easier to want to be the boss and to dictate to others what is to happen in this or that situation.

Jesus makes it clear to His Apostles that when they exercise their “authority” over others they are not to make it “felt” by others. In other words, Jesus was not calling His Apostles to be leaders by brute force, intimidation, manipulation or by any other severe exercise of their authority. The authority that Jesus wanted was much different.

Christian authority is centred in love and humility. It’s a “leadership” that is lived in true humility. This leadership wins over hearts, minds and wills of others and invites them to follow in charity and love. This must happen within the family, among friends, at church and within society.

Reflect, today, upon how you lead others. Do you expect to be the “boss” and expect others to follow you because of your authority? Or do you lead others by humility and love drawing them to Christ through your goodness? Commit yourself to Christian leadership as Jesus intended and you will be amazed at the effect it has within your family, among friends and within the larger community.

Lord, help me to be a humble leader: Help me to let Your heart of love and mercy shine forth and to lead by the goodness and kindness of Your merciful heart. Help me to set aside all pride and egotism and to become a servant of all. Jesus, I trust in You.

Do remember the Covid-19 motto ‘Hand, face, space’. In Church, your nose AND mouth should be covered when in the Church. We are responsible for one another’s health. Please do not come into the Church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been asked to self-isolate.

See also:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html>

Readings: Isaiah 53: 10-11, Psalm: 32, Hebrews 4: 14-16, Mark 10: 35-45

Today’s readings can be found at universalis.com/mass. Please set your devices to silent mode during Mass.

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PARISH DIARY

See back page for regular Mass & Liturgy schedule

Sunday 17th October 2021: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).

Monday 18th October: ST LUKE, Evangelist
8.30 am- Church Cleaning ✚
12 noon - The Angelus

Tuesday 19th October: St Paul of the Cross, Priest
12 noon - The Angelus

Wednesday 20th October: Feria
12 noon - The Angelus

Thursday 21st October: Feria
12 noon - The Angelus

Friday 22nd October: St. John Paul II Pope
12 noon - The Angelus

Saturday 23rd October: Feria
12 noon - The Angelus

Sunday 24th October: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B). World Mission Day - Retiring Collection

✚ Church **UH** Upper Hall **LH** Lower Hall

PARISH LIFE

Parish Office - has temporarily moved to the room next to the kitchen. The office will be permanently relocated to the ground floor once the works to the new office have been completed.

Car Parking Arrangements - The management of the car park has been handed over to external agents. The arrangements for the weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday up until the 12.15 pm Masses remain the same, i.e. the gate will be open around Mass times). If you attend Mass during the week, you will have to book a space, which can be done online at <https://parkbee.com.uk>

November Month of the Holy Souls - Lists and envelopes are available from the back of the Church, Repository or Parish Office, for you to write the names of your deceased relatives, friends and for all those you wish to pray for. Holy Masses will be said for them on All Souls' Day and during the month of November. Please post the envelope together with your donation in the white box under St. Rita's statue. Thank you.

Sunday Obligation - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement. "It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church". The full statement can be found on the parish website.

Covid-19 Route Map Step 4 Guidance - From the 19th July, there will be no legislation on social distancing in England and Churches may increase their capacity.

The following practices, however, will continue;

- Face coverings continue to be worn in the Church.
- Sanitising your hands upon entry and exiting the Church.
- Continue with the track and trace as you enter the Church. Churches will continue to keep a record of parishioners attending the church for prayer/Mass. This is mandatory. These records are kept locked for a period of 21 days before being destroyed. **Alternatively**, scan the QR code (on the notice boards) with your NHS COVID-19 app to check in.
- Maintaining social distancing when seated in the Church.
- The one way system is still in operation when going up to receive Holy Communion.
- Offertory Collections will continue to take place after the Mass. Please consider using the contactless machines or donating online.
- The Church will be left open for individual prayer from 7 am to 1 pm. On Sundays, the Church will open at 8 am and close at 1 pm.

The guidance states that:

- Ventilating the Church especially during and between services remains important.
- Stewards will no longer be necessary to show people to designated seats. The stewards will still assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.
- Holy Water stoups will continue to remain unfilled.
- The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering

whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.

- Indoor congregational singing is now permitted. The recommendation is that this should be phased in gently as part of worship over the summer period and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.

Thank you - to all of our ushers who have generously given their time during the pandemic, without which, the Church would not have been able to remain open.

More Volunteers Required - We need more volunteers to help clean the Church after the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office.

Readers - We thank our current readers for their continued help over these last few months. As we have introduced more Masses, we really need more readers especially at the 9 am Mass where there are few readers. Contact Annabel if you are interested and would like more information on staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk You can also contact the parish office and your details will be passed onto her.

Live Streaming Masses and Services - To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: www.churchservices.tv. To make a donation towards this service, please either; donate via The Virgin Money Giving donate button on the parish website, place your donation in an envelope marked "Live streaming Masses" or you can use the details given in this newsletter under Stewardship and Giving, using your name/Live Streaming Masses as a reference.

The amount received so far is **£3,873.74**. Thank you all for your generosity.

Church Cleaning - More volunteers required to help clean the Church on Mondays after the 8 am Mass. Please speak to Antonia.

LITURGY

Amal in Westminster Cathedral - Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25th October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together.

Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/>

Concelebrated Requiem Mass - The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, NW10 5NU will take place on Monday 8th November 2021 at 11.30 am.

Mass Times - Please note that the Sunday 6.30 pm Mass has resumed.

The Angelus - Every day at 12 noon.

Rosary - The rosary (led by parishioners) will be recited after the 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Confirmation 2021 - The Confirmation Mass will take place next month.

Marriages - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice, longer if you wish to marry abroad. You also need to attend a Marriage course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Holy Communion 2022 - If your child is currently in Year 3 and would like to apply for a place for your child on our course next year, application forms are available at the back of the Church or Parish Office. The completed form should be completed and returned to the Parish Office with accompanying documents by **Monday 15th November 2021**.

SCHOOLS

Certificate of Catholic Practice Forms for SECONDARY SCHOOLS/6TH FORM - Fr. Tomas will be available in the Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday 19/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Wednesday 20/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Thursday 21/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Primary School Applications - Information regarding arrangements for signing of Certificate of Practice Forms will be published in the parish newsletter/website towards the end of the year.

COMMUNITY MASS LIST

Recently Deceased:

Barney Garry, Jimmy Neary, Maura Michael, Noel Coffey, Ethna Harris, Johannah Sims.

Anniversaries:

Sonny Kenally (5th Ann.), Christina Hanley, Mary McTigue, Violeta Carpio, Bernard McHugh.

Intentions:

Margo Stack RIP, Holy Souls, Fr. Eamonn, Amanda & Greg, Jim, Pat, Susan & Joe, Jackie Hogan, John & Chris Fitzgerald, Anna Power & extended family, Robert Bray & deceased family members, Joan Rodriguez & extended family, Ali Rodriguez & extended family, Sara Milton, Victoria Marshall, Margaret Humphries, St. Teresa & the Holy Souls, Martin & Miriam O'Donovan.

Get Well:

William Smart, Geraldine Andrews.

Birthday:

Claudio Tonfoni.

FUNERAL

We pray for the repose of the soul of Martha Francis whose Requiem Mass will take place here on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 12.15 pm. We remember Lucy and family during this difficult time.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these difficult times.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or use the following details:

Name: WRCDT - Hammersmith
Acc No: 11308262 **Sort code:** 40-05-20
Bank: HSBC **Ref:** Your name

If you are a UK Taxpayer you can complete a Gift Aid form from the porch, website or from the Parish Office. We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donate.

Contactless Payment Machines - Two machines have been installed at the entrance and exit of the Church for donations. The machine is very easy to use and allows you to support the Church at this time by online giving. Please use the hand sanitiser and touch screen to begin. It is good to see that many of you are using them.

Gift Aid Envelopes - Please collect your box from the Repository.

Caritas Foodbank - As life gets back to normal for most of us, many families will continue to live with the economic impact of the pandemic through losing jobs or facing cutbacks. So, we will be collecting items for the Caritas Food Bank that can help some of these people. A box will in the porch to take your gifts of dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable and fruits) and toiletries. If we can all manage just one item each week, together we can make an enormous difference and share God's bounty with others. Thank you.

World Mission Sunday Retiring Collection Next Weekend - To support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 12.15 pm, 6 pm (Vigil) ■ **Sunday:** 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm

Monday-Friday: 8 am & 12.15 pm

SACRAMENTS, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation (Confession): Available by appointment.

Parish Priest: Fr. Tomas Banayag, O.S.A. ■ **Parish Administrator:** Monica Hamilton

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