Our Faith on Sunday

Liturgy
26th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

**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 according to the
bounty of your mercy.**

FIRST READING: Amos. 6:1. 4-7

Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.

PSALM: Ps 145:6-10. R.v2

R) My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R)**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

SECOND READING: I Timothy 6:11-16

Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 10:27
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

**Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel continues the same theme as that of last Sunday, except that this time Jesus also shows us the consequences of failing to love our neighbour. The rich man is suffering torment in Hades and wants to warn others of where they will end up if they live their lives like he has. But Abraham tells him that there is a great gulf "to stop anyone from crossing from our side to yours". The rich man pleads with Abraham, but Abraham explains how there are many warnings in life on earth to warn people of what happens when they ignore the needs of their neighbour. Often we "ignore" the warnings given to us during this life, perhaps through a false concept of God's mercy. We think all our "faults" will be forgiven, but as Jesus explained through the Our Father, God's mercy, his forgiveness is conditional on how we treat our neighbour. At the end of today's Gospel Abraham concludes: "… they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." And, in fact, despite Jesus' rising from the dead, many people refuse to "be convinced" and choose to follow a lifestyle through which they risk losing the rewards promised to those who love God and neighbour.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



The Social Dimension of Evangelization
The special place of the poor in God's people

203. The dignity of each human person and the pursuit of the common good are concerns which ought to shape all economic policies… It is irksome when the question of ethics is raised, when global solidarity is invoked, when the distribution of goods is mentioned, when reference is made to protecting labour and defending the dignity of the powerless, when allusion is made to a God who demands a commitment to justice… Casual indifference in the face of such questions empties our lives and our words of all meaning. Business is a vocation, and a noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all.

GOSPEL CHILDHOOD
The 'Little Way' of St Therese of Lisieux for everyone*

A WAY BASED ON DAILY LIFE

Living in a convent means living closely with all sorts of people, and not always the ones I would have chosen to be friends with. So my Way comes not only from Scripture but also from my daily experience of life – my life as a child at home and my life here in Carmel. It's the same kind of life that most people have to live – circumscribed and ordinary, without much diversion except the entertainment we provide for ourselves. I write songs and plays to give joy to others. Joan of Arc is one of my heroines and I've acted her part in a play I wrote to celebrate her courage and dedication. I've also set verses to music and we sing them while working. As a community we know how to laugh together and how to put up with one another's foibles. I expect I have some funny ways of my own too that annoy the sisters. But I don't let being human cause me any distress. It's the treasure God has given me with which to gain heaven.

Look at Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her life was lived without miracles. She was an ordinary woman of her place and time. She knew what it was to be a refugee, to have to bring up a child in difficult circumstances, to be left a widow when Joseph died. Like other mothers, Mary had to let her son grow up and move away from her, and she remained with him by the cross when all seemed lost. She knew the human situation just as we do.

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Bridget Ward (RIP)
Sunday	9.00am	Santana Fernandes (RIP Anniv.)
Monday 30th September	11.45am	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor – John Boyd (RIP Anniv.)
Friday 4th October	11.45am	St Francis Assisi; Cafod Harvest Fast Day; Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday 6th October	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
(Saturday)	5.30pm	Patsy & Brian Luck Intentions
Sunday	9.00am	Iain Sharpe (RIP 1st Anniv.)

Feast Days this week; 1st October – St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels

Please remember in your prayers: Sick; Nigel Clark, Ivor Hopla, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, Una Hewitt, Mary Jones, David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin and Diane Boba.

Please remember in you prayers this week in The Churches Together List the residents of:
Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate, their families and friends.

Advance Notice: Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 6th October.
Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information: www.prolifepilgrimage.org
To book contact Geraldine 07971 028415/ mgeraldine_ward@hotmail.com as invitation letters are not being sent this year. See poster in the porch.

Watford, St.Albans & Hemel Hospital Chaplaincy.
Mass will be offered in the hospital once a month and everyone is welcome to attend; for more details about dates and times please contact the head of chaplaincy.
There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of Lourdes in the hospital oratory on level 4 at Watford Hospital every Monday at 2pm, all are welcome to join us for this time of prayer for our hospitals.
If you have a relative in hospital who has requested to see a Catholic chaplain please do let us know.
Would you consider giving an hour a week to join our chaplaincy team – please contact us for details.
For more information about any of the above please email the head of chaplaincy –www.anthony.curran@nhs.net
Message from Deacon Anthony (Catholic Chaplain)

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers: New rotas are available at the back of the Church.

Gluton Free Hosts can be made available; see Fr. Michael.

Confessions are available after Saturday evening Mass and on request.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day is Friday 4th October. There will be a retiring collection next weekend of 5th/6th October.
If you wish to Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church.
Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted and passed on to the local food bank.

Favourite Hymn to sing at Mass. Maggy has left a list on the table at the back of the Church for anyone to write their favourite hymn to be sung at Mass on Sundays.