Our Faith on Sunday

Liturgy
28th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 129: 3-4

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.**

FIRST READING: II Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.

PSALM: Ps 97:1-4. R.cf.v2

R) The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R)**

SECOND READING: II Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

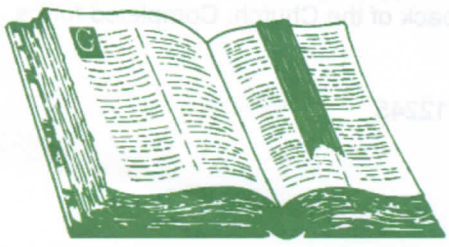
Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 6:33.68
**Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



One of the recurrent themes in the Gospels is Jesus finding faith and love in those whom the Jews looked down on. In the story of the man attacked by robbers, the priest and the Levite, both very "respectable" people pass by, and it is the Samaritan, a non-Jew, stops and takes care of him. The Samaritan is the one who is able to rise above the bigotry and prejudices of centuries and show mercy and compassion for the injured Jew after the Jew's own countrymen pass him by. So too, in the episode of the ten lepers whom Jesus cured. Only one came back to thank Jesus – the only Samaritan. The kind of bigotry that existed between Jews and Samaritans still exists in our world today. Bigots can see no good in anyone from the "other side". Jesus spoke very strongly against any kind of elitism or superiority of race or creed. He looked into to people's hearts and souls and found faith in him very often outside the bounds of Judaism. We too must be careful not to categorize people and to look down on anyone who happens to have different beliefs from ours.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

205. I ask God to give us more politicians capable of sincere and effective dialogue aimed at healing the deepest roots – and not simply the appearances – of the evils in our world! Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.174 We need to be convinced that charity "is the principle not only of micro-relationships (with friends, with family members or within small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic and political ones)".175

174 Cf. Commission Sociale de L'épiscopatat Français, Réhabiliter la politique (17 February 1999); cf. PIUS XI, Message of 18 December 1927.
175 Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 2: AAS 101 (2009), 642.

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

I CAN SEE GOD'S HAND IN EVERYTHING

Looking back I can see God's hand in all that has happened, the painful as well as the sweet. I see God's hand in the early death of my mother, the later mental deterioration of my father, just as much as I discover God in the home in which I grew up, the affection of my sisters, and my call to life as a Carmelite nun. I find God in the beauty of flowers and fields as well as in my dry prayer, when it seems that Jesus is sleeping in the boat that is my heart. Most people want to wake Jesus up if he seems inattentive to their needs. I let Jesus sleep on. My heart belongs to him whether he is asleep or awake. I won't disturb him unnecessarily.

Living on Love when Jesus sleeps

Is rest for me in a stormy sea.

Don't be afraid, Lord, that I'll try to awaken you.

I'm waiting peacefully for heaven's shore...

I live on Love.

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13TH OCTOBER 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Mary Coates (RIP 2nd Anniv.)
Sunday	9.00am	Cris & Family Intentions
Monday 14th October	11.45am	**NO MASS**
Friday 17th October	11.45am	**NO MASS**
Sunday 20th October		**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Saturday)	5.30pm	George Abbott (RIP Anniv.)
Sunday	9.00am	Peter Swift (RIP Anniv.)

Feast Days This Week;
15th October – St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor
17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Doctor
18th October – St Luke, Evangelist

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:
Lybury Lane, Lords Meadow, The Square, North Common, Roseacre, The Priory, Bartholomew Green, Church End, Granery, Manor Farm, Pond House, Wesley Road, Friendless Lane (Trowley Heights), Pepsal End Lane and Valley Lane.

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

Confessions are available after Saturday evening Mass and on request.

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.

CELEBRATE! 19th-20th October (Catholic Charismatic Movement)
We are invited to celebrate our Faith over the weekend of 19/20th October in Loretto College School, St. Albans. There are groups arranged to deal with all ages, child friendly groups allow parents to attend other sessions. For information and nominal fee for attending one or both days contact.

Extraordinary Month of Mission. Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission and the Church.
There will be a retiring collection for World Mission Sunday next weekend, 19th/20th October. There are envelopes at the back of the Church if you are able to Gift Aid.

Prisoners' Sunday. This year, on 13th October, we mark Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents. Information is available on the table at the back of the Church.

Confirmation for 2020 Anyone in year 9 of secondary school needs to think about applying for the preparation course taking place in Harpenden Church. Application forms are available at the back of the Church. Completed forms should be handed in to Harpenden Church as soon as possible.

For the next two weeks if a priest is needed, contact Harpenden Church. 01582 712245.