Our Faith on Sunday

Liturgy
30th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING:

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

PSALM: Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v7

R) This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

II Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

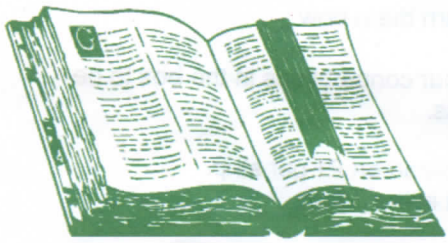
Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mt 11:25
**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

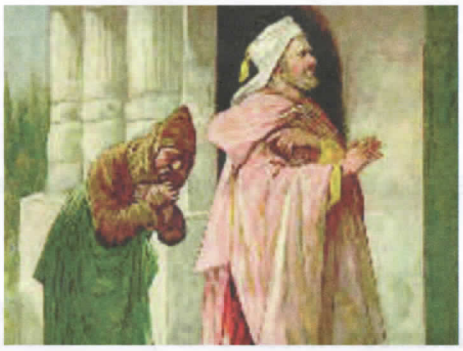
The publican went home at rights with God, the Pharisee did not.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Once again, Jesus is having a go at the Pharisees. In fact, throughout the Gospels, it is never the poor, downtrodden, "worthless" people whom he criticizes, but those who purport to be "good" people, those who are regarded as "respectable" and "honourable" members of Jewish society at the time. Jesus has no time at all for hypocrites. In today's society, the wealthy and the beautiful seem to be those put up as people to imitate. Often we let ourselves be impressed by the external features of others and we never get to know anything about the real person on the inside. Still today we have the Pharisees and the tax collectors, though now they would have different labels. What Jesus sees in us is that inner beauty, which has nothing to do with money or looks or intelligence. He wants us to do the same: to go beyond the visible to the invisible qualities of the person. He himself gave scandal to the Pharisees and others by dining with tax collectors and prostitutes. It seemed he was most at home in their company. They were people who had no respectability or reputation to lose. They had nothing to defend and therefore were more open to his message of love and forgiveness.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

206. Economy, as the very word indicates, should be the art of achieving a fitting management of our common home, which is the world as a whole. Each meaningful economic decision made in one part of the world has repercussions everywhere else; consequently, no government can act without regard for shared responsibility. Indeed, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find local solutions for enormous global problems which overwhelm local politics with difficulties to resolve. If we really want to achieve a healthy world economy, what is needed at this juncture of history is a more efficient way of interacting which, with due regard for the sovereignty of each nation, ensures the economic well-being of all countries, not just of a few.

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

A WAY OF FAITH, NOT FEELING

Basically it consists in the confidence with which a little child will go to sleep trustfully in the arms of a parent rather than worrying about how to survive in an unpredictable world. God is predictable in caring for us. We don't have to save ourselves, that's God's business.

The Way of Gospel Childhood that I have discovered, or rather, rediscovered (for it is all there in Scripture if we only look), is a Way leading straight to God's heart. It is a Way full of happiness for those who follow it. Writing about this Way for my sister Marie, and teaching it to the novices under my care, I certainly am not on a spiritual high. It feels like I am in a dark tunnel. Only faith keeps me going, and the knowledge that there are many people beyond the convent walls who share this sense of life's futility. My Way isn't about feeling good, it's about believing in the words of Jesus and putting them into practice no matter what. Even though I continue to pray I don't get a lot of consolation in my prayer. It's more that I am conscious of God leading me in a hidden manner. Even books don't help, as in my present state of bad health I find concentration hard.

* Simplified and illustrated by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard. First published in 2005 in Great Britain by:
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THIRTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27TH OCTOBER 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Colm Keane (RIP Anniv.)
Sunday	9.00am	Augustine Chacko (RIP Anniv)

Monday 28th October 11.45am Ss. Simon & Jude Apostles - Bridget Ward (RIP)

Friday 1st November **All Saints** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Redbourn
Friday 1st November 11.45am & 7.30pm

Wheathampstead
Thursday 31st October (Vigil Mass) 8.00pm
Friday 1st November 9.30am

Sunday 3rd November **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Saturday)	5.30pm	Robert Flannery (RIP Anniv.)
Sunday	9.00am	Khurwal Family Intentions

Feast Days This Week: 29th October – Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
2nd November – All Souls
All Masses over this weekend will be offered for the Holy Souls.

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:
Chequer Lane, Lamb Lane, Snatchup, West Common, Monks Close, Tingeys Close, Blacksmith's Row, Cornerwood, Green Lane, New Stable, Roman Way, Windmill Road, Green Lane, Pie Corner and Vicarage Gardens.

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.

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 is a retiring collection for World Mission Sunday this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church if you are able to Gift Aid.

First Holy Communion Preparation for our children will begin after Christmas. Communion date to be arranged. Forms available at the back of the Church must be returned by the end of November.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day; the recent collection amounted to £304.50. Thank you.

Mission Red Boxes: Those who have the red collection boxes should please return them now.

Christmas Hampers: Luxury food and drink items are requested please. Place your contributions in the box to be found in the porch. The hampers will be raffled on Sunday 1st December after Mass.
This year the proceeds will go to **CAFOD.**
To make things easier and go smoothly for the draw each ticket will be £1 each instead on £1 per strip.
If you are able to sell tickets before or after Mass, please add your name to the list in the porch.