



## Sunday 13th September 2020

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# 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

**Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year A**

**Weekday Readings  
Year 2 Week 24**

**Divine Office  
Week 4**

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## THIS WEEK

**Sun 13th Sept**      **24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
 6.15pm (Sat)      Tom & Emma Fernandes Ints.  
 8.30am      Rev. Patrick Kelly RIP  
 9.45 am      Henry Obina RIP  
 11.15am      Jim McHugh RIP  
 5.30pm      People of the Parish

**Mon 14th Sept**      **THE EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS**  
 9.30am      Fr James Ints.

**Tues 15th Sept**      **Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 9.30am      Daniel Daley RIP

**Weds 16th Sept**      **S. Cornelius & Cyprian**  
 9.30am      Jim Gilmartin Ints.

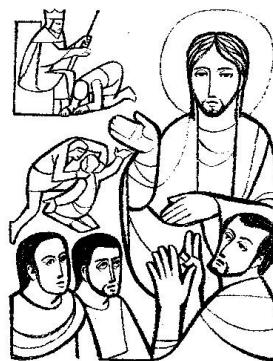
**Thurs 17th Sept**      **S. Robert Bellarmine**  
 9.30am      Barbara Edwards RIP

**Fri 18th Sept**      **feria**  
 Anthony Pillai Mael Pillai RIP  
 Desmond Williams RIP

**Sat 19th Sept**      **Of Our Lady**  
 9.30am      Mary Grace Perera RIP

**Sun 20th Sept**      **25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
 6.15pm (Sat)      de Kelly Loader RIP  
 8.30am      Paul Turnbull RIP  
 9.45 am      Holy Souls  
 11.15am      Mauro Cirillo RIP  
 5.30pm      People of the Parish

## TODAY'S MASS



There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In today's parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

**Second Reading:** Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."*

St. Faustina

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Ellen Kelly.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Jenaiah Monteiro, Kyrah Laybourne, Blossom de Gama, Allen da Silva, Tyler Caiado

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Eileen Scott,

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Mary Margaret Anthonymutthu, John Brady, Edward Johnston

**WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:**

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal;
- ◆ Our Children receiving Holy Communion this weekend and next;
- ◆ Our young adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in October;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For our school, teachers , children and staff;
- ◆ All who have been made redundant and are looking for work;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine; and maybe fearful;
- ◆ For all in government who have to make difficult decisions;
- ◆ For the terminally ill;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

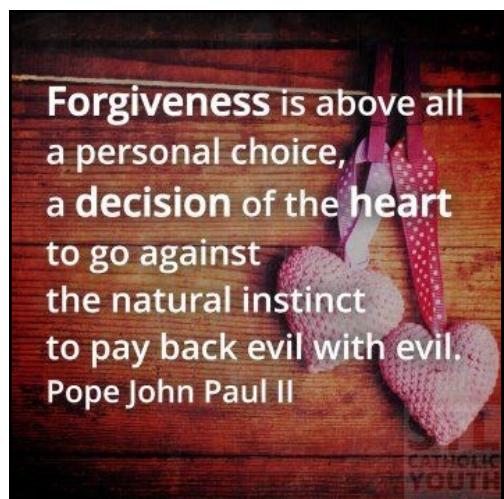
has been sponsored this week

*For our children making their First Communion*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

has been sponsored this week

*70th Birthday Celebrations*



At some point in our lives we have all had matters which led us to anger dismissed by others with the trite response "forgive and forget" but it is not that easy, since a person's anger and its sources can never be fully understood by another, even someone close to them. This should remind us that while some things in life can indeed be handled simply, others require subtlety and nuance; it should also make us consider factors which are hidden from the eyes of others but weigh heavily on ourselves.

Family problems can cause anger of this sort. An outside observer can righteously declare "get over it" or "you need to intervene" or "tell them how you feel" without understanding just how hard it is to "get over" one of the most important people in our lives, or to "tell them how you feel" when those feelings are the result of a long and complicated fabric of emotions, commitments, and relationships.

To find some resolution to all this the author of today's Old Testament reading, reminds us that if we truly desire to be reconciled to those whom we love we must first offer the gift of reconciliation to those who have wounded us. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" (Sir 28:3-4). The writer was aware that this is very hard, yet insisted that we cannot expect God to show us mercy if we withhold it from others.

We can imitate the Lord and be among those who "fear the Lord" by understanding our humble place before God and our duty to show mercy to others. This stands in contrast to the man we meet in today's gospel parable. He is unforgiving even though he has been generously forgiven himself, and all too often we descend to his sort of begrudging spirituality instead of offering mercy as humbly and frequently as we seek it.

This Sunday, hearing the words "Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him" (Matt 18:27), let us be inspired to renew our efforts at forgiving others so that we too might receive the beautiful gift of mercy and reconciliation from the Lord who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

# NEWS UPDATE



**WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT). TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR AND TO SIT WHERE DIRECTED. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.**

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

**Saturday** Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm  
**Sunday:** Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am  
Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am  
Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am  
Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

**Weekdays:**

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

**CONFESIONS** on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION** Fridays 9.00-9.30am

**TEST AND TRACE.** To help NHS Test and Trace, should we have a case of COVID- 19, we have been asked to keep a record of who attends church each day. These contact details will be kept in a secure place and destroyed after 21 days. You can opt out of sharing your name and contact details. No one will be compelled to provide their name and number if they do not wish to do so. As our numbers for Mass are increasing, we may need to introduce a requirement to reserve a place for Mass. Please look at our website for updates.

**WELCOMING** - Although, for the time being, the 'Welcoming Ministry' at Mass remains suspended until further notice, 'Welcomers' would be welcome to join the Stewarding Team currently taking care of the well-being & safety of those attending Mass. For further details please see the Newsletter Insert about Stewarding & Cleaning.

**SAYING A SAD GOODBYE:** It was announced this week that Fr John would be moving at the end of October to St. Josephs, Carpenters Park. We are genuinely sorry to see him go so soon especially as he has had to spend a large part of the time under lockdown. We wish him well as he prepares to take up this new appointment. In his place the Cardinal has placed Fr Julio Albornoz who is at present an assistant priest at the Cathedral. More news on all this in the next couple of weeks.

**SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** for entry to schools. For Secondary & Primary School entrance for Catholics. You can download and print off the

certificate and fill in the relevant parts ahead of time: <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions>

Next week we will give several times when the clergy will be available to sign the forms to enable proper social distancing for everyone.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2020** - Parents/Carers are asked to bring along their own face covering and hand sanitizer to the FHC Rehearsals & FHC Masses. Please note that participation at the FHC Masses will only be permitted for the household of the child making their First Holy Communion, Catechists, Stewards & Cleaners. If you would like to book family photos, before or after your son/daughter's FHC Mass, please contact Papillon Photography on either 07939722198 or 07712 183 744.

**CONFIRMATION 2020** - Having met with our Local Bishop, Deanery & Confirmation Catechists during the summer we have planned the conclusion of this year's Confirmation Programme. Parents/Carers should have received an email on 23<sup>rd</sup> July with details of their son/daughter's Confirmation Mass (& Rehearsal). If, for any reason, this was not received or Parents/Carers require any further information please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

**CAFOD** There will be no formal Harvest day collection this year but there will be envelopes for those who wish to contribute available at the door. If you take one please don't leave it unattended in the pew!!

**CURRENT GUIDELINES READERS AT MASS:** Although the Readers Rota continues to be operational please carefully note the guidelines which continue to affect your ministry.

- **Only one reader** is to read at any Mass. Please agree with your reading partner beforehand who is going to take responsibility when it is your turn (**either Reader 1 or 2**). If neither reader is available (and neither of you are able to arrange cover or a swap) please let us know in good time so the Server taking care of your Mass can prepare to read on your behalf.
- **All Readers** are required to 'check-in' with the Priest celebrating Mass in good time before Mass begins.
- **Readers** are required to wear disposable plastic gloves when they come up to read until they return to their pew. Disposable plastic gloves are available from the choir sacristy before Mass.
- There is no Second Reading for the time being and no Prayers of the Faithful. After the First Reading & Responsorial Psalm, the reader invites the people to "Please stand to greet the Gospel" and says the Alleluia & Gospel Acclamation.

We hope the above guidance is clear. If you have any worries or uncertainties please contact Fr. Jeremy, Fr. John or myself and we shall strive to provide all the clarity you need.

**UPDATE ON HALL BOOKINGS:** Sorry, we still have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. Of first importance will be the use of the halls for preparing our young for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls have been published but they are complex. Some of the activities of our hall users involve physical exercise, so this is an additional complication. Like other churches the loss of revenue from hall rents and hire is having an impact on our parish income but we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF ST. GEORGE'S PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** It has come to our attention that some of the planned giving envelopes, which

were posted in April, have made their way to the wrong address! PLEASE CHECK that the box of envelopes you have received has your name and address on the label. It is vital that the correct names correspond to the correct donation particularly for all who have gift aided their donations.

If your box does not have your name on it we would be very grateful if you would please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. You can contact the office by email at [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk) or by letter.

If you are not in our planned giving scheme and wish to donate by envelope or standing order or wish to gift aid or make any changes please contact the parish office at the above email address or by letter. You may leave a message on the answerphone (020 8904 2552 Option 2) but remember the parish office is closed at the moment and all of August. This is important – thank you for your co-operation.

**ALL YOUR OFFERINGS ADD UP!** A huge thank you to the generosity of those who have faithfully filled their giving envelopes each week and also those who have contributed during this time via Direct Debit.

**NEWSLETTER.** Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you (you must not leave it behind). The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal. By the way, do you like this format? We changed it during lockdown so it would be easier to print off on-line. It would be good top have some feedback as we can happily return to the old format.

**FUNERALS** are now possible in church together with a Requiem Mass but the numbers are limited to 30 persons. If you wish to attend any funeral you will need to be in contact with the family who will gather a list of names.

**CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL 2020 OPEN EVENINGS.** In the interests of safety, the Year 7 Open Evening, held remotely, will be accessible here from 4.30 pm on Tuesday 15 September. The same will apply for Year 12, from 5.00 pm Tuesday 13 October.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Engaged Encounter has announced a new online experience for couples preparing for marriage. For 40 years Engaged Encounter has been offering marriage preparation retreats all to enable couples to gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament. The next video conferenced retreat will take place in October.

Find out more at: [engaged-encounter.org.uk](http://engaged-encounter.org.uk)

**IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL** please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records. The current Covid 19 restrictions mean that parish clergy are not permitted to visit the wards, however the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you if requested, just ask the nurse in charge on the ward.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

**THANK YOU** to all those who generously given flower donations in the past weeks. It's wonderful to have such lovely flowers and thanks to all those who arrange them.

**YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK:** Call Ajay Esteves on 0704 899630 if you are able to help him.

**HELP AND ADVICE REQUIRED WITH GARDEN MAINTENANCE** and selecting suitable shrubs/trees for new garden in Sudbury area. Might suit retired gardening enthusiast.

Tel: 07946 356966

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## **Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36:18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## **Collect**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of  
your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## **First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt  
he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh,  
he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102(103):1-4,9-12**

**R/. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R/.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. **R/.**

3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/.**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R/.**

## **Second reading: Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:**

**you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35:8**

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

## **Prayer after Communion**

May the working of this heavenly gift,  
O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.