



**Sunday 27th September 2020**

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## 26th 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 streaming Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

**Sunday Cycle**  
*Readings Year A*

**Weekday Readings**  
*Year 2 Week 26*

**Divine Office**  
*Week 2*

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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

### THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 27th Sept</b> 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Andrew Rosario RIP People of the Parish John & Bridget Allen RIP Therese Adcock RIP Brendan Byrne RIP
<b>Mon 28th Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Laurence Ruiz &amp; Companions</b> Private intention
<b>Tues 29th Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>S. MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL,</b> Archangels Paul Turnbull RIP
<b>Weds 30th Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Jerome</b> Private intention
<b>Thurs 1st Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Therese of the Child Jesus</b> Private Intention
<b>Fri 2nd Oct</b>	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b> Eileen O'Connor RIP
<b>Sat 3rd Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>Of Our Lady</b> P J Nelon RIP
<b>Sun 4th Oct</b> 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Richard O'Dwyer RIP (7th anniv) Private intention Bertie Hanley RIP Peter Golden (Jnr.) RIP People of the parish

### TODAY'S MASS



*We all need God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came humbling himself to the death of a cross. When someone recognizes their error and changes their ways, God is prepared to forget the earlier lapses and consider what is being done in the here and now. The tax collectors and prostitutes accepted by Jesus had this experience.*

**First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:25-28***

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

**Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11***

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

**Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:28-32***

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Following after God is the desire of happiness; to reach God is happiness itself"*

St. Augustine of Hippo

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** 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:**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Michael Fahey, Anne Hull

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Therese Adcock, Mauro Cirillo, Brendan Byrne, John Allen, Andrew Rosario, P J Neylon

**WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:**

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal;
- ◆ Our Children receiving Holy Communion this weekend ;
- ◆ 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 young adults preparing for confirmation*

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

has been sponsored this week

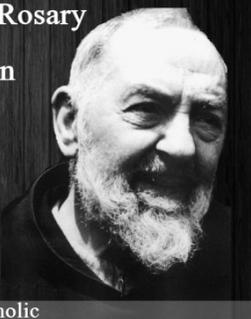
*All who are sick*

Love our Lady  
& make her loved

Always recite the Rosary  
and recite it as often  
as possible.

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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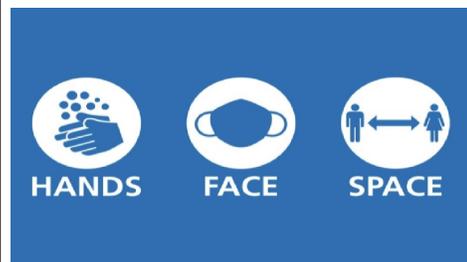
The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

# 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.

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

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Thank you to all (Children, Parents/Carers, Catechists, Stewards & Cleaners) who enabled our First Holy Communion Masses to take place in a safe, peaceful and prayerful way over the last two weeks. Enrolment for the FHC Programme 2020-21 is now closed. Parents/Carers on this year's Programme are reminded that this year's session is for **one Parent/Carer only**.

#### CONFIRMATION MASSES 2020

The Parents/Carers of those being confirmed this coming week should have received an email reminder with full details of their son/daughter's Confirmation Rehearsal & Confirmation Mass last week. Please note both the Rehearsal & Mass begin at 7pm. All are reminded to bring along a **face covering**. Participation at the Confirmation Masses will only be permitted for the **household** of the young person being confirmed, sponsors (or proxy-sponsors), cate-

chists, stewards & cleaners. If you would like to book family photos, before or after your son/daughter's Confirmation Mass, please contact **Papillon Photography** on either 07939722198 or 07712 183 744.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT HEAR ALREADY WE ARE 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 Alborno 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. Due to the current restrictions we re asking everyone to pick up two forms from the church ( Certificate of Catholic Practice and a questionnaire). These need to be delivered to the presbytery together with a SAE (Stamped addressed Envelope). We will NOT give out forms at the door nor will we sign forms at the door. Please do follow the instructions in this regard so as not to be disappointed.

**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!!

**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.

**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.

**WELCOME TO MASS:** Whilst the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still lifted you might prefer to come to Mass during the weekday? Whenever you come, thank you for arriving in good time, this helps with checking in for NHS Track and Trace and in finding a seat before Mass commences. Thank you for using the one way system – this applies to everyone in church, wherever you sit. Please sit in the spaces indicated with a black and yellow tape. If seats are available in the middle of the bench, please use these first, this avoids blocking a row. Families who live together can sit on any unoccupied bench together, anywhere in the

church. Face coverings are compulsory in church, unless you are exempt. Please put your face covering on before you enter the building, this is for the protection of others as well as yourselves. When queuing to receive Holy Communion, please keep the 1 metre distance between you and the person in front of you. The duration of the Mass is approximately 25 minutes. Thank you.

**DID YOU LOOSE** a pair of Indian style earrings. Please speak to the parish team if that was you!

**AN OFFER:** Keyboard Yamaha PSR 300 Keyboard with stand will suit a beginner or intermediary standard player 'buyer' to collect and also Gibson Ripper bass guitar copy maple neck and body Buyer to collect . A contribution to the church would be appreciated. Contact Eddie 07958 678167

**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

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING IN CHURCH**



# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## 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.

## Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all  
by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make  
those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 24:4-9*

*R/. Remember your mercy, Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *R/.*

2. In you I hope all day long  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me. *R/.*

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:  
His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the  
name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 14:23*

*Allelula, allelula!*  
*If anyone loves me he will*  
*keep my word,*  
*and my Father will love him,*  
*and we shall come to him.*  
*Allelula!*

## Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find  
acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring  
of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *1 Jn 3: 16*

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

## Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever  
and ever.