



Sunday 6th September 2020

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23rd 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 23

Divine Office
Week 3

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 6th Sept 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR John Brady RIP Kitty Booth RIP Maureen O'Rourke RIP Edward Johnson RIP People of the Parish
Mon 7th Sept 9.30am	feria Paul Turnbull RIP
Tues 8th Sept 9.30am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Margaret Mary Anthony mutthu RIP
Weds 9th Sept 9.30am	feria Turnbull family thanksgiving
Thurs 10th Sept 9.30am	feria Sunita & Titus Ferando (Thanksgiving)
Fri 11th Sept	feria From the Griffin Family
Sat 12th Sept 9.30am	Of Our Lady Paul Turnbull RIP
Sun 13th Sept 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Tom & Emma Fernandes Ints. Rev. Patrick Kelly RIP Henry Obina RIP Jim McHugh RIP people of the Parish

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You can win more converts with a spoonful of honey than with a barrelful of vinegar.

St. Francis de Sales

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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.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eileen Scott, Fr Danny Horan.

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

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion;
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For children returning to school, teachers & staff;
- ◆ All who 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

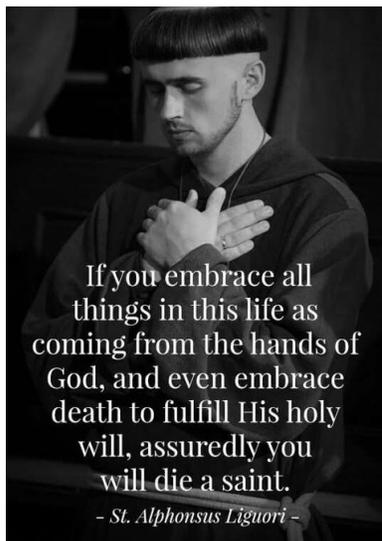
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
For the intentions of Baptiste Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
For the intentions of Baptiste Fernandes



If you embrace all things in this life as coming from the hands of God, and even embrace death to fulfill His holy will, assuredly you will die a saint.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori -

Today's Gospel passage is not an easy one. Maybe it is good to reflect on it a bit further. So what can we learn from this passage about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. It is even worse to gossip rather than confront a situation head on. This can poison the mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference between someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews. However we know from the gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors, ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is ready to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. The call to accountability is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity, we must not give up mending bridges and bringing reconciliation and understanding whenever possible.

Maybe the question we should ask ourselves is whether we tolerate broken relationships or do we seek to repair them as God gives us the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

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 or email Fr Jeremy on:

jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENE-DICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

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, we are thankfully now in a position to provisionally plan the **conclusion of this year's Confirmation Programme** when our young people return to school in September. **Parents/Carers** should have received an **email on 23rd July** with details of **their son/daughter's Confirmation Mass**. If, for any reason, this was not received or Parents/Carers require any further information please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Unfortunately due to the present circumstances the coffee morning has to be cancelled. But all is not lost....If you'd like to make a donation a collection will be made on Friday 11th September between 10.00am and 11.00am at 972 harrow road (directly next to the church). If you want to give a cheque it can be made out to "Macmillan Coffee Morning". Thank you for your support which is so urgently needed.

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!!

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.

READERS please 'check in' with the priest before Mass and ensure disposable plastic gloves are worn for the duration of the reading to help keep us all safe. **ALTAR SERVING** - In line with current guidelines, to keep us all safe the regular Altar Servers Rota is suspended until future notice and the Mass will only be served by a few experienced Altar Servers. We shall be back in touch with all those on the rota as soon as the guidelines make it possible for all to serve once again.

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 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 UPI 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.

YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK: Call Ajay Esteves 07459 872486 if you are able to help him.

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.

UPDATE ON COMING TO MASS: Thank you for arriving in good time, this will help in finding a seat with the current restrictions before Mass commences. Thank you for using the one way system - this is really important and applies to everyone in church, wherever you sit. Please sit in the spaces indicated with a tick ü 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. Stepping over parishioners or asking them to 'move up' is contrary to the guidance given for your safety. Seating is provided on a first come, first served basis, you do not have to book a seat. **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. We worship the Lord as a community of believers so all Masses attended in person have equal value, come when you feel able - we will be glad to see you again.

AFTER MASS whilst we are doing what is in the guidelines known as "Option 2" in the giving of Holy Communion at the end of Mass, and outside, many have found it helpful to pause and give thanks in the front garden, especially under the trees. Please respect this and **DO NOT TALK AND GOSSIP** which interrupts the silence and is not good in itself.

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.

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.

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

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.

READERS - All should have received information from those responsible for their Reading Rota with current guidelines. Readers are reminded.

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon [*Ps 118: 137, 124*]

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

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 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 94:1-2,6-9*

*R/. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.'*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him,
giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/.*

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *R/.*

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *R/.*

Second reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All

the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation [*Jn 17:17*]

*Allelula, allelula!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Allelula!*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon [*Cf. Ps 41: 2-3*]

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.