



**Sunday 25th October 2020**

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# 30th 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 30*

**Divine Office**  
*Week 2*

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 25th Oct</b> 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Keith Murray RIP Nora Duffy RIP Wilfreda Joseph RIP Jim DillowRIP People of the parish
<b>Mon 26th Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> John Calnan RIP
<b>Tues 27th Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Eoin White RIP
<b>Weds 28th Oct</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>Ss. SIMON &amp; JUDE, apostles</b> Freddy Rodrigues RIP <b>FUNERAL MASS</b> Geoffrey Herson RIP
<b>Thurs 29th Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College</b> Maureen Forrestal RIP
<b>Fri 30th Oct</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Mary Craddock RIP
<b>Sat 31st Oct</b>	<b>Of Our Lady</b> Paul Turnbull RIP
<b>Sun 1st Nov</b> 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b> spencer Coomawarel RIP & the Holy Souls Leo & Olga Barco RIP People of the parish Jimmy Deehan RIP Kevin & Maureen Hennessy RIP

## TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

**First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40**

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Though we do not have our Lord with us in his bodily presence, we have our neighbour, who, for the ends of love and loving service, is as good as the Lord himself."*

St Teresa of Avila

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** 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, Dee Auriol.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Louise Mansell

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Thomas Welch & Laura Shepherd

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Geoffery Herson, Angela Paine, Kellie Anne Rehill

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:  
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:**

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal;
- ◆ For Fr Julio as he prepares to join the parish;
- ◆ 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 OCTOBER:

*The Laity's Mission in the Church*

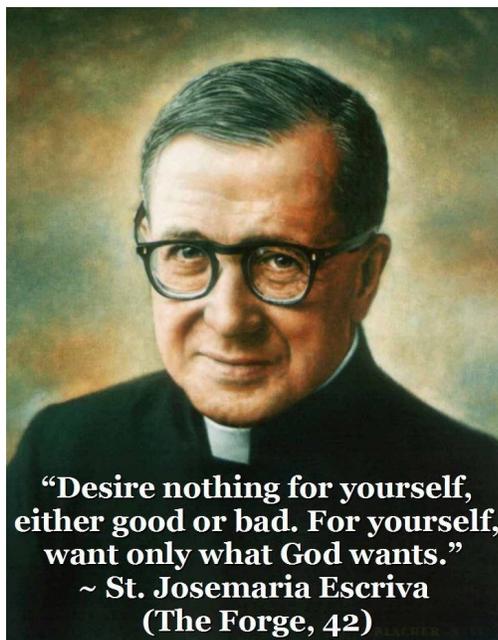
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Ethan Jordan (Thanksgiving)*

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

has been sponsored this week  
*For the Intentions of Fr John*



**“Desire nothing for yourself,  
either good or bad. For yourself,  
want only what God wants.”**  
~ St. Josemaria Escriva  
(The Forge, 42)

We all recognize the importance of rules of conduct in our society. The alternative is chaos and the cruel law of sheer power. Laws are often derived from the accumulated wisdom of society. We have learned from our experience that there can be no real freedom without an order that protects rights and assigns obligations.

At the same time, there are laws that are based on divine revelation and which we may very well not be able to discover by our own wits. The law that Jesus calls the first and greatest of all laws belongs to this category, it has two parts: love of God and love of neighbour.

Love of God always presupposes a prior experience of God's goodness, and God offers most of us abundant evidence of such goodness, usually mediated through the kindness of others and the beauty of creation. Nonetheless, the awareness of divine goodness may seem to disappear at times. Love of God then becomes trust, which is especially pleasing to God, for even among humans it is a rare and precious gift. The experience of God's goodness that makes such trust possible causes us to be intensely aware of the gratuity of divine love. The proper response to such a discovery is wonder and gratitude.

Love of one's neighbour is profoundly influenced by one's loving relationship with God, because such human love, at its best, is also gratuitous. The other person is not loved simply because he or she is attractive. Rather, this love comes from the goodness of the one who loves and reaches out instinctively to anyone who is in need. After all, God did not love the Hebrew slaves in Egypt because they were beautiful or cultivated but simply because he is good and they were in desperate need. Such unconditional love, even among humans, creates freedom, confidence and beauty. A person who is loved in this way acquires an inner beauty, which manifests itself by a special personal sparkle. Perhaps that is because, even

## Halloween, All Saints and All Souls

Many of the customs of Halloween have to do with fear of the dead. It was believed by the Celtic people that evil spirits roamed the earth on the last night of the Celtic year (October 31) and that they worked mischief among the living. Part of Celtic belief was that one could live safely through the night by dressing up as a ghost, witch, etc., or bribing the evil spirits with treats. It was also believed that the souls of sinful persons who passed away during the year were imprisoned in the bodies of animals and that they on this night could be freed through gifts and sacrifices. Often the sacrifices were human.

By way of contrast, the Catholic feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day offer a much more pleasant opportunity for recognition of our Communion of the Saints or fellowship with those dead to this earthly existence. The Catholic Church emphasizes that with Christ at the head the body of the Church, the people who make up the Church, living or dead, cannot be separated. Therefore, Communion of the Saints has a much broader meaning in the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church teaches that the Church exists in three different states. One is the pilgrim church struggling to live faithful lives in this earthly existence. That is you and I today. Another is the triumphant church of saints already in Heaven. These are those we commemorate during the year in the liturgical calendar but also those millions unknown to us who are "All Saints". The other state is existence in purgatory or the suffering church. In purgatory, the faithful are purified for entry into the triumphant church. It is a time of expectancy and excitement as they prepare for the final vision of God. These are the "All Souls" for whom we will pray on All Souls day and throughout the month of November.

The Feast of All Saints Day on November 1 and the Feast of All Souls Day on November 2 reminds us of our relationship to those in the other states. These are days of remembrance, celebration and prayer. Let us keep them with great joy knowing that it is Christ's death and resurrection we all are all brought to everlasting life.

# NEWS UPDATE



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

**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

**SORRY** our telephone system is in the process of change and has now not functioned for a week. The Diocese asked us to move from using BT to a new company. It hasn't exactly gone as smoothly as was envisaged!

**FUNERAL MASS** of Geoffery Herson on Wednesday 28th October at 11.00am, followed by burial at Carpenders Park.. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Angela Paine on Wednesday 3rd November at 11.00am followed by cremation at Hendon Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**ALL SAINT AND ALL SOULS:** The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated next Sunday 1st Nov. with the usual Masses. All Souls, commemorating the souls of the faithful departed, will be celebrated on Monday 2nd Nov with Mass at 9.30am. Requiem Masses for the departed will be said on all free days throughout November especially remembering those who have asked for prayers for the departed.

**NHS COVID-19 APP/QR CODE.** Since churches have been allowed to open for public Masses in July, Test and Trace has been used to help stop the spread of

coronavirus. Those who enter the church have been asked for their names and contact details or contact card number as they enter the church. From this weekend, we will introduce another way to register your visit, using the NHS COVID-19 app available on App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices. Once the app is installed on your device, you can scan the QR code you will see displayed as you enter the church using the app. Your visit to the church will be recorded and you will get alerted if you've visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus. Anyone aged 16 or over who lives in England or Wales can use the NHS COVID-19 app. For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhscovid-19/>

**SAYING GOODBYE TO Fr JOHN:** This is Fr John's last weekend and we not only say goodbye but wish him well and send him our love and thanks. He's only been here a year but it's been a difficult one dominated by the "lockdown". He himself sends thanks to everyone and the assurances of his prayers with fond memories of St George's

**FR JULIO** will be with us for his first Sunday on next Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** sadly this will not take place this year. Families are encouraged to go however, to pray in groups but not more than six!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Thank you to everyone for helping to ensure our first COVID-secure Children Only session was a great success last week. Once again this week the **one Parent/Carer picking up & dropping off** from the **specified entry/exit point** is reminded to please **arrive on-time (7pm)**, to **wear a face-covering**, to take care to **socially distance** from other Parents/Carers/Children/Catechists and to remember the **temperature check** that will be taking place in the presence of the Parent/Carer as each child arrives. If your child, or any family member, is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus please do not bring them to the session but email Peter, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk), who will be happy to help you and your child complete the session at home.

**CONFIRMATION** - Please keep us in your prayers as we provisionally plan an adjusted COVID-secure Confirmation Programme in 2021. Presuming government restrictions do not become and any more severe before Christmas we intend to provide details regarding registration by early December. If you would consider supporting the Programme as a Catechist/Helper next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, or one of the Clergy for further details. Especially during these challenging times, any additional help would be v. much appreciated.

**SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** for entry to schools. For Secondary & Primary School entrance for Catholics. Due to the current restrictions we are 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT INCLUDE AN S.A.E. (Stamped Addressed Envelope) WE CANNOT SEND YOUR CERTIFICATES BACK TO YOU. IN ADDITION TRY TO PUT STAMPS ON YOUR ENVELOPES THAT ARE THE RIGHT AMOUNT, ON THE RIGHT SIDE AND THE RIGHT WAY UP!**

**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.

**NOVEMBER** is the month when we always pray for our departed loved ones. The traditional Envelopes and lists are available as you enter church. Please return them with any traditional offering you might like to make through the presbytery letterbox. Thanks!

**YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK:** Call Ajay Esteves on 0740 4899630 if you are able to help him.

**SOMETHING TO DO AS THE NIGHTS CLOSE IN: BIBLE TIME LINE** - a free course via live-stream starts Wednesday 4th Nov at 7.00pm (for 7 sessions). Register at: [Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)  
 Information: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**APOLOGIES:** our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

**OUR CHURCH OF ST GEORGE'S** is not protected from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The closure of the church and hall and then the added costs of ensuring we are *Covid Secure*, with PPE equipment are impacting on us greatly. We continue to lose revenue from hall lettings and our weekly collections/donations from parishioners have dropped significantly. Many Parish Priests are now asking all of their church members to seriously consider moving onto a Standing Order and to review their offering to the Lord and to their church. We are acutely aware that this is a challenging time for us all, but it is right that we should keep you informed when things at St George's are good or difficult and when things need addressing urgently – because as the body of Christ we are all in this together.

If you are reading this whilst shielding at home, we want to assure you that the church is open and ready for when you can return and we thank you for your continued support of St George's with your offerings and with your prayers whilst at home.

**EVERY LIFE MATTERS TO GOD:** Tuesday 27th Oct is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th Oct. If you are in need of post abortion help and/or to support Pro-Life counselling please go to: <http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/>

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## **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.

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you  
command, so that we may merit what you promise.  
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: Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4,47,51**

*R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my Saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty  
help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes. *R/.*

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for  
his anointed. *R/.*

## **Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great

opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

## **Gospel Acclamation [cf. Ac 16:14]**

*Allelula, allelula!*  
*Open our heart, O Lord,*  
*to accept the words of your Son.*  
*Allelula!*

## **Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is  
done by us in your service may be directed above all to your  
glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon [Cf. Ps 19: 6]**

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies  
within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one  
day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.