



Sunday 19th September 2021

THE 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Year I Week 25

Divine Office
Week 1

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

THIS WEEK

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| Sun 19 Sept
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am | 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
special intention &
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
& Dee Kelly Loader RIP |
| 9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm | Andrew Rozario RIP
Coral Clasby Ints.
Hieronim & Genowefa
Cendrowicz RIP |
| Mon 20Sept
9.30am | S. Andrew Kim Taegon & Comps.
Therese Isaccs RIP |
| Tues 21 Sept
9.30am | S. Matthew, apostle
Sean & Annie Toal (wedding Anniv) |
| Weds 22 Sept
9.30am | feria
John Fernandes RIP (25th anniv) |
| Thurs 23 Sept
9.30am
11.00am | S. Plus of Pletrellnca (Padre Pio)
Jim & Nancy Quinn RIP
FUNERAL MASS
Joesph McCarthy RIP |
| Fri 24 Sept
9.30am | Our Lady of Walsingham
Michael Harding RIP |
| Sat 25 Sept
9.30am | Of Our Lady
Norah O'Toole RIP |
| Sun 26 Sept
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm | 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Linda & Terrance Brown RIP
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Allan Noronho RIP
Brendan Byrne RIP
Manuel Rodriguez |



TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

- First Reading: *Amos 8:4-7***
Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.
- Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8***
Praise be to God, who raises up the poor..
- Second Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-8***
St. Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.
- Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:1-13***
Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The tongue of the gossip is like the worm which gnaws at the good fruit — that is, the best actions that people do — and tries to turn them all to bad account. The tongue of the gossip is a grub which taints the most beautiful of the flowers and upon them leaves behind it the disgusting trace of its own slime".
- St. John Vianney

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm.
and any time by appointment.

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida,

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Agnes & Augustine Thomas, Jillian Fernandes

RECENTLY MARRIED: Megan Fellows & Matthew Patten

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Joe McCarthy, Michael Harrach
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Norah O'Toole, Hleronim & Genowefa Cenrowicz, John Fernandes (25th)

SANCTUARY LAMP

Norah O'Toole RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Jim McHugh RIP

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

Before news of his dismissal became public knowledge, the shrewd steward struck a deal with his master's debtors. In discounting their debts he probably was giving up his generous commission. Such a deal won him great favour with the debtors. Since the steward acted as the landowner's agent, such a deal made his master look very generous and forgiving towards those who owned him money. Surely everyone would praise such a generous landowner as the town hero! Since the master could not undo the steward's cancellation of the debts without losing face and making his debtors resent him, he praised the steward for outwitting him and making him appear as a generous and merciful landowner.

What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behaviour but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money" (which in Hebrew means "unrighteous mammon"), to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need. Those who receive alms become your friends because you are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Let's ask the Lord to fill our hearts with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.

NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the covid restrictions. At present we invite you to continue to wear your mask but this is a choice for you to do or not. If you wish to social distance the stewards will direct you to where you can go.

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: After months of restrictions we now need to carefully and slowly rebuild many of the ministries that have not been possible. Were you a:

- Reader?
- Server?
- Singer/choir member?
- Cleaner?
- Steward/welcomer?
- Catechist?

Can you continue where you left off? Would you like to start in a new ministry? If our parish is to thrive, we need YOU to help and think clearly where you might use your talents in the rebuilding of our community. Parents, can you encourage your children? This is the time for fresh blood and new talents. We have the resources if you are able to give them. It's up to You - please don't leave it always to someone else!

MARY'S MEALS would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity. They spoke at the end of each Mass last weekend and were genuinely surprised by the total given - a terrific £1474.89! "As a result 92 children will be fed one good meal every day in their place of education for a whole school year. God bless you all".

FUNERAL MASS of Joe McCarthy on Thursday 23rd September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace. **The family have asked that this be a private and intimate celebration.**

PARISH CENTRE & CAFÉ: this will be slowly opening up for small groups and we hope to have it all up and running as usual by Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass. Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am-3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22 - Enrolment of the Year 3/4 children on this year's First Holy Communion Programme is now closed. To help keep us all safe, this Tuesday's session, helping us reflect on 'Handling on our Faith', is for one Parent/Carer only. Thank you for taking care of childcare well in advance as children will not be permitted to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

(YEAR 5 & ABOVE) - If your child is in Year 5 or above and, for whatever reason, still needs to prepare for their First Holy Communion please contact our Catechetical Coordinator as soon as possible at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk so he can meet with you to discuss this further. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome!

ALTAR SERVING - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Confirmation in this Parish takes place for those in Year 10 & above. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed please keep an eye on the Newsletter from mid-November onwards for details of registration on next year's Programme.

WORK COMPLETED During the period of lockdown and beyond we have been financially stretched with smaller collections and consequently we have carried out very few improvement works. However, we have completed a piece of external work at the liturgical east end (actually it faces north and therefore gets the brunt of the weather). The work has consisted of removing the pigeons from the inside of the roof and sealing up against further intrusion. Re-pointing all the brickwork and replacing the cross which was blown down and destroyed by the winds in the 1980's. The remaining scaffold will be down in a week or two and we should be to look and see the finished work.

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES. Details of when the clergy will be available to sign your Certificate of Catholic Practice will be out soon. Please note that this certificate is exactly what it says: that you need to be practising (ie regularly at Mass) for this to be signed.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer or you have changed your address please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE. On the diocesan website you can see a number of job vacancies that are available. For more details go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

CLEANER NEEDED for 2 hours each week. £10.00 per hour. Please contact: 0208 908 1039.

ROBERTO looking for room to rent. Non-smoker/drinker, quiet person. 07597 896173 "

BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON WRITES: In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021'. This received its 1st Reading in the House of Lords, and is due its 2nd Reading with full debate on Friday 15th October.

The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic; the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than six months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach in order to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, *'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a "false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude - much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.'* He criticised *'those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.'* Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. There are a number of important actions in the next weeks. First, to ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15th October. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media. To ensure that as many Peers as possible are contacted, they recommend that individuals select a Peer who has the same initials (first and/or last name) and write to that Peer. Personal stories can be uploaded at <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory> Right to Life UK will ensure these stories are distributed widely to Peers.

FUTUREMEDIC are now running local career development workshops & clinical work experience placements for 15 to 18 year olds interested in becoming doctors. We have places available for October half-term. Please visit us at: www.futuremedic.co.uk or email: info@futuremedic.co.uk for further details.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Amos 8:4-7

Theme: Against those who "buy up the poor for money".

"Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, Never will I forget a single thing you have done.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

R/. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! *R/.*

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? *R/.*

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung-heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *R/.*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Theme: There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanks giving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he

wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

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

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Theme: You cannot be the slave of both God and money.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 119 (118): 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.