

24TH SEPTEMBER – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Turn to the Lord in urgent prayer; for he never ignores the prayer of the humble

Responsorial: Psalm 144

℟: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Though Paul wants to be with Christ in heaven, he will serve the Gospel as long as God wills it

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the workers in the vineyard; God welcomes all into his kingdom

Meditation...

- We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need.
- Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.
- Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on.
- To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's unfathomable goodness.
- That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

Life isn't about finding yourself

It's about discovering who God created you to be

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

SUNDAY, 24-sep Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm: .30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm: Syro Malabar Rite

MONDAY, 25-Sep Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 26-Sep Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 27-Sep **St Vincent de Paul, Priest:**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 28-Sep Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 29-Sep **SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels:**
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 30-Sep **St Jerome, Priest & Doctor:**
Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, 01-Oct **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm: Konkani Mass

POPE'S INTENTION - SEPTEMBER 2023

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Madge Thompson who died on 16th September 2023. Her Requiem Mass will be announced later. May her soul rest in peace.

CATECHISM CLASSES:

A parents' meeting for Children enrolled for Post Holy Communion (Year 1) and Post Holy Communion (Year 2) will be at 6.00pm on Friday 29th September at the Pastoral Centre.

Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent attending these preparatory meetings. There is no need to bring the child.

Details of Catechism Classes for First Holy Communion for Catholic Schools will be announced later.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary will be recited, in the Church, before the 9.30am Mass on weekdays. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, as a pious fraternity or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose, in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:

The Catholic Practice Certificates will be signed from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September. You are requested to come along with your child and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please do not bring the form to the Parish Office before the designated dates.

FOCUS MAGAZINE: The Autumn Focus Magazine is available. Please take a copy as you leave the church.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal - A Collection will be held at all Masses on weekend 7/8 October 2023. Envelopes will be available from next weekend 30 Sept/1 Oct

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. **or** please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/fastday> to donate online.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Come together as a parish in support of the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2023 campaign to address issues of food and hunger around the world. Please join us in the Pastoral Centre on Friday, 6th October after 12 noon Mass for soup and rolls and make a donation. Your support will help those who are truly in need.

Marian Pilgrimage to Aylesford: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and St Jude Church on Sunday 8th October 2023. For the further details, please contact Cynthia or see the parish notice board.

REFURBISHMENT OF PRESBYTERY

Due to the most welcome growth in the number of parishioners in our parish in recent years, we are finding that our administration facilities are limited by our office space and accordingly, we are seeking to expand this section of our presbytery. At the same time, the residential accommodation in the presbytery has seen only limited modification since being constructed in 1915 and an upgrade to approach modern standards sought. These two elements have been the subject of design and are being costed.

The important step will be the transfer of all office personnel and activity to the Marian Centre during September leading inevitably to a level of disruption and delay for which we apologise in advance. Progress of the project will be updated in the newsletter routinely.

