

01ST OCTOBER – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

God deals justly with us, forgiving the sinner who repents and rewarding those who persevere

Responsorial: Psalm 24:6

℟: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Unity depends on Christians imitating the humanity of Christ who became obedient unto death

Gospel: Matthew 20:28-32

Good actions speak louder than fine words

**TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE,
TURN DOWN
THE WORLD'S VOLUME**

The first son in the parable had undergone conversion. He had the honesty and the humility to realise his mistake and to change his decision. He became reliable.

Our word matters greatly in our relationships, whether in our family or at work or among our friends or with God. When we do not have our word, then we have nothing because we cannot be trusted with even the smallest responsibility. We become unreliable, like the second son in the gospel parable. The father depended on him. But he assumed that he could easily fool his father. His word was meaningless and he lacked sincerity.

Are we people of our word? How do we speak to our loved ones, to our friends, to our colleagues at work, to God? In what ways does our sincerity manifest itself? It would be good to be people of our word. Let us decide to be honest and humble enough to undergo conversion every day and to change our wrong decisions.

Recall a time you felt resentful about doing what you ought to do.

How did you feel after doing it?

*Lord, may everything I do begin with you
and be happily ended in love. Amen.*

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SUNDAY, 01-Oct **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm: Konkani Mass

MONDAY, 02-Oct **The Holy Guardian Angels**
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 03-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 04-Oct **St Francis of Assisi:**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 05-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 06-Oct Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 07-Oct **Our Lady of the Rosary:**
Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, 08-Oct **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

POPE'S INTENTION - OCTOBER 2023

For the Synod -We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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.

PARISH GET-TOGETHER SUNDAY

The Justice and Peace Ministry warmly invites all parishioners for the Parish get-together on 22nd October at the Pastoral Centre from 9.00am to 2.30pm. Begin with breakfast favourites and then delve into variety of lunch delights including kids' menu, cakes, face painting, henna and raffle. Let us all cherish this day in fellowship in reconnecting, sharing memories and strengthening our parish family.

ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDREN PARTY

To celebrate the Saints Day, the Parish will be organising a party for the Children on Saturday 4th November 2023. Children can dress as any Saint and come for the party. Registration forms can be collected from the Porch from next weekend.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - HARVEST COLLECTION AT MASSES NEXT WEEK

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 next weekend so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope available in church porch or give online at cafod.org.uk.

FOCUS MAGAZINE

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

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 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.

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.