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24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - HOME MISSION SUNDAY



COME HOME - TO GOD AND YOUR SELF!

He 'deserves to be punished not forgiven!' After all the young man rejected his father, even wanted him dead! Then descended into a life of darkness and sin defiling everything he had been taught to hold sacred! Mercy is wasted on him!

But God sees differently. He sees a young man who searched for life in the wrong places and with the wrong people and so ruined ('lost') his life. But God never gives up, but in Jesus comes running to the lost to find them, embrace them, forgive and heal them - to begin the adventure of love again!

We also are to make flesh the God who comes running with compassion to the lost - lost in poverty and sickness, lost in despair and disillusion. We too are called to come running to make God's love for the poorest flesh in our lives poured out, and in our community of mercy and forgiveness. Let us reach out to make a 'homecoming' for the broken that they might indeed know that the poor have the first place in the Kingdom of God!

Wait no longer: come Home to God and your self!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am

Mass with the LGBT+ community and friend at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: Feast of St Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (3rd Century)

Adoration at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

TUESDAY: Feast of St Edith of Wilton, nun (961-984)

Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm
followed by Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Evening Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

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THURSDAY: ***Feast of St Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury (601-690)***
Service of Word and Communion at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and 103 of 10,000 Korean Martyrs (19th Cent)***
Adoration at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am
Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

SATURDAY: ***Feast of St Matthew, Apostle***
Adoration at 9.30am **Service of the Word and Communion** at 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

15/9/2019 [1] On the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus the bearer of the Father's endless Mercy to all the children of the Earth. God longs for us to come home to him and to find our real selves. Jesus is the true 'elder brother', not judgemental and condemning (as depicted in the Last Judgement scene by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel), but rather a true First-Born of Creation who comes to carry us home to our Father. Pope Francis is constantly calling us as a Church to be 'merciful as the Father is merciful'. Sainly Brother Roger of Taizé said 'The sole purpose of the Church is to throw wide open the gates of God's mercy for the world'. Will we be merciful, welcoming and accepting?

[2] **Mass with the LGBT+ community, families and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for all communities of Religious, all convents and monasteries - may their witness of service and prayer encourage us in our different callings to give our lives in service and prayer also.

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

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| Sunday | Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 / Psalm 50 / 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 / Luke 15: 1-32 |
| Monday | 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 / Psalm 27 / Luke 7: 1-10 |
| Tuesday | 1 Timothy 3: 1-13 / Psalm 100 / Luke 7: 11-17 |
| Wednesday | 1 Timothy 3: 14-16 / Psalm 110 / Luke 7: 31-35 |
| Thursday | 1 Timothy 4: 12-16 / Psalm 110 / Luke 7: 36-50 |
| Friday | 1 Timothy 6: 2-12 / Psalm 48 / Luke 7: 36-50 |
| Saturday | Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 9: 9-13 |

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY: **PARISH MASS** at 10am

MONDAY: ***Feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Capuchin Priest (1887-1968)***
Adoration 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am

TUESDAY: ***Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham***
Adoration at 5.30pm **Evening Service of Word and Communion** at 6.00pm
followed by Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Evening Service of Word and Communion** at 6.00pm

THURSDAY: **Service of Word and Communion** at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

FRIDAY: ***Feast of St Vincent de Paul, Priest and founder of Vincentian family***
Adoration at 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: *Adoration* at 9.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: none

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22/09/2019 [1] We celebrate on the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year** Jesus the Prophet and Servant of Justice. In the strange and difficult parable, it appears that Jesus is praising dishonesty - however the opposite is true. It seems that the dishonest steward (or manager) is restoring justice after practising injustice and fraud. He does so out of self-interest, but disciples of Jesus must do so out of conviction and principle. We are called to use our money and power to make friends of the poor by transforming their poverty into a greater equality. Then the poor will welcome us into the 'tents of eternity'.

[2] We welcome Fr Mark van Beuwmens MSC and who will be presiding at our Sunday Masses while I am away. I thank them for their support of our community.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the central Administration of the Diocese (known as the Diocesan 'Curia'). We pray for those who serve the Mission of the Church through their work in Finance, Property Services, Education and Schools, Evangelisation, Marriage Tribunal and Safeguarding Offices at Alexander House, and those at Bishop's House. Their work is not noticed by most of us, yet they are an essential part of the infrastructure of the Diocese and integral to helping us be parishes of Communion for Mission.

THOUGHT FOR 25th SUNDAY YC

WHO DO WE SERVE - REALLY??

'You cannot serve two masters' Jesus says emphatically to us today! We are either serving the Justice of the Kingdom of God, or we are serving the oppression of the poor. We like to think that there is a neutral place, but Jesus calls us off our every fence and says - serve Me by serving the Poor, serve Me by struggling with the Poor for Justice. They will be your friends in the tents of eternity, ready to welcome you home to the Father's Love which one day will succeed in fashioning this world into a New Heaven and a New Earth, where there will be no more weeping or mourning, only equality, freedom and a fair sharing of the world's resources that belongs to all the world's peoples, not just those who dedicate themselves to the accumulation of money and power. The dishonest steward rectifies the injustices he has caused only in the cause of self-preservation. Will we be honest stewards of the Lord's Abundance by acting always with integrity, with justice, with sensitivity to the poorest,?

WORD OF GOD FOR TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

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| Sunday | Amos 8: 4-7 / Psalm 112 / 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 / Luke 16: 1-13 |
| Monday | Ezra 1: 1-6 / Psalm 125 / Luke 8: 16-18 |
| Tuesday | Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20 / Psalm 121 / Luke 8: 19-21 |
| Wednesday | Ezra 9: 5-9 / Responsorial Tobit 13 / Luke 9: 1-6 |
| Thursday | Hagai 1: 1-8 / Psalm 149 / Luke 9: 7-9 |
| Friday | Hagai 1: 15-2: 9 / Psalm 42 / Luke 9: 18-22 |
| Saturday | Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15 / Responsorial Jeremiah 31 / Luke 9: 43-45 |

LAST SUNDAYS' COLLECTIONS

Env £220.07 Loose £336.49 S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £647.14 - thank you!
Cov with Poor £8.00 **CAFOD** £10.00 **Donation** £10.00 - many thanks!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019

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| 4th Oct | First Parents Baptismal preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre) |
| 6th Oct | Rite of Child Catechumen (Welcoming) at 10am Mass |
| 6th Oct | Parish Forum - ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED! 12.30pm - 2.30pm |
| 6th Oct | Mass with the Catholic Fellowship of Special Needs at 3.00pm |
| 10th Oct | Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery) |
| 11th Oct | Second Parents Baptismal preparation Session at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre) |
| 12th Oct | Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, leaving 9.30am, returning 6pm |
| 13th Oct | Signed Mass with Clifton Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm |
| 15th Oct | Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm |
| 19th Oct | Diocesan Year of Communion Preparation Day with Fr James Hanvey SJ 9.15am-2.30pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College |

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| 20th Oct | Baptismal Sunday (NB <i>instead of 25th November</i>) |
| 1st Nov | ALL SAINTS DAY - HolyDay of Obligation Masses at 9.00am & 7.00pm |
| 2nd Nov | All Souls Day: Day of Special Devotion & Prayer for the dead Mass 12noon |
| 15th Nov | Meeting for Parents of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation children 2.30pm |
| 16th Nov | SW Regional Gathering Church Action on Poverty - Victoria Methodist, Bristol |
| 24th Nov | Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday |
| 24th Nov | 'Vision of Hope' a multi-Faith Event of music, art and poetry - St Nicks 1-5pm |

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES FOR 2019 Seeking the baptism of your children? please inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher & Epiphania Chipato or Richard. Attendance at both preparation sessions essential for parents seeking baptism for their child.
First Parents Preparation Session: Friday 4th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
Rite of Child Catechumen (or Welcoming) Sunday 6th October at 10.00am Mass
Second Parents Preparation Session: Friday 11th October at 6.30pm (Assisi Centre)
Baptism celebrated: Sunday 20th October at 10.00am Mass

JOURNEY OF FAITH The Journey of Faith meets each Friday at 6.30pm in the Assisi Centre. This is for all who want to discover more about the Catholic Faith we share, or who may be thinking of becoming Catholic Christians. Suitable for those who want to renew their faith or have been away from Mass for years, and for **adults who have never been Confirmed**. Who will you encourage to come and discover more about Christ Jesus?

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL - Saturday 12th October As part of our 170th Year celebrations there is a day pilgrimage on October 12th to go to Harvington Hall in Worcestershire (about 90 minutes drive by car). This house is over 500 years old and where for 200 years of persecution Mass was secretly celebrated. Two of our martyrs - St John Wall (priest) and St Nicholas Owen (carpenter) are associated with this place - the latter constructing a least six "priests' hiding holes" - where a priest would hide when the building was being searched for evidence of Catholic practices, which for those years were illegal and punishable by death. A beautiful place that played an important part in the survival of the Catholic Faith in England and Wales during dark times. We will honour not only the martyrs of our land but also the martyrs of all our countries of origin - eg The Uganda Martyrs, the El Salvador Martyrs, the Congolese martyrs - and to pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers today. By traveling by car it will cost only £10 per person. So far we have 5 drivers and cars who have volunteered (20 pilgrims). Ten cars could take 40 people. Any more volunteers?

'WOMEN AT THE ALTAR' - Annual meeting of the Catholic Womens Ordination Group 'CWO' is holding its annual meeting in Birmingham on 5th October (1.30pm to 4pm). A lecture titled 'Women at the altar? The evidence' will be delivered by Dr Ally Kateusz, Research Associate of the Wijngaards Institute and it will answer some of the questions about the history of ordination of women in the Church. Booking is essential, and must be done by email at info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk. From our parish, Marta will attend, so get in touch with her if you are thinking of going (individuals of all genders are welcome).

CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS
 All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK or there is a danger that if travelling abroad you might not be allowed re-entry to UK. Because there is now a real danger of 'Brexit' without an agreement, **it is very advisable to make your application before Oct 31st**. It is vitally important that those concerned (including people from Latin America holding Spanish passport and from Angola, East Timor etc holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31st December 2020. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the 'EU Settlement Scheme' **before end of June 2021**. For more information visit: www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status

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