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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



“Your faith has made you well”

God, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison, and for their families and friends. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. May your love overcome struggle and heartache, bringing new life. We commend to you all who work or volunteer in courts, prisons and communities. May they know your presence and inspiration in their efforts. We pray for the healing of those wounded by crime and for everyone involved in the criminal justice system. Help us all to forgive, to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, now and every day. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 11 th	10.30am	The sick and housebound of the Parish	BVM
	6.00pm	Rodney Boon	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 12 th	9.30am	George Wright	
Mon 13 th	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 14 th	No Mass today		Feria
Wed 15 th	No Mass today		St Teresa of Avila (memorial)
Thu 16 th	No Mass today		Feria
Fri 17 th	No Mass today		St Ignatius of Antioch (memorial)
Sat 18 th	No 10.30am Mass today		St Luke (feast)
	SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSIONS		Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 19 th	9.30am	Bob Abbott, Philip Townend	

First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 11 th		M Russell		J Hothersall	
Sun 12 th		K Snape		M Gardner	
Bidding prayers	Fr Raphael	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	P & J Kitchen
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 18 th		L Gardner		L Gardner	
Sun 19 th		R Conboy		B Gore	
Bidding prayers	L Russell	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C Moffatt & C Williamson

Last weekend: attendance: 117, collection: £322.10 – thank you!

Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-1, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19.

Gratitude, or the lack of it, is one of the themes offered to us this week.

In the first reading we are told of the Syrian army commander Naaman who was recommended to go to Elisha the prophet in Samaria in the northern part of Israel for a cure for his leprosy.

So, he rolls up in front of Elisha's house with his retinue. Elisha doesn't bother to come out of his house as Naaman expected but sends a message for him to bathe in the Jordan seven times.

Moreover, Naaman expected something far grander like a great show, such as Elisha calling on the name of his great God and the waving of his hand over the leprous spot and he complains that he should have to bathe in this muddy little stream when there are other far greater rivers in which to bathe.

Today's snippet takes up the story from where Naaman emerges from the river cured and converts to the worship of the Lord the God of Israel, who cured him; and even wants to take some soil – now holy to him – back to his own country, proclaiming that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

The Gospel tells of ten lepers who beg mercy from Jesus. Jesus cures them, but Jesus remarks that only one came back to give thanks, and we are told he was a Samaritan.

These readings are rich with meaning, but two things stand out.

The first is that God's healing is offered to all peoples with faith in him: Naaman was a Syrian, and the leper who came back to Jesus was a Samaritan.

Both were considered outsiders but who in gratitude for their healing, thanked God – in contrast to the nine lepers who we presume to have been among the chosen race of the Jews, but who did not give thanks.

So, the importance of giving thanks to God is important.

Secondly: although he is more than capable of doing so, God's interventions are not always accompanied by high drama and heavenly portent which Naaman expected. (Not covered in today's snippet.)

Instead, they may be quiet – almost unnoticed.

The *Good News* is that these two elements are not just consigned to the pages of the bible – holy though it is. They are very much alive and with us here and now at this and every Mass.

The Catholic Church is a universal church open to all people who are invited to experience the healing love of God.

The Mass is a *Eucharist, a Thanksgiving* for all that God gives us.

The saints, especially the martyr saints, were able to give thanks for the bad, even in the face of death, as well as the good, since by God's grace, their faith was strengthened.

When things are not going so well for us, we might give thanks that things are not worse, but also not to forget others who are worse off than us.

We do this communally with our bidding prayers but also in our own personal prayer.

Or perhaps we grieve that we left it too late to thank and appreciate those no longer with us.

But the Mass is the ultimate *Thanksgiving*, spanning the limits of time and extends into the eternal domain of God himself. It is the one place here on earth where we know we can be at rights with God and with each other, whether living and dead.

Finally: it should not bother us that the healing love of God, which we receive at our *Eucharist*, does not come with earth-shattering apocalyptic portents and speed, for that would be far more than we could take.

Instead, it comes in God's own time, silently; in that *still small voice* that Elijah experienced on the mountain; reassuring each one of us that *I am with you always, yes even to the end of time*.

Two Prayerful Reflections on Thanksgiving.

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. (St. Ambrose)

In all created things, discern the providence and wisdom of God and in all things give Him thanks. (St. Teresa of Avila)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael

This week's Saints

St Teresa of Avila (1515-82) Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Founder of the reformed (Discalced) Carmelites. She met with a lot of resistance but persevered exclaiming 'Heaven preserve us from stupid nuns'. The Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle are two of her better-known works.

St Ignatius of Antioch (d 107) Not much is known about him except from his letters on his way to the martyrdom that he sincerely sought. He was to be thrown to the lions in the arena at Rome and in his letters he urged no interference with this destiny, glad to be as 'wheat ground by the teeth of the lions into the pure bread of Christ – a true sacrifice to God'.

St Luke the Greek physician and sometime disciple of St Paul who accompanied him on some of his missionary journeys. He is the author of the third Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel emphasises compassion, poverty, prayer and purity of heart. He is, of course, the patron of doctors.

Please note there are **NO MASSES THIS WEEK**.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY and there will be a **Second Collection** to support the work of Missio (APF). You can find out more about their work at: missio.org.uk.

During October we will say a decade of the **ROSARY** after weekday Masses.

Please keep your eye on the “**TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS**” section of our website – it gets updated regularly.

PLEASE PRAY for those Fred Graham and all who are sick or housebound, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Autumn), ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Student and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

To celebrate **THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL** on Bournes Row, there will be Mass in the school at 3.00pm on Thursday 23rd October followed by refreshments – **EVERYONE WELCOME!** RSVP no later than 12.00noon this Friday (17th). Full details at the back of church.

ONE SMALL AND ONE LARGE BUDGIE CAGE (with cover) – second-hand but both in good condition. Let me know if you want either or both.

Bidding Prayers 28th Sunday Year C

Priest: With grateful hearts, let us turn to our heavenly Father with all our needs.

Reader: That Pope Leo perseveres in his high calling to follow faithfully in the footsteps of St Peter. Lord, in your mercy.

For all leaders to push for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East and the release of all hostages. Lord, in your mercy.

For loving perseverance of all committed to religious life and the clerical state. Lord, in your mercy

For loving perseverance of all in the marital state and the well-being of their families. Lord, in your mercy.

For all who live on their own or are committed to the care of others. May they never feel lonely or abandoned but be always assured of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy.

For those in our parish who are sick, elderly or bereaved, and for those feeling depressed and unloved and lacking hope. May they share the joy of Mary Magdalene when, through her tears, she recognised her Risen Lord. Lord, in your mercy.

Let us ask Mary to join our prayer to hers as together we say ... Hail Mary ...

And now, for a moment of silent prayer.

Priest: Heavenly Father, please hear and grant the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.