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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



“And will not God give justice to his elect?”

O God, Spirit of righteousness, you temper judgement with mercy. Help us to live the covenant written upon our hearts so that when Christ returns we may be found worthy to be received by grace into your presence. Amen.

THIS WEEK

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	
Mon 20 th	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 21 st	9.30am	Rebecca Ward	Feria
Wed 22 nd	9.30am	Vocations	Feria
Thu 23 rd	No Mass in church today		Feria
	10.30am	Primary School 50th Anniversary Mass (in school)	
Fri 24 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 25 th	10.30am	Kevin Bailey	BVM
	6.00pm	For the Parish	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 26 th	9.30am	Ray Jackson	

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

This 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
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 25 th		C Williamson		G Hopkinson	
Sun 26 th		C Snape		F Fordyce	
Bidding prayers	J & K Slater	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell

Last weekend: attendance: 138, collection: £379.70 – thank you!

Readings: Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8.

With the edge of the sword, Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Not a very Godly action some might complain. But the Amalekites were preventing God's people from entering their God-given inheritance and, as such, were seen as enemies of God.

Victory, however, could only come about if Moses kept his arms raised which he does with the help of Aaron and Hur – quite a comical image, but the image conveys perseverance.

For, to be in constant communication with God, to be consciously aware of his presence at all times, to be in a state of continuous prayer especially petitionary prayer, requires perseverance and persistence such as we find in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow in today's Gospel.

Widows were among the marginalised who had no one to speak out for them against any injustice and so this widow makes up for it with her persistent cry for justice from a judge who, on his own admittance, had neither respect for God or man. The judge, unable to endure anymore, gives in and grants the widow her rights.

This leads Jesus to conclude that if the unjust judge can be beaten into submission by a widow's persistence, *will not the all-good God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night, even when he delays to help them.*

We live with the frustration of delays throughout our lives whether bus, train or delays with our flights, or getting on this or that list, or delays in our medical appointment and surgery.

But whatever the delay is, we have to learn patient persistence in hope and faith and that is no less true in prayer – indeed the two go together for Jesus tells us to pray for **all** our needs.

In the end though, only God knows what those needs really are or whether or not to grant them and when; after all, a child may persistently demand all kinds of things but only those who truly love them know what is best for them because, in their love, they can see the bigger picture.

God our Father sees the bigger picture of our lives, but we still need to be as persistent as the widow in our prayers with the same confidence as Moses, that he hears them.

So, we must trust that God alone knows what is best for us even when he seems to delay or not grant even the most loving and caring of prayers.

We must persevere, so that when he comes, in whatever form that takes, he will find us faithful and persistent in prayer.

Reflection

To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to just 'get along'. We must never 'just get along'. (Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati)

We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives, that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with him. (St Elizabeth Ann Seton)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael.

THIS 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.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ends **NEXT WEEKEND** – clocks should be put **BACK** one hour overnight Saturday/Sunday.

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. **Last weekend's statement from the Abbot and Archbishop** is available from the website and there are some hard copies at the back of church.

PLEASE PRAY for Fred Graham who has died, for 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, **this Thursday**, 23rd October, there will be Mass in the school at 10.30am and then in the afternoon there will be a party from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Please let the school know if you wish to attend either event. 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.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH “Crafty Christmas Market” Saturday 15th November 10.00am to 2.30pm. See the poster on the noticeboard for more information.

Bidding Prayers 18 and 19 October

Priest As we come together in worship, let us turn to the Father with our hopes and fears.

Reader For peace in Israel and Palestine: we pray that those scarred on all sides of the conflict can learn to forgive and to enjoy a lasting peace. Lord in your mercy...

For the poor: Pope Leo tells us that wealth provides only “an illusion of happiness” and that “charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship”. Give all men the compassion to help those poorer than themselves in whatever way they can. Lord in your mercy...

For St Joseph's parish: Lord, we thank you for all those who have served the spiritual needs in this parish through the ages. We place our faith in you that we may continue to receive this blessing however you see fit. Lord in your mercy...

For ourselves: in a noisy and often overwhelming world, help us to find moments of stillness where we may grow closer to you. Lord in your mercy...

For all those who feel despair and face an uncertain future: give them the strength and confidence to move forward. Lord in your mercy...

We unite our prayers with those of Mary as we say together - Hail Mary...

In a few moments of silence we offer you our own prayers.

Priest "To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words." We make these prayers through Jesus 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.