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Twenty-Ninth Sunday

Year A

18th October 2020

Give to God what belongs to God.

Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The **First Reading** (Isaiah 45: 1,4–6) teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The **Psalms 96** is a song full of praise for the Lord, who is 'above all gods', and who will judge fairly. The psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Thessalonians 1: 1–5), St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The **Gospel** (Matthew 22: 15–21) **message** is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Although Jesus confirms that it is reasonable to pay taxes to the Romans, he also affirms that *our first duty is to serve God*, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times, asking that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We ask too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Mass Times: Please note our current mass times are as follows:

Day	Time	Group
Sunday	8.00am	Public Mass – please book
Sunday	9.30am	<i>FHC children & families only</i>
Sunday	11.30am	Public Mass – please book
Monday	9.15am	NO MASS
Tuesday	9.15am	Public Mass – all welcome
Wednesday	7.30pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Friday	7.00pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Saturday	9.30am	<i>FHC children & families only</i>
Saturday	6.30pm	<i>Confermandi & families only</i>

For the **Sunday masses at 8.00am and 11.30am** please contact the Parish office by email or telephone to book a place. For all other masses, please just bring along a piece of paper with your name and telephone number on. We are also requesting that people wear **face masks** where possible.

Please note there will be no mass at 9.15am on Monday 19th October as there is a funeral mass.

Saturday 6.30pm Mass: We would like to open the Saturday evening mass at 6.30pm to all parishioners from 31st October. However, in order to be able to do this **we need volunteers to be stewards.** Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health issues. Therefore, if you would like to help please email or call the parish office leaving your name and telephone number and our co-ordinator will contact you. Thank you.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation.

Any donations are very gratefully received.

NHS COVID Track & Trace: Please note St. Mary's now has a QR code that can be scanned on to the NHS Track & Trace app. If you are able, please scan this code every time you attend the Church / mass. For those who do not have the app, please continue to complete a form in the porch with your name and telephone number on for track and trace purposes.

November - Month of the Holy Souls: We will pray for all loved ones who have died during November. There will be a candle lit in front of the altar at every mass to remember those who have died this year and may have not had the opportunity for a full funeral service. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church in which to place the names of loved ones and they will be placed on the altar during November.

Recently deceased: Please pray for Terry Kane who sadly passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Carlo Ocotis: Carlo died at 15 in 2006 and he was beatified last Sunday in Assisi. I recommend you look him up on you tube and the web.

Sister Clare Crockett: The inspiring story of Sr. Clare who died in 2016 at the age of 33 can be found on YouTube.

October – Month of the Rosary: The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary and we are invited to give time to pray to Our Lady. I recommend that at 8.00pm each evening, either individually or in the family, that we be united in praying the rosary for our Parish family and for all during this difficult time – praying for a cure to this virus.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer take place each Thursday 11.00am-1.00pm. We do ask that if people are able, they assist with sanitising the Church afterwards.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now ready to collect from the back of the Church. If your envelopes are not there, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Congratulations to the all our young people who are making their confirmation over the next two weekends. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Mass Intentions: Please be assured that if your mass intention is not currently being said during a public mass, Father Martin is saying mass for these intentions in private.

PTA Happy Bag drop off Sunday 22nd November 10am -12pm in the school playground. Parishioners will have the opportunity to donate bags of unwanted clothes, paired shoes etc. Thank you for your help

Director of Diocesan Youth Ministry: Last Friday a panel which included Bishop Alan, as well as young adults in the Diocese, selected **Claire Bailey** to serve as Director of Diocesan Youth Ministry.

You can read about Claire on the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service website,

www.bcys.net/newdirector , and she will begin the role in January. Please keep her, and all our Diocesan and parish youth ministry, in your prayers.

Memorial Mass for young people who have died: On Wednesday 4th November the Youth Mass from the chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, streamed at 8pm via Instagram, will commemorate young people who have died. You will find more details at www.bcys.net. If you would like the name of a young person to be read during the Mass, and a candle lit for them, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, before 2nd November.

Memorial Mass for those commemorated at Abbotswick: On Sunday 8th November, at 3pm, there will be a Memorial Mass on the BrentwoodCYS YouTube channel. Those commemorated with plaques and benches at Abbotswick will be named, and a candle lit for each of them. If you are connected to Abbotswick, and are not sure if we already have the name of your loved one, or if someone has passed away recently, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org before 5th November.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Joe De Abreu, Joe Gilligan, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Brian Sticer, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Prayers

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

*Saint John Henry Newman
Canonised 13th October 2019*

Memorae

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday St. Ignatius of Antioch	17th Oct	9.30am 6.30pm	Chris McSweeney Int Arthur Bournes RIP
Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	18th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Dawn Whelan-Smith RIP Tom Gratton RIP All Parishioners
Monday	19th Oct	9.15am	NO MASS
Tuesday	20th Oct	9.15am	Helen Miranda Thanksgiving
Wednesday	21st Oct	7.30pm	Maria Fernandes Int
Thursday	22nd Oct	Intention 11.00-1.00	George & Betty Compton RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	23rd Oct	7.00pm	Clarence Miranda RIP
Saturday	24th Oct	9.30am 6.30pm	John Roche RIP Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP
Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	25th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Terry Thompson RIP All Parishioners Chris Murphy RIP / Vivian Johnson RIP

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Please note the location of the fire exits