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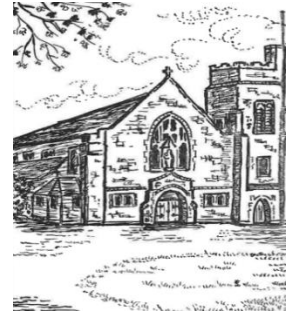
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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – Page 80 8th October 2023

The parable of the wicked tenants, recounted in the gospel for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 21:33-43), holds a mirror to the Jewish leaders, who recognize its pointed message directed at them. Across history, prophets have faced mistreatment, and now, these leaders are poised to apprehend Jesus, unmistakably depicted as the son in the narrative. Jesus reinforces his stance by quoting Psalm 118, revealing his awareness of their rejection, yet affirming his commitment to fulfilling his Father's will. A parallel narrative unfolds in the early Christian community, and in Christianity today, enduring similar rejection.

Paul's exhortation in the second reading offers solace to this community, reminding them to embrace the peace of Christ amid tribulations. In our contemporary world, where peace often seems elusive, Paul's counsel holds resonance. As we navigate global complexities, it's crucial to heed his guidance. Engage in heartfelt prayers, both in supplication and in thanksgiving, staying attuned to world events while striving for the tranquil embrace of God's kingdom.

In summary, the parable's resonance echoes through time, akin to the struggles faced by early Christians. Paul's reminder of seeking Christ's peace endures as a beacon in our tumultuous world. Embracing this wisdom, we can navigate challenges with an unwavering commitment to peace, offering our prayers amidst the turmoil of the present age.

October- Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

Devotion to Mary has always been at the heart of our life and worship. Since medieval times in England and Wales, there has been a long-standing practice to pray the 'Hail Mary' at Mass after the last intercession of the Prayers of the Faithful. This seems particularly appropriate during the months of May and October, and for the key Marian Feasts.

It's a good time to remember that Mary's 'yes' changed the world. At the Annunciation, Mary said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, who asked her to give birth to God's son, freely accepting God's will in her life.

In March 2020, Catholics and other Christians across England took part in the re-dedication of the country to the Virgin Mary. The original dedication took place in 1381, when King Richard II made a series of 'entrustment vows' at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi. The country was in a period of turmoil and the 14-year-old King turned to the Virgin Mary for protection.

So, may we turn to our Lady of the Rosary as we look for her protection in our lives.

Summary of Pope Francis' Wednesday Audience on Apostolic Zeal (1)

Dear brothers and sisters: Today we begin a new series of catechesis on apostolic zeal. Christ's Church, founded on the apostles, was born with missionary zeal, sent by the Holy Spirit to radiate the light of Christ to every land and people. Apostolic zeal is the very oxygen of our Christian life and an index of the Church's spiritual health. Drawing upon the Scriptures and the Church's living tradition, we can find a first, eloquent example of this in the calling of the apostle Matthew. The Gospel tells us that Jesus "saw" this despised tax collector; he looked at Matthew with eyes of mercy and called him to become his disciple. Matthew then "got up and followed him"; now a changed man, he left behind his ill-gotten gains and embraced, with Jesus, a life of discipleship and service to others. Significantly, the first thing Matthew did was bring Jesus to a dinner with many other "tax collectors and sinners". He went back to where he lived and introduced Jesus to others. This can be our primary lesson in apostolic zeal; in the words of the late Pope Benedict, it proclaims Jesus not by proselytism but by attraction, out of a joyful desire to share with others the loving gaze of Jesus and the call to follow him as his disciples.

INDUCTION MASS FOR FATHER MARK:

On Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm there will be an Induction Mass for Father Mark followed by tea and cakes (or something a little stronger) in the Parish Hall.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

SECOND COLLECTION – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:

There will be a second collection this weekend for Cafod. There are also some Cafod envelopes in the porch *if you want to take one*. Alternatively, give online at cafod.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – PRISONERS' SUNDAY:

At next weekends Masses, there will be a second collection for Prisoners' Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-2024: Our 2023-2024 First Holy Communion course is now full and we are not taking any more applications.

YEAR 5 CHILDREN- MASS ATTENDANCE:

A register is now in place, so can the children with their parents, present themselves to the designated person at the end of the Mass, who will then mark them as present at that Mass.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:

Please come along with your child on Monday 9th October between 6pm & 8pm, when Fr Mark will be issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice. If you have not been coming to Mass and do not have a pretty full number of stamps in the card, he will not be able to sign it. Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate and Mass attendance form. **Just come into the church and Fr Mark will be in the Sacristy.**

CONFIRMATION:

If your child is in Year 9 or above and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2024, please email the parish office to register your interest by Sunday 29th October at the latest. After this date, a register will be in place for Mass attendance from the weekend of 4th/5th November. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7pm in the parish hall and the course will begin in January. Only those who sign up by 29th October and are present at weekly Mass from then will be eligible for the course. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is 90 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available.

PRAYER PARTNERS:

Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on Pentecost Sunday. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our Confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their Confirmation which you would be invited to. Our young people thank you for your consideration.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!:

We are looking to build a vibrant and diverse group of catechists that truly represent our Parish family to help our teenage Confirmation candidates grow in their faith, could this be for you? If so, please contact Jo Luxton on 07961037786

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS:

Father Mark will be signing Certificate of Practice for Primary school applications at the beginning of January- dates to be advised. Please ensure you are coming to Mass and saying hello to Father Mark, so he knows who you are and so as to avoid disappointment.

BCYS YOUTH MASS:

Takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

YOUTH GATHER: Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island Year 9 or above? FINAL CHANCE to apply for your place at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

MASS INTENTIONS: *Please note* –the Diocese has reminded us that there should be only one parishioner's intentions per Mass. All previously booked Masses will be honoured, however new Mass bookings will adopt the new approach. If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until January.

CHURCH CLEANING: If you are available to help clean the church on a Friday morning at 9.45am please pop along and lend a helping hand.

TRADESPEOPLE:

If you are a qualified tradesperson and are willing to donate small jobs to the church, can you please email the church office, so when there is a small issue that needs looking at we can call upon people who can come and have a look at the issue. E.g., small leak from a toilet/ a bit of pointing on a wall. Please speak to Fr Mark if you can help.

CATECHISTS TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY: Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy. It includes input from David Wells and is a superb opportunity to hear about fresh resources. Reserve your place at www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23

FLOWER ARRANGING:

If you are able to help with the flower arranging for the Church, please contact Angela on 07974417007. The flowers are normally done on a Friday morning/afternoon.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

Join us at St Mary's Baby and Toddler Group each Tuesday 2pm in the Parish Hall (Please ring buzzer on school gate for entry.) Term time only. First session free then £2 per family. All welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Every Sunday at 9.30am Mass for children in Years 1 and 2 to learn and understand the Gospel through activities.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:

St. Mary's Primary School will be holding their open evening on Tuesday 14th November 5.30pm-7pm for reception intake 2024.

CAMPION SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: Sixth form open evening for external students for entry in September 2024. Headteachers talk at 6.30pm & 7.30pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the HolySouls. It will be led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

RAINHAM FOODBANK:

Thank you from Rainham Foodbank for your donations! They are short of tins of tuna, rice pudding and fruit, toiletries and toilet rolls. Other items are listed in the porch. All donations are welcome and gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Anne Sullivan, 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.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE PRAYER

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 ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

"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. Amen."

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, are looking for a Parish Administrator for 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday. Contact hr@brcdt.org Closing date is 13th October 2023.

NEWHAM PARTNERSHIP YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR: A successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work) Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience) Contract is a fixed 3 year. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

FINANCES:

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 Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

STANDING ORDERS:

It is becoming increasingly hard to bank cash. If at all possible, please support the work, running and mission of the parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking or by picking up a standing order form from the back of the church.

If you are part of the parish Gift Aid scheme, please quote your Gift Aid box number as a reference.

CASHLESS DONATIONS:

You can also donate by scanning a QR code below on your phone. Open the camera on your smart phone, hold the camera over the QR code and click on the link that appears. Please note Gift Aid cannot be used when donating through the QR codes.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. It is simple: you complete just one form (located at the back of the church), and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation.

CHURCH EVENTS:

For more information on any of the events listed below please contact the Parish office.

Children's Liturgy: Sundays in term time for children in years 1 & 2 at the 9.30am mass.

Baptism course: Please take a Baptism form at the back of the church.

Exploring Your Faith: Last Tuesday of every month. 8-9.30pm in the Van Meenen room. All welcome.

RCIA Journey in Faith: Thursdays 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Rosary: After all weekday masses and on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in church. All welcome.

Pass it on!: First Saturday of every month in the parish hall from 2-4pm. Free to all.

Parent & toddler group: Tuesdays during term time in the parish hall 2 – 3pm.

Coffee morning: After 9.30am mass during term time in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Youth Club: Friday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Hall. (members only).

Children's choir: During 9.30am mass – meet in the choir loft. All children welcome.

Adult choir: Please come and join us during 11.30am mass. All welcome.

Catholic fellowship For people with special needs Saturdays 10-12pm in the Parish Hall new members welcome

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm in the Van Meenen room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday 9.45am -12 noon in church, and Saturday from 9.45am – 11.15am.

Foodbank: Donation box is located in the porch of the church. All donations go to Rainham foodbank.

Church cleaning: Every Friday morning at 9.45am during term time. Helpers needed.

Repository: Beautiful gifts and cards available. Open after all weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	7 th October	6.30pm	Vincent Browne RIP
Sunday 27 th Sunday in Ordinary time	8 th October	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Bridget O'Brien RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday St John Henry Newman	9 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	10 th October	9.15am	John Gormily RIP / Ken, Sheila, John & Terry Coy RIP
Wednesday Pope St John XIII	11 th October	<i>Induction Mass</i>	
		7.30pm	Colin Coelho RIP / Kathy O'Dea Int
Thursday Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga	12 th October	9.15am	Jacky Keane RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	13 th October	9.15am	Frieda Sach RIP / Samson Dsouza RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	14 th October	9.15am	Ken Blackwell & Family RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Smith- Rodriguez Family Int
Sunday 28 th Sunday in ordinary time	15 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Olga & Arturo Casali RIP
		11.30am	Marie Tweedie RIP / Francis Brownston RIP
		5.00pm	Holy hour with Rosary and Benediction

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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