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SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY

"On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said: 'You are the Christ. " (Mark 8: 28-29)

In today's Gospel, somewhere in the foothills of Mount Hermon, Jesus asked his disciples a straight out question: "Who do people say that I am". In answer to this question, Peter retorted: "You are Christ" (Mark 8:29). Christ's reply to Peter is really significant in our world today riddled with selfishness and unbridled desire for pleasure and recognition of social status. Christ, in no uncertain terms, reminds His inner cabinet that His mission was to go to Jerusalem to be crucified. The reality of Christ's mission was so fearful that Peter tried to rebuke and dissuade Him from carrying His Cross, and the reply he got was, "Get behind me Satan" (Mark 8:33).

Christ was unrelenting in giving them the terms and conditions of true discipleship: if you want to follow me, renounce yourself and carry your cross" (Mark 8:34). The Cross will forever, remain the foundation of our Christian faith. If we are to follow Christ devotedly, we must expect to come across challenges and difficulties of life. As Christ is nailed to the cross, humanity is equally nailed to the cross of pains. As long as Christ remains our personal friend and the love of our lives, He will always be there to support us in our



most challenging moments as His grace is strongest during our trials and tribulations (2 Cor.12: 7 – 10).

CONFITEOR (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,**

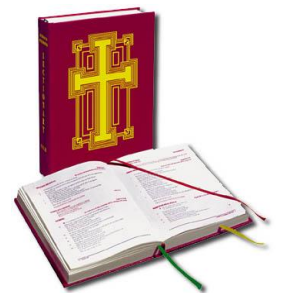
**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father
Amen.**

First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?



The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord, my God, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the

**Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Latin

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dóminus Deus Sábaoth

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface IV** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

**O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine. x 3**

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



Obituary: We regret to announce the demise of Maureen McMahon, who was a member of our Parish. We condole with her family and pray for the eternal repose of her soul. Maureen's funeral Mass will be held here on Thursday 4th October at 12.00pm followed by the crematorium service at Kemnal Park at 2.00pm.

Second collection: The collection this week is for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization. Please donate generously.

Mass Count: The first national mass count will start on Sunday 23rd September. The mass count will continue in all weekend masses until Sunday 14th October.

New email address: As of immediate effect the new parish email address is crayvalley@rcaos.org.uk. Please use this email address when corresponding with the parish office.

Parish Celebration Day: Our parish celebration day will be held this Sunday 16th September after 11am Mass. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful parish family.

Bible Class: Our next Bible class study will be held on Thursday 20th September at 7.45pm. The theme will be "Look and Live"; Numbers 21:9 and John 3:14-15.

Outreach Table Sales: The Outreach Group will be holding table sales on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd September. Please bring in any donations and leave in the box at the back of the porch.

Day trip: Our day trip to the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St John Baptist, Norwich is on Saturday 29th September. We shall be departing outside the church at 8.00am. Can all parishioners who have signed up to this trip please make your payment ASAP; a full list of attendees is in the porch.

September Birthdays: We shall be celebrating birthday cake Sunday on 30th September. If your birthday falls in the month of September, please check that your name is on the list in the porch.

Asian Day Celebration: We shall be celebrating Asian Day on Sunday 7th October after 11am Mass. We shall be having a meeting next Sunday 23rd September at 9.00am to discuss the preparation of this day; please feel free to join. There is a list in the porch for food & drink donations, your generosity is welcome.

OLC Youth Group: We're celebrating our 5th year of running! That's almost 120 sessions and over 100 youth that have come through our doors over the years! As a new school year starts we're encouraging new young people to join our youth group. It's free and there's fun and faith based activities for all aged 11-18. (Younger siblings considered). We meet alternate Fridays 6.30-8.30 and the next one is 28th September.

Choir: Back to term means back to singing for our 11am Mass parish choir. This year we're appealing for more members (male and female) to join to sing and praise

God. Practice is a short time before 11am Mass. Please see Anne Greenidge for more details.

Coffee Morning: Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 25th October after 9am mass. All welcome.

RCIA: This year's RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme begins end of October/early November. Any adult who is interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome to join this programme. Please put your name down on the list in the porch and you will be contacted with the programme details.

First Holy Communion 2018/2019: Our First Holy Communion Programme will begin in November. Classes are on Sunday mornings at 9.30am. If you wish for your child to be enrolled in our programme, please put their name and your details in the list provided in the porch. Please note all children must be in school year 3 or above.

Parish Registration Form: There is a new parish registration form in the porch which is now General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliant. Anyone who has not completed this new registration form, please do so. If you have completed one, but your details have changed (i.e. change of name, address, email, telephone number etc) please complete a new form to help us keep our records up to date and in line with the new GDPR guidelines. These forms can be posted through the presbytery door addressed to the parish secretary.

Youth Alpha: Holy Innocents is launching a Youth Alpha programme on 30th September. For more details email alphaholyinnocents@hotmail.com or call Stephen Walsh on 07778612050 or speak to Mike Delaney

2019 Pilgrimage: An update on pricing of The Footsteps of St. Paul - A pilgrimage tour in Greece will be with you by October.

Rosary Group: Monday, Thursday and Friday at 10am & Saturday 13.00pm.

Mothers Prayer Group 1: Holds every Friday at 8pm at Irene Williams' house.

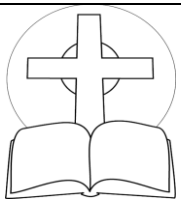
Mothers Prayer Group 2: Holds every Friday at 8pm at Nneka Omo-Idahosa's house.

PARISH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER	
SUNDAY 16 TH	PARISH CELEBRATION DAY
SATURDAY 29 TH	DAY TRIP TO CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN BAPTIST IN NORWICH
PARISH EVENTS FOR OCTOBER	
SUNDAY 7 TH	ASIAN DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY 14 TH	7 TH ANNIVERSARY OF ERECTION OF OUR LADY OF THE CRAYS
SUNDAY 21 ST	15 TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD FOR FR. CYRIACUS
MONDAY 29 TH	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)



Request for Prayer for the Sick and the Housebound

Please continue to pray for: Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, Terry Burns, Monica Gallagher, P J Connor, Mary Stanley, Betty Evans, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Eamon Murphy, Jeanne Allen, Peter Trodden and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR SEPTEMBER

We remember in our payers: Alice Dunne, Paddy Herbert, Sheila O'Connor, Adewale Adams, Elsie Unger, Eugenia Marshall, James Drysdale, James Silo, Eileen Morris, Raul Joyce, Rose Chattell, Michael Wingfield, Teresa Downes, Patrick Daly, Merlyn Morris, Dennis Morris, Irene Howlett, Art Sheridan, Maurice Casey, Maria Ellerby, Frances Hill, Giovanni Ferrigan, Alfred Mandy, Patrick Dunne, Kkelu Nwafox, Amelia Cansdale, Paul Abiodun Fashina, John Jagger, Maria Quintavalle, Bridget Whelan, Octaviana Goes, Grace Le Fleur, James Fordham, Sissy Dabin, Madge Trinder, Mary Rose Wilkins, Maurice Quirk, Margaret Keeling and Mary Crowley.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

Service	Weekend of 15 & 16 September Team 3	Weekend of 22 & 23 September Team 4
Readers 6pm	J Tarrant Chima	AM Atlay C St John
Readers 9am	M Dunleavy	C Meaney P Ihonor
Readers 11am	U Temenior J Smith	M Francis Salma Lamina
Euch. M. 6pm	N Abrook, H Cherry & R O'Shea	JP Gallagher, D Philip & D Winter
Euch. M. 9am	I Floyd, T Meaney & M Armstrong	M Wingfield, M Lyons & M Fernandes
Euch.M.11am	N Adewale, H Anseline, J Boamah, G Greenspan, P Greenidge & N Akosah	F Adewale, M Alademerin, M Ehiosun, M McEveney, T Wickenden, E Williams & J Smith
Linen	T Akagbosu	T Obende
Cleaning	L Clarke	D Byrne

DIARY FOR THE WEEK



<p>Sun: Sep.16: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (B)</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Alan Stuart, RIP</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Michael Lynch, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>12.00pm: Parish Celebration Day</p>	<p>Sat: Sep.22: Memorial of Our Lady</p> <p>11.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>11.35am – 12.05pm: Confessions</p> <p>12.05pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p> <p>12.30pm Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>2.00pm: Baptism of Morgan Terri-Anne Clowes</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Stuart Family, WB</p>
<p>Mon: Sep.17: Feria 9.30am: Anna Colman, GB</p> <p>Tues: Sep.18: No Mass</p> <p>Wed: Sep.19: Feria 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm: Frances Teresa Hill, RIP</p> <p>Thu: Sep.20: St. Andrew Tae-gon, Priest, & St. Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs, (Memorial) 9.30am: Maureen McMahon, RIP</p> <p>6.00pm - 7.30pm: Parish Surgery</p> <p>7.45pm: Bible Class Study</p> <p>Fri: Sep.21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, (Feast) 9.30am: Jim & Denise Tarrant, WB</p>	<p>Sun: Sep.23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B)</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Sacramento Coelho, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>12.00pm: Cake and Table Sales by the Outreach Group</p> <p>NOTE: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery BI means Blessed GB means God's Blessings WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p>
<p>Rosary: Mon, Thursday – Friday at 10am, Saturday at 13.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 8.45am on Monday, Thursday – Friday; 6.45pm on Wednesday and 11.30am on Saturday.</p>	