



## OUR LADY OF THE CRAYS RC CHURCH, CRAY VALLEY

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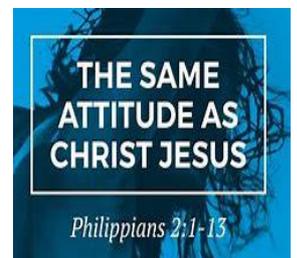
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## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26-27)*

This Sunday the Church wants us to reflect on, and celebrate the spirit of commitment and self-sacrifice of Christ. The spirit of self-sacrifice motivates one to do the unthinkable. It was this spirit that made Jesus give up everything, even His life, for our sake: "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave...even to accepting death, death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). The First reading reminds us of the importance of Wisdom in the Christian life, and it is the spirit of Wisdom that enables us to penetrate the mystery of God's intention revealed in Christ. In the Second reading, Paul teaches us that we can equally sacrifice our own comfort for the good of others. Similarly, in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to imbibe his spirit of commitment and sacrifice if we are to be his true disciples. Thus, He said "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife... and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).



What does Jesus mean by this statement? Christ is not literarily calling us to hate our parents, siblings and other family members in order to be his disciples; after all He loved and obeyed his parents (Luke 2:51). What He is saying is, that He has to be the first in our lives; He has to be the sun outshining all the other stars. Christ equally highlights the need for us to be resilient in carrying our cross. Hence, the cost of discipleship entails total dedication and ability to sacrifice our lives for the sake of others. May God give us the grace to be totally committed to him, and not allow anything to separate us from his love.

## **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.'**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom 9:13-18**

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasoning's of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17**

**Response: *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R**



You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

**Second reading: A reading from the letter to Philemon 1:9-10,12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**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 II in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**.

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### 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**

**Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist:** To be resumed on Wednesday 11th September starting from 9am.

**Second collection:** This week's second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They also work alongside the government aiming for high academic standards for all Catholic Schools in the UK.

**Next week's second collection:** The second collection next weekend will be for Home Mission Sunday.

**Parish Council:** Our next Parish Council meeting will be held this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**Parish Celebration Day:** Our parish celebration day will be held next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September after 11am Mass. Please join us to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Please note that on the actual Parish Celebration day there will be **no** car parking in the church grounds what so ever. Cars will only be permitted to drop off only; however you can park in Rosecroft Hall car park. We do need volunteers to help set up and clear up on the day; so any help will be much appreciated.

**Greece Pilgrimage:** The coach transfer to and from the UK airports will be £20 per person inclusive. The coach will leave from outside of the church grounds. Please make payment to the parish secretary.

**Young Children at 11am Mass:** To all parents of young children, please remember we have resources available in the hall to entertain your child should they become restless during mass. Last week was particularly disrupting for clergy as well as many parishioners; live Mass is available to watch on the TV screen in the hall.

**World Day of Prayer 'Quiet Day':** This takes place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please see poster in the porch for more details.

**Mass Count:** The first national mass count will start on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The mass count will continue in all weekend masses until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

**Youth Group - September 2019:** I can now confirm we have two youth groups up and running. One is for Yr 7 children and above; the other for children in Yr3-Yr 6. These run on alternative Friday evenings. Please see the rota's on the Youth notice board outside the hall. We thank all our Youth leaders, both old and new for their dedication.

**200 Club:** The winner for the July 200 club draw was Stella Hawker (no. 132). £50 is on its way to Stella. The draw for August will be held this Sunday in the hall after 11am Mass.

**School Admissions September 2020:** The deadline for Bromley Primary School Admissions is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We will be accepting **primary** school supplementary information forms (SIF) from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please put this form, along with your Mass Attendance Record and a **copy** of your child's baptism certificate, in an envelope addressed to the parish secretary and post through the presbytery door. Fr Cyriacus will complete the form and all your documents can be collected from the parish office on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

If you require a SIF to be completed by Fr. Cyriacus, for entry into **secondary** school for your child; you will need to bring this form, along with a **copy** of your child's Baptism and Holy Communion certificate to one of our Parish Surgeries which take place each Thursday from 6.00-7.30pm.

**Birthdays:** If your birthday falls in the month of September, please add your name to the list if it is not already shown. We shall be celebrating birthday cake Sunday on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Liturgy Readers:** We are in need of a new Liturgy reader in Team 2 (second Sunday) at 9am Mass. If anyone would like to take this slot and be part of the Liturgy team, please inform Fr. Cyriacus.

**Offertory Procession:** All Offertory Gifts will now be presented at the altar by individuals or families who have booked the Sunday Mass.

**Legal Advice:** Legal Aid advice is always available here at Our Lady of the Crays. Please contact Pedro on 07888 691332.

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

**SVP:** The SVP group meet fortnightly on Sunday after the 11am Mass. New members very welcome to join. SVP is also able to offer advice on welfare benefits and social care.

**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.

Collection for last Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019: **£1,392.95**

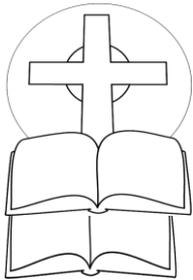
Last month's standing order: **£1,418.32**

**May God bless you for looking after your Parish**

**REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND**



Please continue to pray for: Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, 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, Jeanne Allen, Peter Trodden, Ivan Muir-Clark, and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR SEPTEMBER**

We remember in our prayers: 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, Mary Crowley, Maureen McMahon and Ellen Lawlor.

**MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Weekend of 7 &amp; 8 September Team 2</b>	<b>Weekend of 14 &amp; 15 September Team 3</b>
<b>Readers 6pm</b>	C St.John D Fufeyin	Chima J Eugene
<b>Readers 9am</b>	M Wingfield	M Dunleavy O Clarke
<b>Readers 11am</b>	P O'Halloran J Smith	U Temenior J Smith
<b>Euch. M. 6pm</b>	JP Gallagher, D Philip & B Inglis	N Abrook, H Cherry & R O'Shea
<b>Euch. M. 9am</b>	M Abu, M Lyons & K Wingfield	I Floyd, T Meaney & M Armstrong
<b>Euch.M.11am</b>	F Adewale, R Anseline, P Greenidge, T Wickenden, M Ehiosun & N Esong	N Adewale, H Anseline, J Boamah, G Greenspan, P Greenidge & N Akosah
<b>Linen</b>	<b>H Coker</b>	<b>T Obende</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>F Adewale</b>	<b>M Quintavalle</b>

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sun: Sep.8: Twenty-Third Sunday C</b></p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Maureen McMahon, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p>	<p><b>Sat: Sep.14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, (Feast)</b></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>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Jim Tarrant, RIP</p>
<p><b>Mon: Sep.9: Feria</b></p> <p>9.30am: Hannah O’ Sullivan, SR</p> <p><b>Tues: Sep.10: No Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wed: Sep.11: Feria</b></p> <p><b>9am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</b></p> <p>7.30pm: Kitty &amp; David Collins, WB</p> <p><b>Thu: Sep.12: Feria</b></p> <p>9.30am: Holy Souls</p> <p><b>6pm – 7.00pm: Parish Surgery</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm: Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Fri: Sep. 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, (Memorial)</b></p> <p>9.30am: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sun: Sep.15: Twenty-Fourth Sunday C</b></p> <p>9.00am Mass: Mary Prendergast, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Claire Obehi Ehiosun, 16th BT.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p><b>BI</b> means Blessed</p> <p><b>BT</b> means Birthday Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>GB</b> means God’s Blessings</p> <p><b>PI</b> means Private Intentions</p> <p><b>RIP</b> means Rest in Peace</p> <p><b>SI</b> means Special Intention</p> <p><b>SR</b> means Speedy Recovery</p> <p><b>TG</b> means Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>WA</b> means Wedding Anniversary</p> <p><b>WB</b> means Well-Being</p> <p><b>Pro Populo:</b> People of the Parish</p> <p><b>**Offertory Gifts will now be presented at the altar by individuals or families who have booked the Sunday Mass**</b></p>
<p><b>Rosary:</b> Mon, Thursday – Friday at 10am, Saturday at 13.00pm</p> <p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Starts at 8.45am on Monday, Thursday – Friday; 6.45pm on Wednesday and 11.30am on Saturday.</p>	