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SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven (Ecclesiasticus 27: 33-28:1-2)

The theme of forgiveness is very prominent in the First and Gospel readings. The First reading exhorts us to avoid the vices of resentment, anger and vengeance. This is against the backdrop that vengeance is for the Lord, for "whoever exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord" (Sirach 28:1; Deut.32:35). Today, Christ categorically reminds us that there is no limit to forgiveness, as we must forgive those who hurt us up to seventy-seven times (Mt.18:21-22). In the Gospel narrative, Christ presents us with the parable of the master and the unforgiving servant. The master was able to forgive the servant and cancelled all his debts, while the same servant was very unfair to a fellow servant who owed him less than what was cancelled for him by the master.



The lessons from this narrative are two-fold: first, forgiveness is a two-way process; we must ask forgiveness when we offend others and we must be ready to forgive others when they offend us. Second, Christ by this teaching, repudiates the Jewish law of "Tit-for-tat" or "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (Exo.21:24; Matt.5:38). Dear friends, there are so much hatred, rivalry and vengeance in our world today. Our families are broken because we find no reason to forgive each other and live in peace. May God give us the grace to love and forgive those who have offended us, and may we be ready to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt.

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.

THE 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 Ecclesiasticus

27:33-28:9



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The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry forever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins.

Second reading: A reading from the Letter to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity

on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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 I of Sundays 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

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata

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.**

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**

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

Livestream Masses: The 11am Mass on Sunday will be livestreamed and the recorded version is available online via YouTube. To follow the 11am on Sunday morning, type Crays Parish on YouTube and you are good to go.

Financial Support of the Parish: Parish Just Giving Page: We are pleased to announce that the Parish now has its own Just Giving Page rather than a Diocesan one. This implies that, from now on, any donations made through it should go directly to our Parish account. You can either use this link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Craysparish (which is available on the Parish website) or use the donate button which is available on the menu bar of the Parish web page. If you experience any difficulty, you may contact Selvan the Parish IT coordinator on 07811296716 or b.selvan@ph2h.com. You may also contact our Finance Secretary David Philip on david.philip@btinternet.com

Parish Safety Measures

Stewards are present at each Mass to ensure the safety of our parishioners. Please listen to their instructions.

- Proper use of a facial mask/face covering is mandatory in the Church. Please come with your own face covering.
- Sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.

- Stewards will direct you to receive Communion and at the end of Mass.
- Kneeling is only permitted at weekday Masses due to social distancing measures.
- Offertory donations should be placed in the marked boxes at the exits.

Gift Aid Envelope: The Gift Aid envelopes are now available. For those using the Gift aid envelopes, please endeavour to collect them from any of the stewards, from Fr. Cyriacus or from the parish office (Thursdays and Fridays).

RCIA Programme: The new session of the RCIA programme will be resuming at the end of October 2020. This group is open to any person who has not been baptised and might like to become a Catholic; anyone who was baptised in another Christian tradition but would like to become a Catholic; it is equally open to any adult who wishes to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. If you wish to be enrolled in this session, please email the Parish office or the RCIA coordinator Nneka Omoidahosa at omoidahosa@aol.com

Parish Surgery: In line with the Covid-19 restrictions, the Parish surgery will now be by appointment. If you wish to meet with Fr. Cyriacus for signing of school forms, registrations of baptism or for other pastoral consultation, please email the Parish office or ring Father to book an appointment.

School Admissions September 2021: We will be accepting **primary** school supplementary information forms (SIF) from Monday 2nd 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 your documents can be collected from the parish office on Friday 27th November. If you require a SIF to be completed by Fr. Cyriacus, for entry into **secondary** school, you will need to contact him first and then post this form, along with a **copy** of your child's Baptism and Holy Communion certificates through the Presbytery door.

Greece Pilgrimage Photo Album: For those parishioners who put their names down for the Album, please remember to come to the parish office to collect your album. The cost of each album is £35.

First Holy Communion Mass: After due consultation with the Parish catechists and parents, we are happy to announce that the First Holy Communion Mass for this year will be held on Saturday 10th (12pm and 2pm) and Sunday 11th October 2020 (2pm).

First Holy Communion Classes: The first class will be on the 12th September 2020, while the subsequent classes will be on the 19th and 26th September, and 3rd October. Classes will take place at 1pm in the Church. Please note there will be no toilet facilities available during the classes.

Online Booking/ Reservation for Mass Attendance: Online Booking for Weekend Masses: We have now set up a system for booking a place for the weekend Masses. Parishioners will be able to book up to five places for a Mass. The link to the book system is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kindgom-london/oloc/> or you can search for "Eventbrite oloc London".

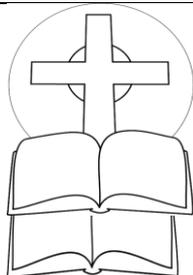
Don't worry **if you do not have access to the internet**, as we will be **reserving a number of places** for those not able to book online.

An Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer: "My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen".

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND



Please continue to pray for: Dennis Corr, Alison Hannah, Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, P. J. Connor, Mary Stanley, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Jeanne Allen, Ivan Muir-Clark, Mary Hayes 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 Nwafor, 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 McMahan, Ellen Lawlor and Peter Trodden.



We welcome all new parishioners. Please ensure you give your full contact details to any of the stewards or ushers before leaving the Church.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

Masses	Weekend of 19 & 20 Sep Team 3	Weekend of 26 & 27 Sep Team 4
Linen	Lilian Clarke	Lilian Clarke
Cleaning	Tom Fernandes	Detta Byrne

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sun: Sep.13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)</p> <p>6.00pm Mass (Sat. Eve): Michelle Moldrich, PI</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Trish Nice, WB</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>(Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</p>	<p>Sat: Sep.19: Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)</p> <p>12pm: Mass for Admission of Catechumens/Candidates into full Communion with the Church</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Obende Family, TG</p>
<p>Mon: Sep.14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, (Feast)</p> <p>Private Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>Tues: Sep.15: No Mass</p> <p>Wed: Sep.16: Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, (Memorial)</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm: Deceased Members of Smith Family</p> <p>Thu: Sep.17: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Concetta Saddington, WB</p> <p>Fri: Sep.18: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Frances Mary Teresa Hill, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: Sep.20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Madge McEveney, SR & WB</p> <p>11.00am Mass: George Mee, RIP</p> <p>(Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</p> <p>Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery Bl 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 Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 6.45pm on Wednesday and 8.45am on Thursday and Friday</p>	

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Live streamed & past masses, YouTube channel 'crays parish':

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc8_cbY24GvwEqXZHGA1eOg

Free reservation for weekend masses:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/our-lady-of-the-crays-rc-church-30431030458>