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SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy.... On this mountain, he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,...he will destroy death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek.... (Isaiah 25:6-8)

The First reading describes the banquet prepared on top of the mountain for God's chosen and righteous people, and reinforces the belief in the life-after-death. This feast will signal the annihilation of death and the beginning of a joy that knows no end: "On this mountain, He will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, He will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek" (Isaiah 25:7-8). Similarly, the Gospel takes up the theme of the Royal Wedding Feast and clearly stipulates the requirements of those invited to the Royal Wedding Feast.



From the Gospel narrative, it is apparently strange that the Master should reprimand those without the wedding garment, given that most of them were given very late invitations. Yet, this goes to show that there is no short cut to heaven. You must be qualified and ready in order to partake in the heavenly banquet. Let us ask God for the grace to put off our old clothes of self-sufficiency, greed, hatred and enmity, and put on the wedding garments of love, forgiveness and total dependence on God. These are the types of garments that would grant us access to the heavenly banquet.

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 Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23)

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**



You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

Second reading: A reading from the Letter to the Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them.

The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."

So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out in the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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***

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.

Priest: 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 (search for 'crays parish').

Financial Support of the Parish: Parish Just Giving Page: To donate to the Parish (not Diocesan) Just Giving page either use this link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Craysparish (which is available on the Parish website), use the donate button which is available on the menu bar of the Parish web page or scan the QR code on this 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



October Devotion: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The parish encourages all to say the Rosary in your homes or in the Church. You are most welcome to join in for the Rosary at the following times throughout the month of October – Wednesday 6.55pm, Thursday & Friday 8.55am, Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8.30am

First Holy Communion: During three Masses this weekend, twenty-six children from our parish will be taking their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this Blessed Sacrament.

Confirmation: This year's Confirmation Mass will be held on the 7th of November at 12pm. Preparation classes for the candidates will be held in the church on the 15th, 22nd and 29th of October and the 5th of November, from 6-7pm.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Thank you for your response to our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day appeal, as we aim to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please continue to pray for all those affected. Donation envelopes should be folded and put into offertory bags during the second collection. You can still donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

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.
- We are obliged to keep doors and windows open during Mass, so please wear warm clothing as we head into the colder months.

Timekeeping: Please arrive at church in plenty of time for Mass, as your details need to be recorded on our Track and Trace system before you can enter the building. This avoids late arrivals disturbing the service. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Count: The national mass count will be completed this weekend.

200 Club: Congratulations to Patrick Greenidge who won the 200 Club draw in September.

Thank you to all those who renewed or took out membership prior to lockdown. If you are an existing member who has not renewed or a new member who would like to join, please contact Philip O'Halloran (tel: 07806611960 or email: philip.ohalloran@ntlworld.com) as soon as possible.

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 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.

Please note, the Education Commission for the Archdiocese of Southwark has issued the following guidelines for this year.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on the 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to the 18th of March 2020, then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

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".

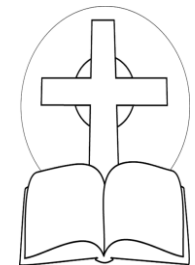
Don't worry **if you do not have access to the internet**, as we will be **reserving a number of places** for those not able to book online.

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 OCTOBER



We remember in our prayers: Bernadette Cordwell, William Bell, Charlotte Wickenden, Silvester Gomez, Anna Bartels, Beatrice Juliann, Elizabeth Partridge, Josephine Fernandes, Roy Simpson, Frances Cusack, Joseph Jzuyan, William Hayes, Baaba Arbuah, Asuro Ehiosun, Jane Hemming, Peter Akagbosu, Henry Thomas, Henry Twyman, Andrew Parmiter, Margaret Kisman, Joyce Simpson, Gladys Muriel Beard, Romesh Perera, Pearl Mondesir and Toyin Akinniranye.



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

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

Masses	Weekend of 17 & 18 Oct Team 3	Weekend of 24 & 25 Oct Team 4
Linen	Lilian Clarke	Lilian Clarke
Cleaning	Tom Fernandes	Detta Byrne

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sun: Oct.11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A)</p> <p>6.00pm Mass (Sat. Eve): Nick Hewitt, SR & Maria Meaney, WB</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Deceased Members of Munro's Family</p> <p>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</p> <p>2pm: First Holy Communion Mass (Batch Three)</p>	<p>Sat: Oct.17: Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A)</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.30pm: Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm – 5.45pm: Rosary (October Devotion)</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Sheila & Douglas Lewis, WB</p>
<p>Mon: Oct.12: Feria</p> <p>Private Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>Tues: Oct.13: No Mass</p> <p>Wed: Oct.14: Feria</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm: Romesh Perera, RIP</p> <p>Thu: Oct.15: St. Theresa of Jesus [of Avila], Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Godfrey & Cecilia Egbuhuzor, RIP</p> <p>Fri: Oct.16: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Josephine Fernandes, RIP & Mary Dunleavy RIP</p>	<p>Sun: Oct.18: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A)</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Tony Allen, RIP</p> <p>(Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</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 Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>
<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 6.45pm on Wednesday and 8.45am on Thursday and Friday</p>	

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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>