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Charity Number: 234092

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -05/06 October 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'We are merely servants- we have done no more than our duty'

We don't hear much about God's Plan any more, yet it was a big part of our lives when we were younger. Teachers, priests and parents told us that God had a specific and unique intention for each of us. A destiny. A vocation. A Mission. God wanted us to be happy. They told us that we could truly thrive and be content only if we aid our prayers, listened carefully to his call and had courage to follow where he led.

Now it is very different. We tell the young to look for direction in their own heart, to set their own mission, to 'follow their dream.' We encourage them to go and be and do wherever, whoever and whatever they choose, to abide by the prompting of their own desire. They have the whole world in their hands, with endless choice and myriad possibilities. Celebrity, popularity, prosperity and freedom await each one.

Of course it is a good thing to tell our young to be adventurous, to explore, to question and to be courageous. It is right to encourage and empower them. It is right to set them free and for them to feel freedom. They need not be bound by mundane confines and limitations. They are smart and strong and brave. The world is there to be embraced and conquered.

But, am I old-fashioned? I think the old teaching still has truth. God indeed has a separate and distinct intent for each individual. Not just the young starting out, but for those who are older too. He constantly calls us to change, to grow, to develop, to leave the past behind and to embrace the future. He constantly calls us into a relationship with him and into relationships with one another. He wants us to thrive. He calls us to real contentment. He calls us home.

The Gospel speaks of duty. In this *Extraordinary Month of Mission*, I set before you a duty to take time to listen to the call of God in quiet places and in prayer. Take stock. Look back. Look forward. And if in that prayer, you find contentment and peace,

know then, that you have found your vocation. If, in that prayer, you do not find contentment and peace, know then, that God may very well be calling you elsewhere.

Have Blessed Week

FR. M:all (Fr. Niall)

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

<u>Baptism Course</u> The next Baptism course will be on Monday 21st October at 19:00 in the church. Godparents are warmly welcome.

Application for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion is now closed.

Application forms for candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation can still be collected this weekend from the repository.

Fr Nixon will bid farewell at the end of all Masses this weekend. A presentation will be made to Fr Nixon at the end of the 12 noon Mass. Please keep Fr Nixon in your prayers.

Fr John Victor arrives in the parish this week. Please give him a big welcome.

Next Sunday we welcome in the community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Abigail and Angel and Daniella Oziegbe. May God bless them and their family.

The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor (Colchester Road) invites you to the Final Religious Profession of the Sr. Stella Maris Eneibi, Sr. Mary Faustina Ngozi Umunnakwe and Sr. Mary Blessing Ogechi Onuoha. All are invited. Coach will pick up from the parish at 10.15am on the 12th of October for the Cathedral. The coach fare is £10 per adult and £7 per child.

HCPT Bingo Night - Friday 15 November

The parish HCPT group are holding another bingo night to raise funds for their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. It is always a very fun evening and all the family are very warmly welcome. Save the date! And 'eyes down' because more details will follow.

<u>Newsletter Error from a Parish Magazine</u>: Rummage Sale next Saturday: Ladies , do not forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared **October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission.** It is a special month of prayer and action, calling us to to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples and all nations. Catholics in England, through the red boxes, in a very practical way support the church in mission dioceses. Please continue to use the red boxes. When returning the red boxes please insure that you have written your name on the bottom of the box.

IF you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation.....you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can come freely to Mass without fear or harassment , arrest , torture or death. You are more blessed than three billion people in the world. If you have food in the refridgerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of people in this world. If you have money in your wallet, and spare change in a dish at home you are among the top 8% of the world's wealth. Be thankful that you are blessed in ways you may never even know.

'Envy is one of the plagues that destroys community. It comes from the people's ignorance of or lack of belief in their own gifts. if we were confident in our own gift, we would not envy that of others.' (Jean Vanier)

Family Fast: Please place your Cafod envelope in the basket during the collection at any Mass this weekend

Mass attendance last weekend 638 and at Syro Malabar Mass 280. The collection last week was £1250.44p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350.

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Hospital	08/9D	15/9A	22/9B	29/9D	6/10A	13/10B
Rota						

Joke of the Week: This bloke said to me 'whatever you do don't mention deodorant. I said 'Sure, Mum's the world!

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Julia O'Donnell (Rest in Peace) (Mary)		
Sun 06 October	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
08:30am	Departed Souls of the Rodrigues Family (Louella)		
10:00am	Angela Tardioli and Gianni Tardioli (Rest in Peace)(Diana and Riccardo)		
12:00noon	Anne Mearns (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine and Sheelagh)		
02:30pm	Syro Malabar Mass		
Mon 07 October	OUR LADY OF ROSARY		
9:15am	Intercession and Blessings of our Blessed Mother (Louella)		
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Liturgy		
06:00pm	Maura Walker's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)		
Tue 08 October	SAINT OSYTH, RELIGIOUS		
09:15am	Mary McDermotroe (Mary Keane)		
06:00pm	Gerry Breen (Rest in Peace) (Fawcett Family)		
Wed 09 October	FERIA		
09:15am	Barry and Shiela Mayo's Intentions		
06:00pm	Bernardo David (Rest in Peace) (Friends)		
Thu 10 October	FERIA		
09:15am	Paddy Donaghy (Anne Carmody)		
06:00pm	Victor and Olga's Intentions		
Fri 11 October	SAINT JOHN XXIII,		
09:15am	Victor and Olga's Intentions		
06:00pm	Armies's Intentions		
Sat 12 October	SAINTS ETHELBURGA, HILDELITHE AND CUTHBURGE		
10:00am	Peter and Eileen Websters' Intentions		
06:00pm	Tony Eastman (Rest in Peace) (Mum, Dad, Julie, Patricia Eastman)		
Sun 13 October	TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
08:30 am	Intentions of Fr. Jean Laurent (Delphin)		
10:00 am	Parishioners		
12:00noon	Sylvia Yamsaon (Intention)		
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass		

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill,Alan and Ross Smith,Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley,Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret, Maura Stone, Alma Willox

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room