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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

17/18 September 2022

Saturday 17 September

4.15-5.15 Confessions
5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
David Blatt RIP (6th Anniv)

SUNDAY 18 September

25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]
Annual Mass attendance (count 1)

8.00 Mass People of the parish
10.00 Requiem Mass for
Her Majesty The Queen

Monday 19 September

Feria 25th Week of the Year

9.30 Mass
HM The King and The Royal Family

Tuesday 20 September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and companions, Memorial

9.30 Mass Mary Helen RIP

Wednesday 21 September

St Matthew, Feast

9.30 Mass Sheneen (in her new job in New Zealand)

Thursday 22 September

Feria 25th Week of the Year

No Mass day

Friday 23 September

*St Pius of Pietrelcina, Memorial
Friday abstinence*

7.00pm Mass Private intention

Saturday 24 September

*Our Lady of Walsingham
Memorial*

No morning Mass

4.15-5.15 Confessions

5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday

Tom Bromhead

SUNDAY 25 September

26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]
Annual Mass attendance (count 2)

8.00 Mass People of the parish

10.00 Confirmation Mass

BEFORE MASS – A Prayer of Preparation ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the start of Mass, please keep silence (unless you're very young!) and pray in preparation for worship.

25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil and 8am Masses

The Order of Mass can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book -- **first from p.7** – then after the Bidding Prayers, **from p.15**, and from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**.

(New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.)

The Readings for these Masses are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on **pp.136–38** The psalm response is: **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

Details of the 10am Mass, a Requiem for the repose of the soul of HLM The Queen, are on a separate service paper.

Discussions about *power* are central to the preoccupations of many people these days, not least where the world of contemporary party politics, international conflict, or the governance of the Church are concerned. Our current experience – of the orderly passing of power from one monarch to the next – is also focussing all our minds in a different way, perhaps? Why? Well because in normal times the Crown is an impossibly glamorous sign of prestige and power, but in the person of the new king, even allowing for his personal grief, it is at the moment looking, rather more realistically, like a heavy sign of dedicated service and onerous responsibility. Either way, power is at the heart of every human relationship, whether it be professional, pastoral or personal, whether it involves the world of work and government, or the intimate dynamics of family life.

The scripture readings at today's Mass challenge us to reflect on what power our own life situation gives each of us as individuals, to ask ourselves how we use the power we have, and to what effect? Even an ordinary parish community like ours is characterised by a series of overlapping power dynamics. The community itself has a *power* to benefit, protect and nourish its members – or not. Each individual parishioner has the *power* to help others within the community less fortunate or more dependent, such as the aged or children – or not. The parish priest has the *power* to present the gospel message in a way that enhances the parish's understanding of God's word and enhances each individual's experience of personal freedom and responsibility – or not. And the community also has the power to be a positive influence in the local world in which it is situated – or not. And yet each parish is aware that it too is beholden

to people within the Church further up the line who exercise a power over us: our bishop, the pope, or just the way in which the organisational structure of the institution of the Church affects our lives.

First Reading: Amos 8.4–7 A report on wealth and its distribution in the UK before the pandemic revealed that the richest 10% of households hold 44% of all wealth. The poorest 50%, by contrast, own only 9%. Yet economic activity still continues to be driven by the desire of those few to possess even more, and the frankly unsustainable myth – damaging to every part of our lives, not least the planet – of endless economic growth.

The situation described by Amos is of an economy in the northern kingdom of Israel which was already quite sophisticated and yet where those out to make money were determined to do so by hook or by crook, at the expense of the poor, amounting to organised and sanitised theft. That way of behaviour is prevalent today in the way the wealthy nations inflict the consequences of climate change on those who have least capacity to mitigate the results.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1–8 The author of this letter sets out his store in a very reasonable, moderate and restrained way. His primary concern is that Christians, in appreciating and understanding what God has done for them through Jesus Christ, live in peace and tranquillity. Moreover, it is his hope and conviction that those same Christians can contribute to social peace and harmony, that they can be agents of the search for the common good of whole societies.

Gospel: Luke 16.1–13 The so-called ‘unjust steward’ is one of the most complex characters to feature in the parables of Jesus. He is a flawed character, and clearly falls well short of the moral respectability one would expect Jesus to speak up for. And yet! to make a strong point about shrewd attention to our own welfare which he would recommend to all his disciples, Jesus – like the master in the story – praises the steward for his astuteness. The parable invites us to focus on trust between people that is essential to all civilised community, local, national or international.

THE CONFIRMATION MASS is next week! -- 10am on 25 September

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington. After the Mass, in the Hall, there will be an opportunity for us all to congratulate the newly confirmed, over a drink and a piece of cake. It will be a memorable moment for them. The Bishop will be with us too. Please do plan to be here for a few minutes after Mass, and join us.

Please keep the Candidates in your prayers daily, throughout this week: Celeste and Iris Cliquet-Verdoja, Ethel Dwamena, Amy Luca, David and Samuel Owolabi, Donnan and Stephanie Stephen, Oliver Torpy, Pippa Willoughby, Francis Ogboru, and Angela Duru.

Also next Sunday is the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees' You can find his message at www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-wdmr22/

Bishop Paul McAleenan, our local Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, says that this year's special day of prayer for migrants and refugees is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the world to remember and pray for those who are displaced through war, poverty and persecution. It is also, he points out, a day to raise awareness of the fact that migration offers opportunities for many people. There are links on the diocesan website to various videos and messages.

To know what our bishops are saying on this urgent and sometimes controversial topic, read the unanimous resolution they made at the most recent Bishops Conference meeting:

www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2021/migration-plenary-resolution-2022/

AUTUMNAL CHURCH CLEAN

Assistance is required to our dedicated team for additional cleaners to do a thorough deep clean of the church. Please turn up at 9.30am on Saturday 24 September. All welcome.

Readers Rota 17 September 5.30 Lily Meghji 18 September 8.00 Rose Okosi
 18 September 10.00 Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Georgia Nwawulor
 24 September 5.30 John McIntyre 25 September 8.00 Audrey Da Costa
 25 September 10.00 Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Monika Tabarrok

Counters Rota 18 September Richard Wong, Brendan O'Boyle, Cathy O'Boyle
 25 September Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak

Church Cleaning

24 September All volunteers

1 October Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwannah