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Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year 13th September 2020

Today's Readings p.573-576

Ecc 27:30-28:7; Paul 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Service Times

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm, Sunday at 8.30 am, 10 am, 11.30 and 6pm

Sunday at 1 pm Syriac Rite, in Arabic and Aramaic

Mass daily 9.30 am & 6 pm Benediction: Sat. 5-5.40 pm

Rosary: prayed in church Mon-Fri at 6.30pm, after Mass

Confession: Saturday 10-10.30 am and 5.15-5.40pm

First Friday Adoration: 6.30-7.30pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Today's Bible Readings

In the Gospel last week, we heard about how to deal with those who sin against the Christian community - how to bring them to a change of heart and reconcile them with the church. Today's Gospel focuses on how Jesus tells us to deal with those who hurt us personally. Note that such a person is still called 'your brother.' That provides the reason for forgiving him. Peter, as so often the spokesman for the other apostles, asks Jesus how often we must be prepared to do this. He thinks that seven times would be very generous, but Jesus tells him it needs to be seventy-seven times – that is limitlessly! To make the point even clearer Jesus tells the story of a servant who owed his master a massive amount of money – millions in today's money. When the servant begs for time to settle the debt (though he would never be able to), the master cancels the debt. The servant then goes out and throttles a fellow servant who owed him a trifling sum, and would not remit the debt. When the master hears what has happened he reinstates the massive debt and hands the servant over to punishment. Jesus is pointing out that God has cancelled our debt of sin, and so we must be prepared to forgive those who sin against us. Already the writer of Ecclesiastes was thinking along the same lines, as we hear in the Old Testament reading: "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven."

Father Mark receives a new appointment

This week a number of new clergy appointments by the Cardinal have been announced, including Father Mark being appointed Assistant Priest in the Parish of St Mary Magdalen Willesden Green, having served for two years in our parish. He has shown himself to be a devoted pastor and priest, and we shall be sad to see him move. The appointment takes effect at the beginning of November, so we shall make the most of the month and a half he is still with us. Over the next few weeks a way in which we can show our appreciation of his ministry among us will be announced. The Cardinal has appointed Father Rajiv Michael, currently a Chaplain of Westminster Cathedral, as our new Assistant Priest here at Holy Trinity, and we shall welcome him at the beginning of November.

This Monday, 14th September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

It is a kind of Good Friday and Easter in the autumn! As we were unable to celebrate Holy Week and Easter properly this year due to the lockdown, this feast has even greater significance than usual. Originally an instrument of death and shame, the cross has been glorified through the redemption and new life Christ won for us by enduring his saving death upon it. We now look upon the cross through the lens of Easter and the Resurrection. On the cross Jesus fulfils his promise 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.' (John 12.32.) This is symbolised in the cross which hangs above the altar and dominates the church – called 'The Rood' an old English word for the cross.) Either side of the cross, standing at its foot, are depicted Mary and John the beloved disciple. This points us forward to the next day....

This Tuesday, 15th September, is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

As Mary stands at the foot of the cross, Simeon's prophecy made at the Presentation of the 40 day old Jesus in the Temple is fulfilled, 'This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected, and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' (Luke 2:34-35.) But it is also at the foot of the cross that Mary becomes Mother of the Church and of each individual believer, symbolised in Jesus saying from the cross to the beloved disciple, 'Behold your mother.'(John 19:27.)

The Chrism Mass

with blessing of the holy oils for use in the sacraments throughout the diocese, is normally celebrated by the Bishop (in our case Cardinal Vincent,) and concelebrated by all the priests, who renew their commitment to priestly service, in Holy Week. Due to lockdown it was postponed, and this year will now take place on Monday 14th September in Westminster Cathedral. In order to maintain safe social distance, it will be celebrated

only by the Deans (including Fr Richard as Dean of Hammersmith and Fulham,) with the Cardinal and Auxiliary Bishops. Fr Richard will bring back the holy oils (of the sick, of catechumens, and the holy chrism,) for distribution to the parishes of our deanery.

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

will be recited at the end of the 6.00 pm Mass this Tuesday 15th September.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at a different time this week from the recent past: Wednesday 16th September, 6.00 – 6.30 pm. This gives a slightly longer period of Adoration than was possible after the Saturday evening Mass, but being separate from Mass it means that the overall time spent in church is shorter. Our Bishops are concerned that due to the possible dangers of the Coronavirus being spread we should not be in the church for too long at any one time.

Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School Applications

Our priests will be available for interviews with parents requesting the signing of such a certificate from Monday 21st September onwards. From next Tuesday 15th September you can book an appointment by contacting the parish office, and you will need to obtain and complete an information form to bring with you to the interview.

To comply with Covid safety guidelines, we will allocate 20 minutes for each appointment and will expect you to be on time. If you miss your slot your appointment will have to be rebooked. Parents should ring the office door bell and sanitise their hands before coming to the office. Should a queue develop, only one person at a time will be able to wait inside, hence the importance of arriving on time.

Appointments for interviews concerning **nursery or primary school** applications cannot be made until after half term.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Parishioners who are donating by envelopes are kindly requested to come and collect their boxes from the parish office during office hours. Thank you.

Times of Mass for the Week beginning Saturday 12th September

*(The Church opens 15 minutes before Mass
and closes 15 minutes after Mass)*

Saturday 12th September	6.00 pm	First Mass of Sunday
		followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00 pm
Sunday 13th September	8.30 am	Mass
<i>24th Sunday of Year</i>	10.00 am	Mass
	11.30 am	Mass
Monday 14th September	6.00 pm	Mass
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
Tuesday 15th September	6.00 pm	Mass
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		followed by Rosary till 6.45 pm

Wednesday 16th September <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30 pm
Thursday 17th September	9.00 am Mass
Friday 18th September	9.00 am Mass
Saturday 19th September	6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00 pm
Sunday 20th September <i>25th Sunday of Year</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Mass 11.30 am Mass

We are only allowed to open the church for Mass if volunteer stewards are kindly available to ensure the required hygienic and social distancing arrangements are observed, and to clean thoroughly or sanitise the church after each Mass. If you would like to enquire about volunteering for this ministry, please contact the parish office.

Confessions

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 12 noon

COMING TO MASS AT HOLY TRINITY IN TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Should I come to Mass or not? While we would all love for everyone to be able to come to Mass, we should think about our own wellbeing and the good of other people. You should not come to Mass if you have symptoms or feel unwell in any way. You should not come to Mass if you are very elderly or have health conditions that may mean you are particularly vulnerable. Think carefully about how you will travel to church and whether you can get there and back safely. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still lifted. You could come to a weekday Mass instead or as well as a Sunday Mass. The number of seats available in the church is limited: 46 places for individuals/couples/household units. Couples and family units who live in the same house can sit together without observing safe social distancing from each other, but of course must all be 2 metres away from anyone else in the church.

What will I have to do? Everyone will be asked to use the hand gel on the way in and out, and on arrival wait to be seated by the stewards. A collection is not taken: please place your envelope or offertory gift in the donation boxes in the entry and exit porches, as we need and welcome your kind gift! The stewards will usher you up to the altar for Holy Communion or a blessing. Holy Communion will be given in silence, and only on the hand. Please do not drop any litter or tissues.

What things will not be available? The toilets have to remain closed. There will be no access to the sacristy, parish centre or the parish office. Bookstand and repository are closed. Please bear all these factors in mind before deciding whether you should come to church. There is no holy water.

What will the Mass be like? We are following the instructions for Mass issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. These instructions are there to help keep the whole operation as safe as possible. Because we want to reduce the amount of time spent indoors, Mass will be shorter. There will be no singing or other ministries (e.g. no altar servers or choirs). But we do need a parish Reader for each Mass.

Keeping everyone safe at Mass

For everyone's protection, we must observe the required hygienic and cleaning rules in the church, and always maintaining a safe social distance. We are most grateful to our volunteer stewards/cleaners who are enabling us to do this.

The Diocese of Westminster wishes to bring two particular points to our attention:

- (1) Before and after Mass we must limit our interactions with anyone outside of our household/family group, wherever possible, and in all circumstances maintain a safe social distancing with others.
- (2) The wearing of face coverings in church, in line with shops, is strongly encouraged.

What about going to confession? Confessions can be heard Saturdays at 6.30 pm, Sundays at 12 noon – both these times are immediately. Please wait for the priest to sanitise the confessional after the previous confession, before entering it. As always, we confess all the sins we remember since our last confession, but at this time try to do so as briefly as possible.

Now that Mass is available in church once again, the live streamed Masses from Holy Trinity are being discontinued. However, for those who wish to continue to participate in Mass this way while the Sunday obligation remains lifted, or who are unable to come to Mass in church, there is a large number of churches all over the diocese which are still able to provide live streamed Masses: please use this link to the Westminster Diocese website to discover them: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Sr Jenefer is delighted to be back in the parish after being furloughed. She can be contacted by the parish phone, or by email: srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk.

Children with special needs: Today is your final opportunity to see Sr. Jenefer about preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation. You will be put in touch with Anita, our special needs catechist will support you through the preparation.

The Registration for Holy Communion Thank you to the parents who left their details with Sr. Jenefer last Sunday. You will be contacted over the next few weeks.

Please note the preparation at Holy Trinity is for families who have attended Sunday Mass in this parish for several years. (apart from the last months of lockdown.)

See back page.

Confirmation registration to be announced soon.

The interrupted preparation for the sacraments of Holy Communion & Confirmation for both children and adults are underway.

NB: Numbers in church will be limited for the sake of everyone's safety.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you searching for God? Attracted to the Catholic Faith? Wanting to know more? Why not join our Journey in Faith and see if God is calling you to belong to the Catholic Church? For more details, speak to Fr. Richard or Fr. Mark or leave an email at srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk

Children's Liturgy at 10.00am. Mass is closed at present but can be celebrated at home on the web-site: www.holytrinityw6.org Thank you Vittoria & her team!

Children's activities can be found at www.wednesdayword
Support is invited for the Cardinal's Appeal

Normally this is a major focus in Lent, as the Lenten Alms go to the Cardinal's Appeal. But much of Lent was during lockdown, when our churches had to be closed. But a gift today will help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the Diocese.

You could help provide food for hungry families. You could help ensure no one feels forgotten or alone as they battle illness, disadvantage or homelessness. You could help mend broken marriages and inspire faith in our young people.

You could help create another tile in our mosaic, another precious piece of hope, at a time when it is greatly needed.

Pope Francis is often reminding us of our duty to 'reach out': "We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, the poor, people with disabilities, the unborn and the sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment."

The three areas which the Cardinal's Appeal supports are:

- Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church.
- Youth and Evangelisation: supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith.
- The Church's Service in Society: putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people.

Further information at: www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

Thank you to all who have been able to continue giving in these difficult times. If you wish to make a one-off donation, please use the link on our website: holytrinityw6.org. We have installed a **Virgin Money Giving** button which allows you to donate by debit or credit card. This is a mobile friendly button. Please make sure to label your donation as Planned Giving (when you normally use envelopes) or simply donation (if not gift aiding).

Alternatively, you may make any offering via bank transfer to:

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Thank you for remembering that without your donations the parish cannot run. A lot of expenses remain whilst our income has been drastically reduced. We are very grateful for your continued support.

NEEDING AND OFFERING HELP IN THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Some older people confined to home during the coronavirus emergency may not have anyone to get food shopping or prescriptions for them. If this is you, or someone close to you, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email and we will try and match you up with a parishioner who may be able to help.

If you are one of our adult parishioners willing to volunteer in this way, please also let us know. (A number of you already kindly have done so – thank you!) We will then contact you to acknowledge your offer, attempt to match you with someone who would like help, and give you a few guidelines.

Mass Intentions

Requests for Mass intentions can be made by email, by phone or in person. It is customary to make an offering when requesting a Mass intention. This has always been a contribution to the support of the priests of the particular parish where the Mass is being said. The Diocese of Westminster suggests the figure of £10 as a guideline, but it is of course entirely the free choice of the donor to decide this.

Each Thursday Mass is being offered for all working in the NHS and all Hospital Chaplains

Please pray for the sick, especially: Hannah Gallis, Agnes Walopo, Margaret Carney, Mary Scherer, Charley O'Neill, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Marie Duffy, Irene Macneil, Ethan Hollyman, Francis Brady, Heather Marcille, Breda Moloney, Edward Atkinson, Ray Collins, Christina Sweeney, Jenny Majumdar, Claudia Jaksch, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently and those with anniversaries around this time:** George Gibney, Philomen Letang and Bridget McMahan.

**ALL CATHOLIC PARENTS
WHO ATTEND MASS AT HOLY TRINITY
EACH SUNDAY
AND HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 3 OR 4 AT SCHOOL THIS
SEPTEMBER**

**ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE
HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**PLEASE SEE SR. JENEFER AFTER MORNING MASS
SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**



**PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE COME TO
MASS IN THIS PARISH FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.**

**NB: MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT MASS ON 6TH SEPTEMBER
NOT VIA PHONE OR EMAIL**