

22nd October 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and stripped the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 95: ,3-5,7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and power

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

R. Give the Lord glory and power

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and power

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

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Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R. Give the Lord glory and power

SECOND READING Thessalonians 1: 1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar- and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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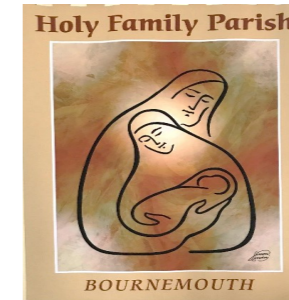
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The coin had an image of Caesar on it, so Jesus said to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. We also have an image on us, the image of God. We read in Gen 1:26-27 that we are made in the image and likeness of God. If the coin belongs to Caesar and is to be given to Caesar because it has Caesar's image on it, we belong to God and are to give to God because we have God's image on us. Giving to God comes naturally when we realise how much God loves us. The closer we come to God, the more we become friends of God, the more we want to give to God who gave everything to us in the first place. Giving to God is not a chore but is pure joy for us and an act of love because we are giving back to God who first loved us and gave us everything we have. We give to God in so many different ways. We give to God by keeping Sunday as the Lord's Day; God comes first. We do not have the Eucharist at home. Life goes much better with God than without God. God made us for himself, and giving to God, putting God first, is the only way to true happiness.

We also give to God by spending time with God in prayer every day. Prayer every day is essential for a Christian in a world that is becoming increasingly secularized. Prayer every day keeps us close to Jesus and helps us carry our crosses. Prayer every day is one of the ingredients to ensure you have a great day. Every day we wish people, "Have a great day" or people wish us, "Have a great day." We can do so much ourselves to ensure we have a great day by spending time in prayer every day with Jesus and Mary.



The Gospel is being played out all around us today. Some would like to drown out the voice of Jesus; there will always be those who oppose giving to God what belongs to God. But we have God's image on us; we belong to God, and the only way to true happiness is to put God first in the first place.

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty Ninth Sunday in the Ordinary time!

It is **WORLD MISSION Sunday**. There is a mandatory collection for the World Mission Sunday.

Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35) For this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognised him and, ultimately, *their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelisation in today's world.

Synod on Synodality. The 16th Ordinary General Assembly dedicated Thursday Evening prayer especially for Migrants and refugees, the Church's response to the situation of those forced to flee their homeland was on the forefront of their discussion of the Synodal fathers. Keeping in mind those of the war torn areas in middle east and in Ukraine.

Laudate Deum. Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, 'Praise God', to 'clarify and complete' what he started in 2015 with his Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* on how we care for our common home. It has been released at the end of the Season of Creation on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October 2023. In *Laudate Deum*, the Pope describes climate change leading to drought, extreme weather and global high temperatures as a 'silent disease that affects everyone'. The Exhortation frequently defines the climate crisis as a 'global societal issue' where the impact and consequences are often felt by the world's poorest people. *Laudate Deum* argues that humans are a part of nature, but that we are currently abusing this position, exploiting natural resources and minerals. Pope Francis writes: 'Humans must be recognised as part of nature.' He adds: 'Let us stop thinking, then, of human beings as autonomous, omnipotent and limitless, and begin to think of ourselves differently, in a humbler but more fruitful way.'

Reflection: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

Many professional beekeepers tend their beehives without putting on special veils or clothing. How do they avoid being stung? Their technique is simple. They remain perfectly calm and move about slowly and deliberately. This keeps the bees calm and cool. And thus even when scores of bees land on a keeper's unprotected skin, the keeper does not yield to panic. Jesus also mastered the virtue of staying calm in heated situations. We see Him do that in today's gospel reading.'

To what extent do I try to remain cool and in control when others attack me – even unfairly?

"Anger is the wind that blows out the lamp of the mind"

Robert Ingersoll

Fr. Chacko

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Antony Panathara, Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel Frances & Tony Herbert



MANDATORY 2ND COLLECTION for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—thank you

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 21	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Ninth Sunday on Ordinary Time
Sun 22	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Ninth Sunday on Ordinary Time WORLD MISSION DAY
Mon23	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>St John of Capistrano</i>
Tues24	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>
Wed25			NO MASS
Thur26	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Chad</i>
Fri 27	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR with Rosary
Sat 28	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>St Jude—Patron hopeless causes</i>
Sun 29	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Thirtieth Sunday on Ordinary Time DON'T FORGET CLOCKS!!!!

Set Your Clocks Back

Saturday 28th October—
The end of
British Summer Time!!!
Don't forget clocks back

Thank you to all who came to tea to say goodbye to Sr Michele and Sr Ines

A HUGE
'Well done' to Ben & Sophie on finishing their runs and 'Thank you' to who donated to their cause - they raised nearly £400



PRAYERS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Invitation to a day of penance
Pope Francis invited everyone to a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for peace. On Friday, 27 October, he encouraged people of different Christian denominations, other religions, and all those who advocate for peace to participate as they see fit. The central event will be an hour of prayer at 6 PM in St. Peter's Square, with the goal of invoking peace for the world.

PARISH QUIZ - Saturday 25th November 7.30 start in St Bernadette's Hall - Come along and join a team—bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact Mike 07519932238 malaika13@yahoo.co.uk

CRAFT FAIR
Saturday 4th November 10am—3pm CtK Lounge..... To book a table , £5 phone 01202 041067 Jewellery, Cakes, Knitted Goods, Cards, Quilling Pictures, Christmas 'Bits'!

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)."
During October, the Holy Rosary will be recited during the Holy Hour on Fridays at 7pm at StB