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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

Sunday 22nd October 2023

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Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21

This weekend we celebrate "Mission Sunday", a special day in the Church, started by Pope Pius XI in 1926, when we renew our commitment to the missions and pray for all those involved in this important work. The red boxes for Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, organised by Graham Churchill, is one way to support this. Pope Francis says we should ask ourselves if we are willing "to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith. Always ready to be completely at the service of God's will." Pope Francis asks for money to be raised for the missions "in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples throughout the world, for the salvation of all." The second reading this weekend emphasises the success of St Paul in his mission to spread Christianity in Greece. St Paul was very well educated as a Pharisee and was fluent in speaking and writing in Greek. He had also travelled extensively with his career as a tent maker and so Greece was well known to him with his mission to convert Gentiles to Christianity. He had been particularly successful in Thessalonica on the Mediterranean coast of Greece and in his letter to them he congratulates them on their "faith in action" and says "we always mention you in our prayers". In the first reading Cyrus the Great, King of the Persian Empire, ended the Babylonian captivity. In the first year of his reign he was prompted by God to decree in 539 BC that the Temple in Jerusalem should be rebuilt and that Jews who wished could return to their homeland for this purpose. He showed his interest in the project by sending back with them the sacred vessels which had been taken from the First Temple, Solomon's Temple, which had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia in 604 BC. Despite being a pagan, God used him to free the Jews - "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 of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing". This greatness of the Lord, His glory and power, is emphasised in the Psalm. In the famous story in Matthew's gospel the Pharisees tried to entrap Jesus but sent their disciples to question Him. They began by complimenting Jesus telling Him they know He is "an honest man.... and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you". They then ask Him "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus spends hardly any energy dismantling their plot and revealing them for the malicious hypocrites they are. Pointing out the head of Caesar on a coin, He states, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God". Jesus here is asking for a balance between civic and religious duties. between secular and spiritual obligations. This is what we need to achieve in our lives today. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 21st St Philip Howard Born in 1557 in London, eldest son of Thomas Howard, 4 th Duke of Norfolk. Baptised a Catholic by his Catholic parents but educated a Protestant after Queen Elizabeth came to the throne a year after his birth. Philip was sent to Cambridge University where the teaching was firmly Protestant. In the royal court he became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth who allowed him to inherit the title as 13 th Earl of Arundel. As a secret Catholic, his wife Anne raised Philip's interest in religion and Philip became a Catholic. The now devoted couple decided to leave England. Couple captured before departure to France in 1585 and he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Requested to see his son born after capture. Asked to attend Anglican services. Refused so never saw his son or wife before he died 10 years later in October 1595 aged 38.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 22nd October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.30pm Mass	Monday 23rd St John of Capistrano Born 1386 in Italy. Studied law at Perugia University. Distinguished lawyer in Perugia. Joining the Franciscans with James of Marches, the disciplined reformed "Observants" branch, started by Bernardine of Siena. Both helped Bernadine in continual reforms to concentrate on going out preaching rather than the practices in the monastery. John became one of the most effective at evangelising and converted many. Also concerned with care of the sick especially lepers. He preached under the banner <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> and promoted the Franciscan rosary of the <i>Seven Joys of Mary</i> . Became a great theologian and religious writer. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, Pope Callixtus III asked John to preach for a Crusade to help protect Christian Europe. Although now 70 years old, he led a section of the army in 1456 and earned the title "the Soldier Priest". Battle was won. Gave last rites to the dying. Died later that year.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 24th St Anthony Claret Born in 1807 in Spain. Ordained a priest in 1835 aged 28. As a parish priest was drawn to missionary work. Went to Rome and joined the Jesuits. Returned to Spain and ministered to the poor and those affected by local wars. He travelled on foot and was an eloquent preacher fluent in the local Catalan language. Sent to the Canary Islands where he was so successful he often had to preach outside the church in the plaza. His main devotion was to the <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> in his sermons. Returned to Spain and founded <i>Missionary Sons of the</i>

	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> known as the <i>Claretians</i> . Publishing religious books, pamphlets, leaflets and prayer cards. Appointed Archbishop of Santiago in Spanish occupied Cuba. Set about vigorous reforms in Cuba to revitalise the Church. Visited all parts of his diocese regularly, visiting hospitals, attended the sick and dying in earthquakes and epidemics. After 7 years recalled to Spain. He spent time travelling in Spain, invited to preach at many venues. Founded the <i>Congregation of Catholic Mothers</i> . Took part in First Vatican Council. Supporter of papal infallibility. Died in France in 1870.				
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 25th Forty Martyrs of England and Wales Forty martyred between 1535 and 1679, including 3 women, canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. John Fisher, Thomas More and Irishman Oliver Plunkett, the last martyr for the faith in England in 1681, are not in the 40. Only 5 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> were martyred in the reign of King Henry VIII but 45 others were martyred, 2 saints, 33 beatified, 10 venerated. None were martyred during the six year reign of young son of Henry, Edward VI. On Elizabeth taking the throne in 1558, persecution of Catholics did not start until 1569 with the Northern Rebellion and the 1570 Papal Bull of Pope Pius V in which Elizabeth was excommunicated as a Protestant. In the last 33 years of her reign, 189 were martyred, 20 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 152 beatified, 17 venerated. In the reign of James I, 25 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 20 beatified, 1 venerated. Under Charles I, 23 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 15 beatified, 4 venerated. 2 martyred in Cromwell's Commonwealth, John Southworth from the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> and 1 beatified. 25 were martyred in the reign of King Charles II mainly linked to the fictitious "Popish Plot" by Titus Oates. 6 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 1 saint, 14 beatified, 4 venerated				
10 am Mass Thanksgiving Mass from Elsa Joy	Thursday 26th St Cedd Born Northumbria in 7 th century. Had 3 brothers who were all educated by Bishop St Aidan at Lindisfarne. When Bishop Finan replaced Aidan, he sent Fr Cedd south to preach to the Saxons. After great success he was made Bishop of the East Saxons. He sometimes returned north to preach and was given land for a monastery at Lavingham near Whitby. He attended the Synod of Whitby supporting the Celtic rite in 664. When the Latin rite won the day he returned to his diocese to change them to the Latin rite in line with nearby Canterbury. Died that year on a trip to his monastery at Lavingham. His brother Chad was appointed Bishop of York and then Bishop of the Mercians, based in Lichfield where the relics of St Cedd were venerated.				
NO MASS	Friday 27th St Louis Guanella Born in northern Italy in 1842 into a religious and loving family. Ordained a priest in 1866. Interested in parish youth developing. Organised Youth Catholic Action and charitable works for the poor. Went to Turin to work with St John Bosco. Bishop ordered him back to his diocese to a parish with a hospice and orphanage. He worked hard for the sick and dying particularly the disabled in the hospice. Founded a Congregation of nuns to care for the sick and dying, and one for men for youth development and preparing young people for the world of work. He started evening classes and a vocational school. Built an institute for the handicapped. Had a big devotion for St Joseph and founded an Order named after him for caring for the dying. Also a chapel to St Joseph in a poor area near the Vatican. Died in 1915 just before reaching 73.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 28th St Simon and St Jude Two apostles of Jesus. Martyred together in Beirut (now in Lebanon) in the Roman Eastern Province of Syria. Simon was referred to as "Simon the Less" to distinguish him from Simon Peter. Jude is the apostle Thaddeus. A farmer who spoke Greek and Aramaic. Son of Mary of Clopas, the sister of the Virgin Mary and the brother of James the Less.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 29th October		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Shelagh Moon		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

New Sacristan needed at St Vincent de Paul to replace the long serving Philomena

We are looking for a new Sacristan. This is a voluntary position. It could be a shared role with more than one person involved. There is a poster in the Porch outlining the duties. If you have any interest please speak to our current Sacristan, Philomena, who would like to step down after a long time serving our priests and our church.

November is the month when we remember all parishioners who have passed away over the years.

November is the month that we will again remember those we have lost in our Parish by displaying names on boards in front of the altar during the month. If you have a name that you wish to be included please email it to lizchalland@btinternet.com or add it on the sheet in the foyer (printing clearly in block capitals) by Sunday 29th October and this will be added to the boards.

Next SVP Social will be on Wednesday 1st November – 1pm to 3 pm

. All welcome" to meet for refreshments and a chat. Bring a friend. Stay for 2 hours or 10 minutes whatever suits you. Looking forward to welcoming you. Renee

Parish collection for last weekend 14th and 15th October

						CAFOD Family Fast			
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£37	£9.25	£159.55	£242.54	£51.98	£500.32	---	---	£2.59	£502.91