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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

*"In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance."*

The Gospel reading contains three parables. Each tells us something about the nature of God as a loving and merciful Father. Another name for God is "Mercy". He loves us so much that he unconditionally forgives us our iniquities when we cry out to him for mercy. In the Bible we read that if God is to mark our sins, none of us will survive (Psalm 103). There is great joy and celebration in heaven when we turn away from sin and turn towards God. Like the Pharisees in the parables, we some times are scandalised by the love of God for sinners. God even throws out a party for them when they make that U-turn and change from evil to begin to do good. God wants us all to share in his joy. He invites us to partake in his benevolent love for humanity. He also wants us to join him in his search for those who are lost. You may wish to consider someone you know who might need a word of encouragement to come back to God. May God grant us that spirit that will make us rejoice and be happy when a lost brother or sister is found and is back home, Amen!



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

### **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the book of Exodus 32:7-11,13-14*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."''

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**      *Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19*

*R. I will leave this place and go to my Father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

And cleanse me from my sin. **R**



A pure heart create for me, O God,  
Put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
Nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth  
Shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

### SECOND READING

*A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:12-17*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?

And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**SANCTUS:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.**

*Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.*

**COMMUNION RITE**

**Deliver us, Lord, we pray...**

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever*

**Behold the Lamb of God...**

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*How precious is your mercy O God, the children of your men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**EUROPEAN DAY:** *is on next Sunday, 22nd September. We keep in our prayers all the communities which are getting ready for the celebrations of their culture traditions and gifts & talents.* For the Mass: *Entrance hymn in English & French speaking community, Offertory hymn by Irish Community, Communion Hymns by Polish and Spanish speaking community. Readings by Ukrainian & Italian community, and Bidding prayers by Portuguese community.* Any other nations wishes to take an active role in the Mass, please speak to Fr Shaju. **Communities which are leading the singing at Mass are requested to practice the hymns.**

After the Mass, we will have *an European Food Festival* to which all the communities are requested to bring food( *one or two items only*). All the communities are requested to have a meeting to decide what dish they prepare. Many Thanks.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY:** is this Sunday. Two thousand years since the birth of Jesus it's a fact that there are many people on our own doorsteps who have yet to hear the Good News of God's unconditional love and mercy. Today is a day of prayer for the spread of the Gospel in England and Wales. Let's pray that we're all renewed in our calling to seek out, and use the opportunities which present themselves, to respectfully share and celebrate our faith. The second collection today is to support the work of evangelisation in our country and also to support the poor parishes in England and Wales. Thank you for your generosity.

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND:** Thank you to all who indicated interest for the **9 day trip**. If your **name is on the list**, and have not collected the booking form, please do so after the Mass or as soon as possible. Note that to guarantee your space you will need to pay the required deposit immediately.

**Seats available:** *12 days to Holy Land & Jordan* 24 May– 4 June Cost £1899 includes all entry fees, Porterage, Gratuities for Guide, Driver and hotel staff. If you wish to join, please speak to Fr Shaju.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Meeting will take place in the Presbytery on Monday, 16th September at 7.15pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Will take place in the Presbytery on Tuesday 17th September at 7.15pm

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:** will meet on *Monday 23rd September at 7.15pm* in the Parish Office. We need more catechists, if you can, please speak to Fr Shaju.

**ANNUAL AFRICAN MASS:** The Annual Mass for African Communities in London area will take place on SUNDAY 22nd September, 2019 at St. Georges Cathedral at 3pm.

**AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** will meet on *Sunday 15th September* after 12:00 Mass. All are invited.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Parish is starting a Bible Study evenings on **First & Third Mondays of month 7.15-8pm**. The first one will be on *Monday 23rd September 2019*

**FOOD BANK:** the box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

**LITURGY FOR CHILDREN:** At the beginning of **10:30am mass on Sunday**, all children **5-10 years** are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

**TOMMY'S TOOTOPIA SUPPER NIGHT:** You are all invited to an Irish supper hosted by Tommy. It will be an enjoyable evening with a 3 course menu selection, followed by live Irish music. It starts at 7pm sharp. £25 pp, please contact Tommy to book a table 07949332183.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE MASS 2019:** all those who received their First Holy Communion in June this year are requested to come for their Certificate Mass on **Sunday 29th September at 10.30am**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS 2020:** the registration will be on Friday 1st November and 8th November 4-6pm & 7.15-8pm in the Parish Office.

Eligible candidates for First Holy Communion are those who will start **year 3 in September 2019** and for Confirmation **year 8 or above in September 2019**.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes will start on Saturday 18th January 2020. The classes will be on Saturdays: First Holy Communion at 9.50am and Confirmation at 11.15am.**

**INFANTS BAPTISM:** Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

**PRE BAPTISMAL CLASS:** Next session is on Monday 30th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

We remember in our prayers those who died recently. Funerals: Winifred Claxton on **23rd September at 11.30am**, Edmund LUCID on **24th Sept at 10.30am** and Francesca DIANA on **26th Sept at 10.15am**.

*For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.*



## NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm– 6pm. No appointment needed

## HOSPITAL VISITS :

For any person admitted in St George’s Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.**

**The Sick:** Lizzie Lynch, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison & Elizabeth Bosley

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Downer, Eileen Hillier, Marie Salece, Molly Kirwan, Bert Martins, Luigia Tattersall, Sebastian Alvares, Thomas Kearns, Enid Hardy, Catherine Ward, Patrick Heaphy, Margaret Gleeson, Ellen Lydford, Baby Judith Robin, Winifred Carew, Ian Gomez. May they rest in peace – Amen. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

|                  | 14th & 15th September   | 21st & 22nd September                              |
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|                  | <b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>     |  |
| Sat18.30         | Meicel Austria, Agnela Cabral                                     | Nancy Biney, Adrian Alfred                         |
| 09.00            | Robin Thomas, Katherine Bennett                                   | Stefanie Flaherty, Angus Xavier                    |
| 10.30            | Princess Ikpoh, Rebekka Praba-karan                               | Gary Bennett, Anita Bennett                        |
| 12.00            | Tara Butler, Charmaine Fernandes                                  | Calynn Da Cunha, Matthewson Matthews               |
| 18.30            | Remija Mponzi, Emie Roberts                                       | Sally Canizo, Angel Babu                           |
|                  | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b> |  |
| Sat18.30         | Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero                          | Agnela Cabral, David Cabral, Manuel Cabral         |
| 09.00            | Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper                            | Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues |
| 10.30            | Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues                     | Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling    |
| 12.00            | Bernadine Fernandes, Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford               | Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne          |
| 18.30            | Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley                  | Reya Mathai, Julian De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley   |
| Church Cleaning: | Wk3: Mon 16th Sept @10am  | Wk4: Mon 23rd Sept @ 7pm                           |

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection. Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: 2386.46 Gift aided: 52% & Loose Plate: 48%

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| <p><b><u>Sunday 15th September</u></b><br/> <b>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br/>                     (Year C)<br/> <b>Collection to support the Bishop's Conference National work</b></p>   | 09.00<br>10.30<br>12.00<br>15:00<br>16:00<br>18.30  | Josephine Sheard & Family<br>Pipis Garcialuna RIP<br>Mary Crow Ints<br><b>Baptisms</b><br><b>Urdu Chaplaincy Mass</b><br>Jack & Mary Moran RIP |
| <p>Monday 16th September<br/> <b>Saint Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian</b></p>  | 09:30<br>18.30  | Lindsay Wong RIP<br>Livinus Audu RIP   |
| <p>Tuesday 17th September<br/> <b>Saint Robert Bellarmine</b></p>   | 09.30<br>18.30  | Yacinta Subramanyam RIP<br>Ashley Dawes RIP  |
| <p>Wednesday 18th September<br/> <b>Saint Edith</b></p>   | 09.30<br>18:30  | George Brown RIP<br>Jerome Christy & Agnes Lobo  |
| <p>Thursday 19th September<br/> <b>Saint Theodore of Canterbury</b></p>   | 09.30<br>18.30  | Thomas Sequeira RIP<br>Maria D'Silva RIP   |
| <p>Friday 20th September<br/> <b>Saint Andrew</b></p>   | 09.30<br>18.30  | Pro Populo<br>Paula Lynn RIP   |
| <p>Saturday 21st September<br/> <b>Saint Matthew</b></p>  | 09:30<br>18:30  | Nwamaka Onuegbu/ Elizabeth Orabator<br>FM- Anne Gately RIP   |
| <p><b><u>Sunday 22nd September</u></b><br/> <b>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br/>                     (Year C)<br/> <b>Day of Prayer for Harvest</b></p>   | 09.00<br>10.30<br>12.00<br>18.30  | Jimmie Bolger RIP<br>Gertrude Anang Ints<br>Chrisie Lewis RIP &<br>Mercedes, Luis Tadea<br>Raymond D'Souza RIP                                 |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monday 16th September</u></b><br/>                     Padre Pio Group<br/>                     7.30pm Cry Chapel<br/> <b><u>Tuesday 17th September</u></b><br/>                     Charismatic Prayer Group<br/>                     7pm Cry Chapel<br/> <b><u>Wednesday 18th September</u></b><br/>                     Rosary Prayer Group<br/>                     7pm Cry Chapel</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday 19th August</u></b><br/>                     Knit &amp; Natter Group<br/>                     3pm Cry Chapel<br/>                     Legion of Mary<br/>                     7.15pm Cry Chapel<br/>                     Tamil Mass<br/>                     7.30pm Church<br/> <b><u>Friday 20th September</u></b><br/>                     50+ Club 2pm Function Suite<br/>                     Parish Open House 4-6pm</p> |  |
| <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br/>                     Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>   | <p><b>Holy Hour</b><br/>                     First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b><br/>                     Monday - Saturday: 8.45am<br/>                     Holy Hour on First Friday</p>  | <p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b><br/>                     Tuesday: 10am<br/> <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b><br/>                     Friday: 10am</p>  | <p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b><br/>                     Saturday: 10am</p>  |