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## SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020– YEAR (A) TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Peter: "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18: 21-22)*

We often describe ourselves as 'the People of God' and as 'a people set apart'; and very often such names have been misinterpreted by Christians to mean that we are somehow 'God's elite' or that he has some special friendship for us and our doing that he does not show to others. Today's gospel confronts us with the reality of what it means to be 'a people set apart'. We are the ones who must reject the desires for vengeance and retaliation, and in the face of those who offend us must work for reconciliation. To start afresh, working for what is good, after one has been hurt is never easy; it goes against a deeply embedded instinct in our humanity that calls for retribution. But to be the group who seek to continue the reconciliation of the world that was accomplished in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus is what we are about. Now, as we begin to celebrate this mystery, let us remind ourselves that as 'a people set apart' we must be willing to be those who bring forgiveness and new hope into the world.



## 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 Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence

The word of the Lord.  
*R. Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12*

*R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R*

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R*

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. *R*

SECOND READING

*A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

*R. Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions,

to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

## 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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY:** Now onwards the novena will be prayed after morning and evening Mass on Tuesdays.

**BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to our brothers and sisters who will be baptised and confirmed **this Sunday, 13th September at 1pm Mass.**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** If you have not collected yours and still want them, please ring Tony on 020 8767 5293 or e mail to *tooting-gac@rcaos.org.uk* to make arrangements for collection.

**CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID:** Now you can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. Please follow the instruction on the screen. Thanks for using the facility. Last week, we received £328 from card donation/offering. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, tap one of the preset amount or any other amount you prefer and swipe your card at the top of the machine.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cant pass collection bags around. So please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or the card machines at the back of the Church.

**FHC MASSES:** 19th and 26th September at 2pm. **Rehearsals:** Friday 18th at 6.30pm for candidate who will receive their FHC on 19th and Friday 25th at 6.30pm for candidate who will receive their FHC on 26th. For rehearsal, only candidate and one parent/guardian who will be attending FHC Mass. **WHO CAN ATTEND FHC MASS:** Maximum six members including the candidate from the same household and two more people from other household/s. Total eight.

**CONFIRMATION MASSES:** 2pm on Sunday 27th September and 4th October. **Rehearsals:** Saturday 26th at 4.45pm for candidate who will receive their Confirmation on 27th and Saturday 3rd October at 4.45pm for candidate who will receive their Confirmation on 4th October. **WHO CAN ATTEND CONFIRMATION MASSES:** Same as above for FHC.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES CONFESSIONS:** is on next Saturday, 19th September, at 10.30am.

**RED BOX APPEAL:** Mill Hill Missionary fathers will have an Red Box Appeal next weekend.

**FHC & CONFIRMATION 2021 APPLICATION FORM:** Those who wish to join the next year's programme, please collect a form from the back of the Church, fill it and hand it over to a priest or parish office before 25th October.

**PERE LAVAL ASSOCIATION MASS:** for this year remain cancelled.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thanks you very much to all of you who volunteer to clean the church after Masses. One person is requested to coordinate the cleaning so that the cleaning will become more efficient and less time consuming.

**INFANTS BAPTISM:** Any parents who wish to baptise their children, please see one of the priests during Parish Open house which is on every Friday 5-6pm. Next Baptism Preparation Class- 7.15pm on 28th September.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** Parish Youth is organising a coffee morning on Saturday 3rd October 10am to 11:30am to raise fund for cancer support . You can bake cake and support the event. Please contact Tommy at the café for more details.

**FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS:** We offer our prayers to Hansen Viegas & Dannisha Afonso as they are getting ready for their wedding.

**WELCOME:** We welcome Janaya Macatangay, Daniela Gonzaga, Alba DeSouza and Jayden Ulan Kasilag as they will be baptised in the coming days.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE** is resumed. Fridays 4pm-6pm.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** There will be a training on Saturday 3rd October at 3pm for those who wish to become an altar server.

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation wont allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

**CLEANING ROTA:** Please see the Rota.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS & SERVICES:** Parish have now the facility to live stream Mass, funeral, baptism etc. Parish will live stream Sunday 12:00 Mass, available on St Boniface Church Tooting YouTube channel.

**PRAYERS GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES:** We don't have a date yet to start group activities.

**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 for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7. **Please note: Now onwards, Mass on Sunday in the hospital chapel will be at 1.30pm.**

*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.*



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

**The Sick:** Angela Coull, Joseph Conlin, Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Graham Hardy & Eli Lee Roberts.

**Death Anniversaries:** Fr John Mulligan, Lesley Mayne & Dennis Ojede, 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.**

	12th/ 13th September	19th/ 20th September
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell	Doris Cubero
09.00	Andrea Mango	Remo Manoharadas
10.30	Anita Bennett	Mary Sagoe
12.00	Clynn Da Cunha	Finnuala Lynch
13:00	Callum Fernandez	Ian Johnston
18.30	James Short	Susan Daniel

<b>Cleaning Rota:</b>	<b>Wk1: Mon 14th Sept @ 10am</b>	<b>Wk2: Mon 21st Sept @ 7pm</b>
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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2811.03)

Gift aided: 66% Loose Plate: 34%

Card donation: £328



<p><b><u>Sunday 13th September</u></b>  <b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Year A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collection for the</b>  <b>Catholic Education Service</b></p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 <b>15:00</b> 18:30</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Babu &amp; Family          Angus &amp; Muriel Birch RIP          Jayden Bennett &amp; Fly Thanksgiving          Thanksgiving for GCSE Results  <b>RCIA Baptism &amp; Confirmation</b>  <b>Wedding</b>          Peter Fitzgerald Ints</p>
<p>Monday 14th September  <b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b></p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Aubree Thompson          November Deceased</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th September  <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b></p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Vincent Magro RIP          Mary Townsend Ints</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th September  <b>Saint Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian</b></p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Pro Populo          Isabel &amp; Judith Robin RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 17th September  <b>Saint Robert Bellarmine</b></p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Sapiencia Maria Noronha          Mary Molloy RIP</p>
<p>Friday 18th September  <b>Saint Edith of Kemsing</b></p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Susan Gallagher RIP          Diana Gallagher Ints</p>
<p>Saturday 19th September  <b>Saint Theodore of Canterbury</b></p>	<p>09:30 14:00 16:00 18:30</p>	<p>John McGrath  <b>First Holy Communion</b>  <b>Baptism</b>          Mary Byrne</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 20th September</u></b>  <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Year A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home Mission Sunday</b></p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30</p>	<p>Marie &amp; Edwin Rioux RIP          Bridie McLoughlin RIP          Johanna Scanlon RIP          Fr. Martin Griffin RIP          Veronica Antao</p>

<p><b><u>Monday 14th September</u></b>          Padre Pio Group          closed</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 15th September</u></b>          Charismatic Prayer Group          closed</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 16th September</u></b>          Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel-Closed</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 17th September</u></b>          Knit &amp; Natter Group Closed          Legion of Mary: Closed  <b>Tamil Mass: 7.15pm</b>  <b><u>Friday 18th September</u></b>          50+ Club Function Suite-closed  <b>Parish Open House 5pm – 6pm</b></p>
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<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>          Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm</p>	<p><b>Holy Hour</b>          First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>          Monday - Saturday: 9am          Holy Hour on First Friday          5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b>          Tuesday: 10am  <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>          Friday: 10am</p>	<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b>          Saturday: 10am</p>
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