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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020 – YEAR (A) TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests". (Philippians 2:4)

Matthew's parable about two sons, which is our gospel reading today, is less well-known. There is an obvious contrast between the son who initially refuses to respond and then thinks better of it and does his father's bidding, and the second son who promises to respond but in fact does nothing. Jesus himself explains the parable. The parable is apparently addressed to the chief priests and the elders. Jesus points out that many religious people pledge their loyalty in words but do not follow this up with actions. Jesus had spoken in the Sermon on the Mount about those who say 'Lord! Lord!', but do not do the will of the Father (7:21). Such people are contrasted with the tax collectors and prostitutes in the parable, who, after initially refusing to respond, change their lives for the better. The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel makes clear that we are asked to do God's will and persevere in it. It may take a long time for us to accept the truth and challenge of the gospel, but God is patient and seems to prefer to await our free response rather than endure pious words which are not backed up by acts. Am I blind to the example of those I consider to be not as good as I am? Am I willing to turn over a new leaf despite past failings?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 24(25):4-9*

R. Remember your mercy, Lord

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.*

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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 MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me
hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: every year, the Parish runs a programme called "RCIA" for any person who was never baptised, or was baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic adults who have never been confirmed. Please come for an informal open house on **Sunday 11th October at 4pm in the Parish Hall.**

5 PLUS BAPTISM: The Parish runs a programme every year for children who are 5 years and above and not yet baptised. Any parent/guardian who wishes their child to be baptised please fill in an application form that can be found in the wooden rack in the Church porch and pass to a priest or put through the Presbytery letterbox. *First lesson on Saturday 17 October at 10.30am.*

FHC MASSES: congratulations to all the boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion recently. Parish wishes to say a big Thank You to all the catechists who worked hard this year.

CONFIRMATION MASSES: IT WILL BE A SUNDAY MASS at 2pm on Sunday 27th September and 4th October. Anyone can attend but ticket only. If you wish to attend please speak to a priest. **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 FROM CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FAMILY:** Six from same household including the candidate and two others (total eight).

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.

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.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: Since more people are using the facility, we have now two terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. 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. Thanks for using the facility. Last week, we received £424 from card donation/offering.

CHURCH CLEANING: WE NEED EIGHT VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN THE CHURCH AFTER MASSES ON WEEKEND. *If you can, please write your name on the board in the Porch as you come to the Church and then, please clean the the area allocated for you. Many thanks.*

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

MONTH OF OCTOBER, MOTHER OF ROSARY: *Please join for Rosary everyday at 6.10pm before evening Mass from 1st October.*

COVID-19: Thank you to all for keeping safe distancing and following all the guidelines and thus looking after one another in this difficult time

FACE COVERING: Is compulsory unless there is a health reason you can't wear.

SEATING IN THE CHURCH: As more and more people are joining us for Mass, please be mindful of others when you take a seat. Please fill middle seats first on long pews/benches. Otherwise, if you take the side seats first, then there is a chance people who come later can come into contact with you when they pass through.

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.** **Candidates who attend mass regularly can apply.**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Parish Youth is organising a coffee morning on next Saturday 3rd October 10am to 11:30am to raise funds for cancer support. You can bake cake and support the event. Please contact Tommy at the café for more details. Those who can come and support, please give your name & contact to a priest. Many thanks.

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 4-6pm. **Next Baptism Preparation Class– 7.15pm on 28th September.**

WELCOME: We welcome Alba DeSouza, Jayden Ulan Kasilag, Noah Rives Gomes, Isla Ruby, Niamh Brown, Jameskumary Arulraj, Robel Kargbo as they will be baptised in the coming days.

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

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: remain cancelled.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't 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, Beverley King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia 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 & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Anna Frasso, Fitzroy Gludd, Fr Raphael, Damien Nadarajah, Andrew Lopez, Robert Calvert, Basil Jolliffe, Christopher Carton, Baby Malthy Mandranathan, Margaret Madigan, Peter Okhumoya, John Walsh, Consolacion Adarme, Sabatino Barbarino, Linda McCooey, Emanuela Aquilina, Christine Doran, Eusebius Mendonca, Michael Walsh, Margaret Mann.

	26th /27th September	3rd / 4th October
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Antonio Ebglebright	Mathew D'Souza
09.00	Katherine Bennett	Stefanie Flaherty
10.30	Rose Adroa	Lola Lawrence
12.00	Angela Shirley	Sharon Wrightman
13:00	Pam Fernandes	Calum Fernandez
18.30	Liza Asante	Imilda Franklin

Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: Mon 28th Sept @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 5th October @ 7pm
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£1950.83)

Gift aided: 55% Loose Plate: 45%

Card Offering/ Donation: £450



<u>Sunday 27th September</u> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Day of Prayer for Harvest	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 14:00 16:00 18:30	Angie's Birthday Ints Enid & Norman Cason Brian Riddle, RIP & Thanksgiving for Chong Foo Chaw & Family Evelyn Hyland/ Mary Cannivan Confirmation Baptism Carmel Cremin RIP
Monday 28th September Saint Wenceslaus	09:30 18:30	Colette Hutter Rose Adroa Family Ints
Tuesday 29th September Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	09:30 18:30	Rosemary Ints Noreen Morna RIP
Wednesday 30th September Saint Jerome	09:30 18:30	Caterina Pereira RIP Carmel Walsh
Thursday 1st October St. Therese of the Child Jesus	09:30 18:30	Veronica Antao & Family Jerome, Christy & Agnes Lobo
Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	09:30 18:30	Deceased Members of Walsh Family Raymond D'Souza RIP
Saturday 3rd October Our Lady	09:30 18:30 17:15	Jerome Francis Lobo RIP Agnelo Lobo RIP Confirmation Rehearsal
<u>Sunday 4th October</u> 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Rosary Sunday Day of Prayer for the Harvest	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 14:00 16:00 18:30	Hannah McGrory RIP Patrick Cody RIP Theresa Schembri RIP Tom McNamara RIP Confirmation Baptism Mary Molloy RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Thursday 1st October: Tamil Mass: 7.15pm

Friday 2nd October: Parish Open House 4pm – 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm	Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm
Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 9am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am
	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am