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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me. (Mark 9:37)*



The paradox of Christianity is that greatness consists in humility, leadership is exercised in service and receiving is got through giving. Jesus reminds the disciples that the qualities needed for a place in the kingdom are to be found most clearly in small children: simplicity, trust and obedience. It's a hard lesson to learn.

### A PARISH WELCOME

Now that the holiday season is over, we've reached that time of the year when parish events begin to swing back to normal. Perhaps this is as good a time as any to remind ourselves of the need to continue the open-door policy of our Church. If you know of anyone you feel might like to know more about the Church, why not invite them to join you one Sunday? They may have questions they want to ask; they may just appreciate your kindness in thinking of them, or eventually they may even decide to take formal steps to be received into the Church. It's entirely up to them. But it's entirely up to you to make the offer...

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*But the world can be different. Human society is not more than the people of that society. And nothing makes its progress more inevitable than people who decide that it is. (Thomas Cullinan)*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

### **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 Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**

*R. The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. *R.*

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

## SECOND READING

### *A Reading from the letter of James 3:16-4:3*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*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

**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.**

*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**

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**NEW PLAQUE:** We have put a new Plaque on the wall in the Porch in gratitude to all the Parish Priests who served St Boniface.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** All those who are received the training on Saturday 22nd September at 4pm will be received formally into the Guild of St Stephen at 10.30am and 12:00 Mass this Sunday. We congratulate and wish them every blessings for their ministry in the Parish.

**NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE CHURCH:** The Church is God's house, a sacred place where we meet our Lord. It is our responsibility, as a family, to support one another by keeping the sacredness in the Church and helping others to pray. It is also our responsibility as good parents to teach our children to grow in this sacredness guiding them to respect others who are praying by keeping silent and encourage others to keep silent. Also please give confidence to your children that they can live without food & drink for one hour.....May God bless you for your thoughtfulness!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS 2019:** the application period has started and eligible candidates for First Holy Communion are those children who started year 3 from September 2018, and for Confirmation those pupils who began year 8 from September 2018. Application forms are available from the wooden rack in the Church porch. The last date to submit the application form is Sunday 30th September.

**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 Saturday 29th September at 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

**5 PLUS BAPTISM:** The Parish runs a programme every year for children who are 5years 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.

**FUND RAISING EVENING FOR THE ORPHANAGE IN KERALA:** Siobhain McDonagh, Member of parliament for Mitcham and Morden is organising a fundraising event for the orphanage at St Joseph's Church hall, Colliers Wood on Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £10 including food and is available from the back of the Church. She needs some help to organise the event, if anyone can, please speak to Fr Shaju. Many thanks.

**SCHOOL REFERENCE FORM:** to get the form signed, please come for Parish Open House which is on Fridays 6pm-7.30pm.

**COFFEE IN THE GARDEN:** please come and join the Parish for a cup of tea/coffee after Sunday morning masses in the marquee in the garden. It is a time to introduce ourselves to other members of the parish family. It is free.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** will meet every second and fourth Sunday of month at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** will resume this Sunday. 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.

**ROTA FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** please collect the new Rota from the Noticeboard.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** All those who secured a place, please make the full payment by **Sunday 30th September**. Coach transfer to and from Heathrow will be available. The coach will leave St Boniface on 15th October at **10:00am**. Thank you.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** is on **Friday 28th SEPTEMBER** from **6pm—7.30pm**. No appointment needed.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** Next course will be on **Monday 24th September** at **7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is **week 4 (Team 4) at 7pm**.

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House**.

**TO BAPTISE A BABY:** Please first discuss with a priest, before filling a baptism form, at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from **6pm—7.30pm** in the Parish Office.

**50+ CLUB:** started last Friday 21st September at St Anselm's Church hall from **2pm—4pm**.

*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.*



***Wish you all a Blessed Week!***

*We keep in our prayers FR JOHN MULLIGAN, Lesley Mayne and Dennis Ojede who died recently. We offer our sympathy to their families and friends and parishioners of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Morden.*

**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.

**TAMIL & URDU MASS IN THE PARISH:** Tamil Mass on every Thursday at 7.30pm and Urdu Mass on third Sunday of Month at 4pm.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

**The Sick:** Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Mary & Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Mary Prospere, Cecil Adams and Pat Nolan.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Mulligan, Lesley Mayne & Dennis Ojede

**Anniversaries:** Maurice Noronha, Patrick Walsh, Leslie D'Cruze, William Prendergast, Rosie Walsh, Catherine Cotton, Gelsomina Lepore, Gail MacNamara, Mary Aherne, Lucy Francis, May Manuel, George Brown, Addaikalamuthu Santiyaku, Anna Frasso, Pipis Garcia Luna. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	22nd & 23rd September	29th & 30th September
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Doris Cubero, Nancy Biney	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Barri Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue
10.30	Lola Lawrence, Sophia Selvaratnam	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose	Ian Johnston, Mikhaela Dayaday
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Ivon Kandiah	Sally Canizo, Philippa Keeling
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Agnela, David and Manuel Cabral	Ethna Power, Lucinda D'Souza & Mathew D'Souza
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling	Carina Jualo. Isabella Mitchell, Kasia Zuzewicz
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Neves D'Souza, Nellie de Santos, Tharma Kandiah
18.30	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis- Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Agnes Babu Juliana De Souza

Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 24th Sept. @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 1st Oct @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was £2344.25 [Loose plate 50%; Gift Aid 50%]

Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 23rd September <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF                  ORDINARY TIME                  (Year B)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 <b>15:00</b> 18.30	Mary Byrne Ony Onyebalu Mr & Mrs Zerafa <b>Baptism</b> John Caffrey RIP
Monday 24th September <b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	09.30 18.30	Sheila Cox RIP David Burak RIP
Tuesday 25th September <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families & H/S Michael Loughran RIP[A]
Wednesday 26th September <b>Ss. Cosmos &amp; Damian</b>	09.30 18:30	Peter Mendonca RIP Margaret Green RIP
Thursday 27th September <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	09.30 18.30	Kenneth Butt Carmel Cremin RIP
Friday 28th September <b>St. Wenceslaus</b>	09.30 18.30	People of the Parish Patricia Griffith
Saturday 29th September <b>Archangels: Ss Michael,                  Gabriel and Raphael</b>	09.30 18.30	Mrs J Walsh Michael Maree RIP
Sunday 30th September <b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF                  ORDINARY TIME                  (Year B)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Christopher Lynch RIP Mrs Lai Fong Lau Leung Edmund Burke RIP Bernadette Connolly

<p><u>Monday 24th September</u>                  Padre Pio Group                  (7pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 25th September</u>                  Charismatic Prayer Group                  (7pm Church)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 26th September</u>                  Rosary Prayer Group                  (7pm Parish Meeting Room)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th September</u>                  Knit &amp; Natter Group                  (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Legion of Mary</b>                  (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Tamil Mass</b> (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><u>Friday 28th September</u>                  50+ Club                  (Meet at St Anslem's Hall 2-4pm)</p> <p><u>Parish Open House</u>                  (6pm- 7.30pm in the Presbytery)</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>                  Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	

<p><b>Adoration &amp;                  Morning Prayer</b>                  Monday - Saturday: 8.45am                  Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b>                  Tuesday: 10am</p> <p><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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