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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021

"This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me." (Mark 7:6)

Gospel passage for this Sunday contains an account of a dispute between Jesus and the religious leaders, some of whom had come from Jerusalem, seemingly to investigate his teaching. The first focus of the argument is on the meaning of 'tradition' and the importance that should be given to it. The evangelist explains how various religious practices had built up over time. The challenge of Jesus is that such human practices can sometimes obscure the deeper demands of faith. Jesus goes on to speak of the importance of what lies in our hearts. From a clean heart goodness will come forth. External observances, which have their own importance, can sometimes distract us from the real work on our hearts and minds. Do I value the good traditions which have been passed on to me, or do I belittle them as 'not moving with the times'? Am I determined to purify my inner motives and the things of the heart, rather than cloak them in external camouflage? We thank God for the gifts of the Scriptures, the teaching of the Church and the living tradition of faith. We pray for sound judgement and good discernment.



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY: Is on *Wednesday 8th September*. There is special celebration on *Saturday 4th September*: Rosary at 6pm, Mass and celebration in the hall.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 14(15)

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them.

For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE APOSTLE'S 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. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your 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.

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: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE & COUNCIL MEETINGS: Are moved to *15th & 16th September respectively. Thank you.*

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: All those who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become an Altar Server. If you wish to become, please fill in a form which is available from the Porch and hand it over to a priest or in the parish office. Training for the new altar servers will be on Saturday 11th September at 4pm.



PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House resumes from Friday 3rd September, 4-6pm.

OFFERINGS by CARD & GIFT AID: *YOU CAN FIND THE CARD TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS and also AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT LEADING TO THE GARDEN. You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. You can use card for Sunday offering/ Offering to the Poor/Second collection/ Shop etc. Please follow the instruction on the welcoming screen. Thanks for using the facility.*

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We resume collection normal way (collection bags will be brought to you) by the ushers and altar servers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022: Registration forms for the 2022 programme will be available from the first weekend of October from the Church Porch.

PRAYER & CHARITY GROUPS: Will resume their meetings from 6th 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 25th September at 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF OUR LADY: Is this Saturday 4th September. Rosary at 6pm followed by Mass and celebration in the hall. You all most welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: Is on *this Wednesday 1st September*. Please come and join for the Mass and pray.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: Will resume week beginning 20th September. More details will be available by next weekend.

MASS OFFERING: It is a practice of offering a Mass for a particular intention. The grace of the Eucharistic is so immense. By offering a Mass for a special intention/ someone, we are bringing the graces of the Eucharist to them. You are encouraged to offer Mass for some one you love and cherish in your life especially those who died on their death anniversary or someone's birthday (the best gift you can give) or some one unwell or as a thanksgiving. **Of course the Mass is not exclusively for this intention – every Mass is offered for all people, especially those in need.**

YOUTH CHOIR: Parish family Will resumes choir practice from this **Saturday 4th September at 4pm.**

ST BONIFACE CAFÉ: Is closed from 23rd Aug to 1st Sept inclusive.

PARENT AND BABY : If you are a parent/grandparent/carer and interested to join a support group for chats, walks and activities please contact Lisa on lisa_singh@hotmail.co.uk

COVID-19: As lockdown rules came to an end by 19 July, we as a parish, do everything we can, to protect and make others comfortable to come for Mass especially elderly. **So, even though it is not mandatory to have face covering, you are encouraged to have it in the Church, and we shall keep the safe distancing & hand sanitising rules for some more time.** Many thanks for being mindful of others and taking care of them.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon–Sat and Sun at 12:00.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please visit www.stbonifacehall.co.uk, call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

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 Week2 (Team 2) at 7pm.**

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

DIED RECENTLY: Mari Waters, Linda Burns, Daniel Gilhooly, Ofelia Bermudez, Douglas Martin, Eina O'Sullivan & Maru Nkum

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Is on this Monday 30th August at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall.

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 on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are admitted to St George’s Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr March Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

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: Mary Waters, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Anne & John Doyle.

Anniversaries: Christi Lobo, Agatha Hanley, Raymond Gearing, Joseph Kelleher, Patrick Moran, Istavan Goher, Veronica Hunt, Roy Charlton, Francis Malone, Nancy Pierce, Lovell McKenzie, Daphne Moonie, Victor Lawrence, Michael Hickey, Sarah Muscat, Maria Allen, Monica Fung, Marie Requin, James Lynn, James Seery, Josephine Omoya. Pat Watkins, Pat Sexton, Richard Norton & Lucia Laidlaw. May they rest in peace – Amen.

	28th & 29th August	4th & 5th September
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Ethna Power	Jim Russell
09.00	Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai
10.30	Mary Sagoe	Ada Ikpoh
12.00	Charmaine Fernandes	Clynn Da Cunha
13:00	Ian Johnson	Pam Fernandes
18:30	Susan Daniel	Sally Canizo
Cleaning Rota:	Wk2 Mon 30th August @ 7pm	Wk3 Mon 6th Sept. @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2491.67)
Box collection £1339.17 Card collection: 671.00 & S/O: 481.50



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday 29th August</u> TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR (B)	09:00	Rosily & Thresiamma Mynatty-paramambil
	10:30	Martin Burke, RIP Victor Ponniah, RIP
	12:00	Theresa Schembri & Curuana Family
	13:00	Daisy Jhugroo, RIP
	18:30	Ints Bridget McDonagh
Monday 30th August	09:30	For the people of the Parish
	18:30	Egbunike & Okobi Mrs C.F. Fernandes month's mind
Tuesday 31st August	09:30	Mariakutty Antony RIP Mathew Mangalathil RIP
	12:30	Funeral: Eina O'Sullivan
	18:30	Mary Mayne B'day
Wednesday 1st September	09:30	Pastora Capera RIP
World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation	18:30	Marie Collins
Thursday 2nd September	09:30	Hector Serpes RIP
	12:30	Funeral: Mari Waters
	18:30	Anna, Ify and Izi-izi
Friday 3rd September	09:30	Margaret Cahill ints Francisca Bunao RIP
	18:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4th September	09:30	Anoop's Family T'giving
Birthday celebration of Our Lady at 6.30pm Mass	18:30	Michael, Mary-Anne & Annette Creegan FM
<u>Sunday 5th September</u> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR (B)	09:00	Valerie Mora Ints, Sharon Shillingford B'day
	10:30	Anita Fonseca ints Family & Friends of John Quinn RIP WasyI Sydoriuk
	12:00	Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP
	13:00	Elizabeth Elder
	18:30	Eina O'Sullivan RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.
Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 2nd September.
Parish Open House: Parish Open House Friday 3rd September

Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm — 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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