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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

*"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward".
(Mark 9: 41)*



This gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded. Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong. Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude. Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering. How accepting am I of the goodness of those who do not share my beliefs? Do I place obstacles in the way of others, undermining their faith and goodness? We pray for confidence in the goodness of God.

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 Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him 'Are you jealous

on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 18(19):8,10,12-14

R. The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R**

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St. James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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:

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

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Congratulations to all fifteen new altar servers who started serving the Lord at the Altar from last Sunday. All the existing altar servers can now start serving at the altar.

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.*



CONFIRMATION 2022: Registration forms for the 2022 programme is available from the Porch. Fill form and hand over to priest/Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Registration forms for the 2022 programme will be available from 9/10 October.

SUNDAY CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN: Resumed, on Sundays at 10:30am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: *On Thursdays at 7.15pm in the café. Next one is Thursday 30th September.*

PARISH CHOIR: Will resume singing from Sunday 26th September.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTISE: On Saturdays at 4pm.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND: Parish needs more ministers to take communion to the Housebound. If any Eucharistic Ministers can spend one hour in a week to take communion, please speak to Fr Shaju.

READING AT MASS: New ROTA from 2/3 October. Readers, please take a copy of the Rota from the Notice Board.

TRAINING FOR NEW ROTA: Is this Saturday 2nd October at 5pm. All new readers are requested to attend. Many thanks.

SATURDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS: Resumed, 5.45-6.15pm.

PADRE PIO GROUP: Will return on Monday 27th September. This will continue every 1st and 4th of every month.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: On Fridays 4-6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Is this Friday, 1st Oct. 5.15pm-6.15pm.

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 this 25th September at 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Will resume their prayer on Tuesday 19th October after evening Mass.

50PLUS CLUB: Returns on Monday 4th October from 12:30-2.30pm in the Café. All are welcome.

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 07930479208

OPEN DAY: Tuesday 5th October 9am-10:30am at St Boniface school for new prospective Reception parents (Sept 2022 intake). No appointment is needed.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP: Is a course of fifteen to hour sessions which will be held on Wednesdays from 7- 9 pm at St Peter & Paul Church, Mitcham started from 15th September.

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 who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. *Cleaning Team is requested to inform the parish office before you leave the Church after cleaning so that the doors can be closed and turn off lights.* Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Week1 (Team 1) at 10am.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

DIED RECENTLY: Morris William, Maria Grogan, Mark McCaffrey, Dolcie McGrath & Daisy Jhugroo.

FUNERALS: Dolcie McGrath on Tuesday 28th Sept at 11:45am, Morris William Friday 8th Oct at 12:30, Mark McCaffrey on 11th Oct 12:30pm.

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 *27th September 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 Doyle & Mark Sharkey.

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. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	25th & 26th September	2nd & 3rd October
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Antoine Eglebright	Merichel Altea & Charles Altea
09.00	Robin Thomas	Robin Thomas & Ann Mary Kuria-kose
10.30	Lola Lawrence	Rebekha Prabakaran & Frances Ak-ah
12.00	Sharon Wrightman	Doris Cubero & Stephen Callus
13:00	Pam Fernandes	Ian Johnson & Chisom Aghaji
18:30	Ivon Kandiah	Padraig Cronin & Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk2: 27th September @ 7pm	Wk3: 4th October @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2150.34)
 Bag collection ££1,222.84 Card collection: 521.00 & S/O: 406.50



<u>Sunday 26th September</u> TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY YEAR (B)	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Karel Hutter Muriel & Angus Birch RIP Theodore & Domingue Families Maria Luiza Mascarenhas Daisy Jhugroo RIP
Monday 27th September Saint Vincent de Paul	09:30 18:30	Owen Morris Ints & The Holy Souls Carmel Cremin
Tuesday 28th September Votive of St Anthony Saint Wenceslaus	09:30 11:45 18.30	Pro Populo Funeral Of Dolcie McGrath Adrian Grogan Ints
Wednesday 29th September Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	09:30 18:30	Amanda Lisa Mascarenhas RIP Danny Doherty RIP
Thursday 30th September Saint Jerome	09:30 18:30	Carmel Mladenovic Thanksgiving Angela Egbunike RIP
Friday 1st October St Therese of Child Jesus	09:30 18:30	Consolacion Adarme RIP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	09:30 14:00 15:00 18:30	Raymond D'Souza RIP Baptism Baptism Mary Hutter
<u>Sunday 3rd October</u> TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR (B)	09:00 10:30 12.00 13.00 14:00 15:00 18.30	Andrew Mooney RIP Anita Fonseca Ints Jerome Lobo RIP Jun & Lani Cubero Thanksgiving Baptism Baptism Virginia Malilan RIP

<u>Monday 27th September</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Tuesday 28th September</u> No Charismatic Prayer Group <u>Wednesday 29th September</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel	<u>Thursday 30th September</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church <u>Friday 1st October</u> Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)
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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 Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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