

23rd OCTOBER 2022: THIRTIETH SUNDAY (C)

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| Mass Book Page 155 | 1 st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19 2 nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 | Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 | |
| Hymns for 11 am Mass | Entrance: 934 Communion: 423 | Gospel Acclamation: Hymn Sheet Post-Communion: 929 | Offertory: Hymn Sheet & 609 Recessional: 355 |



The prayer of the humble

Like the Pharisee, those who are self-righteous have closed minds and hearts; they consider themselves superior to others. In contrast, those who are humble recognise that they are sinners before God; it is their prayer that will be answered. When we recognise that we need help we will receive it because we know that the answer to our prayer is due to God's mercy and not to our own goodness.

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

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| Sat 22 | 18:30 | First Mass of Sunday Penelope Flaherty RIP |
| Sun 23 | 09.30 11.00 | ✠ THIRTIETH SUNDAY (C) Denis Smith RIP Rose & Tim Murray RIP |
| Mon 24 | 09.30 | Ian Tildesley RIP Rosary |
| Tue 25 | 09.30 | Bernie Gardiner RIP Rosary |
| Wed 26 | 09.30 | Maureen Mitchell RIP Rosary |
| Thu 27 | 09.30 | Birthday & Wellbeing Intention for Michael Pearce Rosary |
| Fri 28 | 09.30 | Saints ∇ Simon and ∇ Jude Julie Redgrave RIP Exposition |
| Sat 29 | 09.30 18:30 | People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing for Giuseppina De Masi |
| Sun 30 | 09.30 11.00 | ✠ THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (C) David Billain RIP Intention of Mary Murray |

Sharing the Word

First Reading: Today's readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money brings power, and where injustice can be smoothed over by bribery, the poor man's situation is hopeless. Without money and influence, the poor cannot get legal redressed when they are wronged and they are always forced to accept unfair treatment from the better-off. But God is a just judge. He shows not partiality to the rich or the powerful. He listens to the prayer of the humble and the lowly.

Second Reading: Paul realises that his captivity will end with his execution. That is why he speaks of his blood being poured out as a libation to God. Although his death is in sight, his confidence is unshaken, and his hope of a crown of glory is undimmed. His friends have deserted him and his sole supports are faith and prayer. He believes that the Lord will rescue him from every evil and bring him to his heavenly kingdom.

Gospel: The proud Pharisee thinks that because of his good works, God owes him salvation. The tax collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. He relies on the mercy of God. His words are few but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness. The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful the



British Summer Time Ending

Please remember to adjust your clocks backwards one hour on Sat 29th Oct.

Pharisee was not a hypocrite. He was sincere and his claims were true. He had no concept of his need for God or grace or forgiveness.

Canon Victor Darlington's Visit



Following the retirement of Bishop Patrick Lynch in December 2020, Archbishop John Wilson announced the appointment of Canon Victor Darlington as Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Pastoral.

We welcome Canon Victor to our Mass this Sunday at 9.30am.

SPECIAL PRAYERS for the SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. There is a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The meeting of the parents of the children who are preparing for their FHC will be held on Thursday October 20 in the presbytery at 7pm.

The children who are preparing to receive Confirmation will meet for the first time on Saturday 22 October in the presbytery at 5pm.

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World Mission Sunday - Missio

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission.

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Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit & Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

Diocesan Day for Catechists Saturday 12 November 2022

As you will remember the annual diocesan Day for Catechists was postponed earlier this due to rail strikes. It is now on Saturday 12 November at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm.

This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese (including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process), and a day of support for them in their ministry.

The Archbishop asks all catechists to attend, if at all possible. His invitational letter will be given out in due course. If you would like to attend then please contact Fr Regis or the parish house.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £159, Not Gift Aided: £324

Mass Count: Sat (60), Sun 09.30 (106), 11.00 (112)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: World Mission Sunday (GIFT AID via Missio)

Next Week: Prisoner's Sunday (GIFT AID via PACT)

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