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Parish Diary

Sunday -

1st Friday- of the month Adoration at 7pm – 1st October 2021 Saturday -

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B



The First Reading tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. The main point of the reading is that God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people.

In the Second Reading we hear a strong condemnation of wealth, especially when it is obtained through exploitation of the weak.

In the Gospel Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the 'little ones' who have faith in him. He talks about hell and compares it to Gehenna, a ravine near Jerusalem, which was a dump where offal and refuse was burned. Even though the practical points contained in the Gospel were originally addressed to the leaders in the community, they have relevance for all disciples of Jesus. Jesus' command to receive the little ones underlies the inclusiveness of the kingdom.

Saints of the week – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific worldview and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly. (From Saints of the Day 5th edition)

Parish Diary and News

SUNDAY 26 th September 2021 – TWENTY- SIXTH YEAR B	THURSDAY 30 th September
9am:	9:00am: St. Jerome. Priest. Doctor
11pm:	
MONDAY 27 th September	FRIDAY 1 st October – Mission Month
9:00	9:00am: St. Therese of Lisieux. Virgin. Doctor
TUESDAY 28 st September	SATURDAY 2 nd October – Guardian Angels
9:00am:	
	Vigil Mass: 6:00pm – Anthony Cunninham RIP
WEDNESDAY 29th September	SUNDAY 3 rd October 2021 – TWENTY- SEVENTH YEAR B
9:00am: - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael-	9: 00am:
Archangels, feast	11:00am:

PARISH SURGERY: if you like to speak to Fr TesfaMichael about routine matters (such as form signing or arranging baptisms) or private chat about any other matter, please email to Fr tesfanegusse@rcaos.org.uk or call the number above.

COVID 19 Although the Government has relaxed many of the restrictions enacted in England during the past months, the bishops strongly recommend to use facemasks in church and the use of hand sanitizer. While there is no obligation to use them, clearly parishioners who care for the health of their neighbour, as well as their own, will consider very carefully the advantages of continuing to sanitise their hands and of wearing a mask in church.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know. St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069). Guy's and St. Thomas Hospital: Fr Jake Dicto (020 7188 5588) Chelsea and Westminster Hospital: Call the Chaplaincy (020 3315 8083).

BAPTISM PREPARATION: There will be baptism preparation class for parents and godparents for those who want their children be baptised. Please call the parish office if you have a child to be baptised.

Marriage - Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform the Parish office at least six months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas.

Pope's Intentions for September: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

A Prayer to Guardian Angel: Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

How To Have A Mass Offered: Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope, or alternatively you may ask the priest for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to the priest, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox.

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