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Parish Diary



TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

Main lesson from the readings: *“Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* (Mk 10:43-45)

Jesus saw authority as an opportunity to serve. As always, he set the example himself. He did not lord it over people. He appealed, he invited, but left the response to them. He would lead, but he would not control. His authority mirrored that of God. God use his power not to control but to enable. This is how he wanted authority to be exercised in his community. Those entrusted with power over their fellow human beings ought to be caring, just, merciful, wise, tolerant, and lenient. In order to serve, one has to be ready to drink the cup that Jesus drank – the cup of sacrifice and suffering. One can serve in any position. However, those in positions of authority are the best placed of all. Power used for Christian and human service can be a tremendous force for good.

The Synod of Bishops:

What is the Synod about? ‘For synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.’ The Holy Father wants the Church to grow in three key areas: Communion, Participation and Mission. By growing together in Communion, the people of God deepen their participation in the life of the Church and so become more effective missionary disciples in the world.

The purpose of the Synod is to help us grow together and so equip us to call more men and women to enter into life with the Lord Jesus. With the Lord as our guide, the Church continues her mission of inviting others to join the Way. At the practical level, this will involve people gathering together for prayer and conversation at every level of the Church, local, diocesan, and universal. This is the first time that the whole Church has engaged in such a threefold listening process ahead of a Synod of Bishops. The fruit of the discernment at the local level will then feed into the discussion at the diocesan level, which in turn will feed into a continental phase featuring national episcopal conferences. Finally, the fruits of this discernment will be presented to the Holy Father when he meets with the bishops of the Church in October 2023.

Prayer for the Synod:

‘COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.’

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Saint of the week –

Monday 18th October – **St Luke, the Evangelist, Feast**

Parish Diary and News

SUNDAY: 17th October 2021 – 29th SUNDAY - YEAR B 9am: John Downs RIP 11pm: For the people	THURSDAY: 21st October 9:15am: Mass
MONDAY: 18th October – St Luke, evangelist, feast 9:15: Mass	FRIDAY: 22nd October 9:15am: Mass
TUESDAY: 19th October 7:30pm: Mass - Carol Wheatley RIP	SATURDAY: 23rd October Vigil Mass: 6:00pm – David Hearne RIP
WEDNESDAY: 20th October 9:15am: Mass	SUNDAY - 24th 2021 – 30th Sunday - YEAR B 9: 00am: Intention of Violet O'Connor 11:00am: For the people

Synod of Bishops in 2023: in preparation to the Synod, Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod. The Archbishop is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Synod which Pope Francis has invited the Whole Church to join. As the parish of St Peter and the Guardian Angels we will be holding a meeting on 25th October 7pm. For more information about the Synod visit our parish website or <https://rcaos.org.uk/synod>

RCIA: Adults seeking baptism are invited to join the RCIA programme which is a series of meetings every week for one hour. They run from the end of the third week of October to Easter and the different aspects of our Faith and Catholic Life are explored. And every help is given to discern what the Lord is asking of the individual concerned.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: baptism preparation class for parents and god-parents; **22nd October**, at 7pm. Please write your name on the paper at the back of the church or call the parish office. .

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).

If you wish 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

Pope's prayer Intentions for October: we pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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, which you will find at the back of Church. 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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