

13th October 2019

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"...no one has come back to give praise to God except this foreigner' and he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you " (Luke 17: 18-19)

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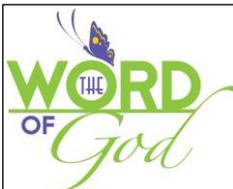
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Sun 13 Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	†Tina Gibbs
		10.30am	†Fr Paul Spellman
Mon 14 Oct	St Callistus	-----	-
Tue 15 Oct	St Teresa of Avila	10 am	-
Wed 16 Oct	St Hedwig	10 am	-
Thu 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch	10 am	-
Fri 18 Oct	St Luke	10 am	Holy Souls
Sat 19 Oct	Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions	6 pm	-
Sun 20 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	†Gretta Andrews
		10.30am	



Today's readings

1st Reading – 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm – 97:1-4

2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

WELCOME to our Masses this Sunday. Please join us in the hall after Mass for tea, coffee and refreshments.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED Please consider this invitation to help with Eucharistic Ministry in the parish. If you would like to find out more about this please talk to Fr Antony or Mary Gobbi. If you feel you could help with this at Mass there will be a training afternoon next Sunday, 20th October at 2.30 – 5 pm. In the hall. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

YOUTH ALPHA : Started last Wednesday but is still open for anyone of secondary school age to come and Join us. 6.30 to 8.00pm at Christ the King Church Hall to share food, discussion, talk and fun with friends from October 9th to December 11th. This is a great chance for young people in our Pastoral area, pre- and post-confirmation to join together and have fun in faith. If you wish to register or know more speak to Steve or David Deadman or e-mail: youthalphabitte@outlook.com

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY AND BLESSING OF GRAVES. Please note the correct details for this: 27th October, 12.15 pm. Meet at the entrance to South Stoneham Cemetery.

PARISH SHARED LUNCH & STUDENT WELCOME

TODAY, 12.30 pm. All university students, new and returning, are especially invited to join with parishioners in the hall for our ANNUAL STUDENT WELCOME EVENT.

My dear Friends:

In today's gospel, we hear the story about the ten lepers whom Jesus compassionately healed. Only one returned to him to express his thanks and gratitude. One of the great mystics once said, "wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life". I guess the challenge for each one of us is just how important it is for us to express our gratitude to those who graciously responded to our needs. True gratitude permeates every fibre of our being and the heart of the giver.

On Thursday evening I attended a Craigmyle lecture on Catholic Social Teaching given by Maurice Glasman. It was preceded by words of concern about the possible humanitarian crisis currently unfolding on Syria's border with Turkey, and the multitudes of peoples fleeing their homes and searching for safety. All around the world this kind of tragic scenario seems to be replicating itself. It is as if civilisations are in labour and, as Gramsci once stated, "the crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying and the new cannot be born; in this interregnum a great variety of morbid symptoms appear".

I think our grateful and generous response is not just to try address the symptoms, but also the root causes of so many of these scenarios. Paulo Freire touched on this when he said that "...True generosity lies in striving so that these hands--whether of individuals or entire peoples--need be extended less and less in supplication, so that more and more they become human hands which work and, working, transform the world..."

Love, peace and blessings,
Fr. Antony

MONEY LAST WEEK:

Main Collection:

Gift Aid Envelopes inc tax reclaim - £83.75

Loose plate collection – £282.77

Standing orders - £1080.27

Second Collection:

CAFOD - Inc tax reclaim: £709.34

CAFOD Cake Sale: £81.78

Second Collections:

Today – Roof Fund

Next week – World Missions

ATTENTION UNI STUDENTS! Are you interested in deepening your faith this academic year? Consider joining a FOCUS Bible Study. There are several groups meeting weekly during the academic year. This is a great opportunity to form friendships with other Catholic uni students and deepen your relationship with God. Find a FOCUS missionary at the University's Faith and Reflection Centre or contact Kaitlin Gilday (kaitlin.gilday@focus.org or 078 8400 6059).

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER?

The Vianney Group meets once a month to offer prayers of thanksgiving and support for our clergy and religious, and for vocations. Join us on Thursday 10th October in St Edmund's Hall at 7.30pm to pray and discuss how we can develop our group's support for clergy.

VOCATIONS *Only Jesus knows what 'definite' He has in mind for you. Be open to His voice resounding in the depths of your hearts. Ask our Lord what he has in mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say "yes!" Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation.* To explore, contact Father John Cooke on Tel 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MASS FOR THE SICK, ANNUNCIATION AND ST PATRICK'S PARISHES - Sunday October 20th, 3 pm at St Patrick's church, Woolston, SO19 9BD. The Mass will include the anointing of the sick with holy oils. Please come and join this special celebration. All are welcome.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Sunday 20th October, 6 till 6.45 pm. At Annunciation Church, Station Rd, Netley Abbey, SO31 5AF. Join us for a quiet time of gentle prayer, candle light and meditative songs of praise from Taize - a time to draw closer to God. A joint initiative with St Edward's Church of England parish. Everyone welcome.

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON Due to the lack of hall availability this year's Christmas fair will not take place. However we shall still have a grand raffle draw and tickets for this will be available over the coming weeks.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING If you are supporting vulnerable adults or children as part of a role you carry out for the parish and have not done the Diocesan safeguarding training there are opportunities as follows. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sign up.
Saturday 19th October, St Vincent de Paul, Aldermoor Close, Southampton SO16 5ST
Child Protection 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Vulnerable adults: 1.30 – 4 pm

BEREAVEMENT MASS, Saturday 2nd November, 11 am in the church hall. Please do put this in your diary to come along and remember those close to you who have recently died.

EXTRA ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER 2019

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission for October 2019 with the aim of re-energising the missionary transformation of the church's life and pastoral activity, and to help communities grow in missionary and evangelizing zeal. The theme of the month is 'Baptised and Sent'. As well as a whole community, we are asked to reflect on this as individuals "as the Father sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world". This mission is part of the Christian identity. As an act of Solidarity with whole Church, on Mission Sunday, 20th October 2019, 2pm Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by Refreshments in the Discovery Centre.

QUIET DAY, VERBUM DEI CENTRE, ISLE OF WIGHT

I am the God who sustains you.

19th October 2019 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

We take the 9.00am vehicle ferry to East Cowes and return on the 5.30 pm ferry. Cost: donation £10 to the Community (lunch, tea and coffee included). It is possible to stay on the Friday night leaving on the 8.15pm vehicle ferry. THIS IS ALSO RUNNING ON THE 12TH OCTOBER AT THE WISDOM CENTRE IN ROMSEY. Bookings & info from: Patricia Yandell on 07835948435 or email patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Held at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2NG, 11 am – 4 pm. These are themed monthly retreat days for anyone in the diocese to attend. They always follow the same format which includes Mass and, a shared lunch followed a guest speaker. You can attend for the whole day or either the morning or afternoon. No need to book and completely free. The next one takes place on Saturday 26th October. The guest speaker is Allegra Mutanda. Allegra is a member of the Sion Community for Evangelisation, where she leads the parish ministry team. More info at www.altonrenewal.com including the opportunity to listen to previous guest speaker talks.

ST ANNE'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 16th October, 6 – 8 pm For students in years 9 – 11. Come and take a look at the **brand new 6th form Centre**. More info at www.stannes6th.uk

PRISONS WEEK 13-19 OCTOBER. Information about Prisons week and the way in which you can support it can be found on the parish noticeboard in the hall. PACT (Prisoners Advice and Care Trust) are currently looking for volunteers to provide practical help to prisoners and those on probation in this area. See notice board and website www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-involved if you think you could support them.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wed. Thurs & Fri 9.30 am – 3.00 pm