



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
2 OCTOBER 2022
Rosary Sunday**

Dear Parishioners

After his pastoral visit to our parish last Sunday, Archbishop John Wilson has asked me to express his gratitude for the warm welcome our parish community gave him.

As you know, in the past two and a half years the Covid pandemic has challenged, tested and severely disrupted many areas of our life. Our parish life was also very much affected, but thanks to the resilience of our community in general and parish groups and individuals in particular, we have come to resume and continue to live our Christian journey together. Almost all parish groups have returned to their full pre-pandemic level of ministry, one of the last but very important ministries that has not yet started is the Children's liturgy.

We are glad to announce that we will be starting Children's liturgy stage by stage, as a starter we will resume with the younger ones (year 2 and under). I am very grateful to the organisers and catechists who volunteered to help with this group.

It is our intention to also resume with the other two groups namely children preparing for their First Eucharist and children who have received their First Eucharist and above. We need more catechists for these two groups, I call upon all parents and anybody willing to help to please come forward to give your generous "yes" to the request.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14, Luke 17:5-10

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's Gospel reading the Apostles are asking Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that if they had faith as small as a mustard seed they could say to a mulberry tree "Be uprooted and planted in the sea" and it would obey. It reminds me of a hymn we sing, usually at the end of Mass "Take the Word of God with you as you go, take the seeds of God's Word and make them grow." Through our lives we will experience times of joy and times of hardship, and through the grace of God we will come to understand that we are never left abandoned. This is how our faith grows. We are here to listen to the call of our Lord, "what is being asked of me today?"

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST PROGRAMME FOR 2022/3

We will commence our 2022/3 programme with a Welcome mass for children and their families on Sunday 2nd October at 9.30am.

The first session Reconciliation 1 will take place at 3pm on Sunday 2nd October in the church.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

A big thank you to our First Holy Communion Catechist Team.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 7 October 2022

Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church or visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> for ways to donate.

We will have a second collection next weekend.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



MANY THANKS DEAR BISHOP PATRICK LYNCH

Bishop Pat Lynch has retired from active ministry after 15 years of service as our area bishop and after 50 years of his priestly ministry.

To thank him for his prayers and support in the past years, there will be a special collection envelope available this weekend. Please return the envelope next week. It will be a personal gift from you to Bishop Pat.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2022

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.

MISSIO 'AUTUMN REPORTS ON WOMEN IN AFRICA'

Two women empowerment initiatives in Africa are highlighted in the Autumn issue of Missio now in the narthex or visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-today/>



One is the Kidist Mariam Centre in Ethiopia and the other is an update on the skills acquisition programme run by the Women's Interfaith Council in Nigeria, that we heard about last year. Both articles are worth reading among the many other articles in the issue. Missio is free of charge, so just pick up a copy.

Missio, the Pope's charity for the missions, points out that it is the only Catholic charity which reaches all the universal church that needs support and that 40% of the church currently needs that support!

FORMATION DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND LECTORS - SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 10AM TO 4PM

The formation day will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY. The theme for the formation day is 'Understanding and celebrating the Eucharist: Post Pandemic'.

To register please send an email to Carmel on carmelurbanoviez@rcaos.org.uk and copy to foresthill@rcaos.org.uk All Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors are encouraged to attend this formation day. Please [click here](#) or see the poster in the Narthex for full details of the programme for the day.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Please collect a form from Father Habte after Mass if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year.

Please post the information/school forms through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and copy Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by

9th October 2022. Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and we will let you know in good time when the forms may be collected.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PRESENTERS

Job vacancy: a married couple, both being practising Catholics, to present 6 courses a year in various locations in South London and Kent, as well as providing cover in case of colleagues' illness.

Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 14.

PRISONS WEEK - Sunday, 9 October – Saturday, 15 October 2022

Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical Prisons Week, a week of prayer which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. Please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prisoners-sunday/> for prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

MASS ATTENDEES

10/11 Sept- 248 17/18 Sept - 218 24/25 Sept - 318

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 2 Oct 9.30am	Welcome Family Mass	Church
Sunday 2 Oct 3pm	First Reconciliation Session 1	Church
Wednesday 5 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 8 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Rosary Sunday

Third National Mass Count

Saturday 1 October 2022

18:00 Tonino & Gerardo Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 2 October 2022

09:30 Welcome Family Mass - For the Parishioners

11:30 Ron Howell RIP Birthday **(live-streamed)**

Monday 3 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Roisin McGill RIP

Tuesday 4 October 2022 - St. Francis of Assisi

09:30 Bruce Kent RIP

Wednesday 5 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 6 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 James Gallagher RIP

Friday 7 October 2022 - Our Lady of the Rosary

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Harvest Food Day

09:30 Dr Arul Peters RIP 13th Anniversary

Saturday 8 October 2022 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 The Woodward Family

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Fourth (and final) National Mass Count

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Saturday 8 October 2022

18:00 RIP Pietro Battista & Maria Luigia D'Alessio

Sunday 9 October 2022

09:30 Christine Kelly RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon