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18.10.2020 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Mission Sunday

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

The Lord of History

God is king. Earthly rulers, political regimes, Cyrus or Caesar, are called by God to reveal something of his power and majesty and his plan for the human race. But they only hold their power for a time. Our concern is not with them, but with God whom we worship in the Eucharistic celebration.

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 17	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Mass
Sunday 18	
10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 19	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Mass
Tuesday 20	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Mass
Wednesday 21	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Individual Prayers
7.00pm	In Thanksgiving for prayers answered.
Thursday 22	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Mass
Friday 23	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	T & M C Family
Saturday 24	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Mass
Sunday 25	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10.00am	People of the Parish

World Mission Sunday 2020

Will you join us to share God's love with those near and far?

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world this weekend. This is a moment of grace to be reminded of our call, privilege and obligation to proclaim the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16: 15) and express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

In his message for the World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us: *The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures*.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Association Propagation of the Faith (APF).

Book of Remembrance

The month of November, also known as 'Month of Remembrance', and 'Month of the Holy Souls' is fast approaching. Words from the second book of Maccabees remind us ... *to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection.* (2 Maccabees 12:43).

Rightly, in November we remember all those who have gone to the Lord marked with the sign of faith. We fondly and gratefully remember those who have been near and dear to us in our own life's and faith's journey.

Parishioners are asked to submit the names of their loved ones **who died in the last twelve months** to be included in the 'Book of Remembrance'. Please **PRINT THE NAMES** in the list at the back of the church. The 'Book of Remembrance' will be placed in the sanctuary from the beginning and for the whole of November.

November Dead List

Parishioners are welcome to include the prayers of all the deceased family members, friends and benefactors and place them in the envelopes for this purpose found at the back of the church. There will be prayers and Masses offered for the Holy Souls, especially in November.

Please ignore the instruction on the envelope about placing offering in the envelopes. If you so wish, please use the Mass offering envelopes and Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered as and when possible.

Sick: Please pray for all those who are unwell at this time, especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, those who

Giving God His Due (Matthew 22:15-21): They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Pope's Prayer Intention for October - The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the current year which have not yet been collected are available at the back of the church.

are in isolation and all who help / take care of them as well as all those who serve our communities in frontline jobs.

RIP: Please pray for all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Telephone support: Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email (shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

Church Cleaners / Stewards: We still require more volunteers aged between 18 and 69 to help before, during and after Masses at weekends and on Wednesdays. If sufficient volunteers are found, Masses could be celebrated with parishioners on other weekdays as well. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Fr. Arul or speak to one of the volunteers on duty.

Just a Reminder: 'Thank you' to parishioners for complying with safety measures such as, hand-wash, wearing face mask and social distancing expected during Covid 19 pandemic in the Church. While having to communicate or catch up with friends after Mass, if parishioners could remember to observe social distancing, it will be much appreciated.

Christmas Cards Sales: Parishioners will be pleased to know Christmas Cards will be on sale in Parish Hall after 10.00am Mass on Sundays **only on 25th October, 1st November and 6th December.** If possible please pay by Cheque to avoid handling money. It will be much appreciated. Please be advised and guided by the volunteers with regard to the Covid-19 restrictions to be observed while browsing or purchasing the products. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Prayers for & Solidarity with Fr. Stan Swamy sj
Your prayers and support will be very much appreciated for the 83 year old Jesuit Priest Stan Swamy based in Ranchi, India. He has spent his ministry of almost half a century among the society's most disadvantaged people. Amidst this global pandemic he has been arrested and taken to Mumbai and put in prison. Let us remember him and the cause he was living for, in our prayers. More information is available online.

From the 'General Instruction of The Roman Missal'

The Entrance Hymn / Antiphon

47. After the people have gathered, the Entrance chant begins as the priest enters with the deacon and ministers. The purpose of this chant is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers.

48. ...If there is no singing at the Entrance, the antiphon in the Missal is recited either by the faithful...

From now on, we shall recite the Entrance Antiphon as the celebrant leaves the sacristy approaches the sanctuary.

Intercultural Celebration for One World Week

One World Week 18-25 October: the Annual Intercultural Mass goes online this year as an Intercultural Celebration prepared by the Ethnic chaplaincies in the Diocese. It will be available on the Diocesan Website this coming week.

Do make a point of setting time aside to pray for peace in the world with the many nations that now make up the Diocesan Family.

There is lovely music, prayers, readings and greetings in the many languages of our Community. Blessings come from Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Mar Joseph of the Syro Malabar Rite and Bishop Eparch Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Eparchy.

Why John Paul II wanted Mary to be called "Mother of the Church"

St. John Paul II was one of the strongest advocates for officially celebrating Mary's role as mother of all the Christian faithful.

In 2018, Pope Francis instituted an annual celebration on the Monday following the feast of Pentecost called, "Mary, Mother of the Church." The decree announcing the celebration explains that, "This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God."

While the liturgical celebration is new, the desire for an official recognition of this title of Mary has had many supporters over the years.

For example, St. John Paul II advocated for this title on multiple occasions. He first mentioned it in his encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, where he recalled the words of St. Paul VI in reference to this title.

*At the [Second Vatican] Council Paul VI solemnly proclaimed that Mary is the Mother of the Church, "that is, Mother of the entire Christian people, both faithful and pastors." Later, in 1968, in the Profession of faith known as the "Credo of the People of God," he restated this truth in an even more forceful way in these words: "We believe that the Most Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, the **Mother of the Church**, carries on in heaven her maternal role with regard to the members of Christ, cooperating in the birth and development of divine life in the souls of the redeemed."*

He later explained in a general audience in 1997 that, "Pope Paul VI would have liked the Second Vatican Council itself to have proclaimed 'Mary Mother of the Church, that is, of the whole People of God, of the faithful and their Pastors.' He did so himself in his speech at the end of the Council's third session (21 November 1964), also asking that 'henceforth the Blessed Virgin be honored and invoked with this title by all the Christian people.'"

In particular, St. John Paul II strongly favored this title of Mary because of its ability to shape the Church, desiring that the Church would look to Mary as a model for imitation. He explains this first in *Redemptoris Mater*.

*[I]n her new motherhood in the Spirit, **Mary embraces each and every one in the Church**, and embraces each and every one through the Church. In this sense Mary, Mother of the Church, is also the **Church's model**. Indeed, as Paul VI hopes and asks, the Church must draw "from the Virgin Mother of God the most **authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ**."*

*[A]s Christians raise their eyes with faith to Mary in the course of their earthly pilgrimage, they "strive to increase in holiness." Mary, the exalted Daughter of Sion, **helps all her children, wherever they may be and whatever their condition, to find in Christ the path to the Father's house.***

The Church, then, looks to Mary as a supreme example of faithfulness, but also of **motherhood**. Mary's love for all humanity directs the love of the Church and shows the Church how to take care of her children.

John Paul II firmly believed that this appellation of Mary was vital for the ministry of the Church and would have been pleased to see it emphasized in the new liturgical celebration that follows Pentecost. *Philip Kosloski* <https://aleteia.org/>