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25.10.2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

The Commandment of Love

Today, through the strength that Christ give us, we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that great commandment of love which once had to be imposed on men under threat of God's avenging anger.

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 24	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25	
10.00am	Philip Hughes RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 26	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Raja Mary RIP
Tuesday 27	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Teresa John RIP
Wednesday 28	<i>Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles.</i>
6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Individual Prayers
7.00pm	Selva Nayagam & Arockiammal RIP
Thursday 29	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time.</i>
	Thomai & Rosammal RIP
Friday 30	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	Yagappan & Arul Thomas Selvam RIP
Saturday 31	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Walter Hughes RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 01	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>
10.00am	James Sweeney RIP (Anniversary)

The Second Collection next weekend is for Johnson Association.

Book of Remembrance

The month of November is the 'Month of Remembrance', also commonly known as the 'Month of the Holy Souls'. 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, with love and gratitude we remember all those who have been near and dear to us in our life / 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 by this weekend. 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 names of all the deceased family members, friends and benefactors (**not just those who died in the last twelve months**) in a sheet of paper and place them in the envelopes provided. They will be placed on the sanctuary and prayers and Masses will be 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 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

The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.

How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

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.

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 for nearly half a century among the society's most disadvantaged people. Amidst this global pandemic he has been arrested and imprisoned in Mumbai. 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.

A letter to Proba by St Augustine: On the Lord's Prayer

We need to use words so that we may remind ourselves to consider carefully what we are asking, not so that we may think we can instruct the Lord or prevail on him.

Thus, when we say: *Hallowed be your name*, we are reminding ourselves to desire that his name, which in fact is always holy, should also be considered holy among men. I mean that it should not be held in contempt. But this is a help for men, not for God.

And as for our saying: *Your kingdom come*, it will surely come whether we will it or not. But we are stirring up our desires for the kingdom so that it can come to us and we can deserve to reign there.

When we say: *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*, we are asking him to make us obedient so that his will may be done in us as it is done in heaven by his angels.

When we say: *Give us this day our daily bread*, in saying *this day* we mean "in this world." Here we ask for a sufficiency by specifying the most important part of it; that is, we use the word "bread" to stand for everything. Or else we are asking for the sacrament of the faithful, which is necessary in this world, not to gain temporal happiness but to gain the happiness that is everlasting.

When we say: *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*, we are reminding ourselves of what we must ask and what we must do in order to be worthy in turn to receive.

When we say: *Lead us not into temptation*, we are reminding ourselves to ask that his help may not depart from us; otherwise we could be seduced and consent to some temptation, or despair and yield to it.

When we say: *Deliver us from evil*, we are reminding ourselves to reflect on the fact that we do not yet enjoy the state of blessedness in which we shall suffer no evil. This is the final petition contained in the Lord's Prayer, and it has a wide application. In this petition the Christian can utter his cries of sorrow, in it he can shed his tears, and through it he can begin, continue and conclude his prayer, whatever the distress in which he finds himself. Yes, it was very appropriate that all these truths should be entrusted to us to remember in these very words.

Whatever be the other words we may prefer to say (words which the one praying chooses so that his disposition may become clearer to himself or which he simply adopts so that his disposition may be intensified), we say nothing that is not contained in the Lord's Prayer, provided of course we are praying in a correct and proper way. But if anyone says something which is incompatible with this prayer of the Gospel, he is praying in the flesh, even if he is not praying sinfully. And yet I do not know how this could be termed anything but sinful, since those who are born again through the Spirit ought to pray only in the Spirit.

PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness,
look with compassion upon
the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic;
relieve the pain of the sick,
give strength to those who care for them,
welcome into your peace those who have died
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find
comfort in your merciful love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis Good Friday 2020



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