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Sunday 27th September 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 26th September 2020)
Intentions of William DeSa.

8.30am People of the parish.

11.30am SVP intention.

5pm Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP.

Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 28th September 2020

St Wenceslaus, Martyr (Memorial)

10am. Intentions of Jean Cowie (92).

Pvt Mass: Intentions Michael Menezes.

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Sts Michael, Gabriel and

Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

10am. Johann & Gertrud Pelzer RIP.

Pvt Mass: John Joseph Murphy RIP.

Wednesday 30th September 2020

St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

of the Church (Memorial)

10am Thomas Corr RIP.

Pvt Mass: Through the intercession of

Our Lady, protection, strength & guidance for Religious & Seminarians.

Thursday 1st October 2020

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin &

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10am Shane Dowman RIP.

Pvt Mass: Intentions James Menezes.

Friday 2nd October 2020 (First Friday)

The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

10am Intentions of Jean Bacchus.

Pvt Mass: Intentions Carina Menezes.

Saturday 3rd October 2020 - Our Lady

10am Bento Fernandes RIP.

12Noon First Communion Pvt Mass

Next Sunday 4th October 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd October 2020)

Fr David O'Malley SDB

(40th Anniversary as a priest).

8.30am Intentions of Saaraa Bacchus.

NB: No 11:30 Mass today

12Noon First Communion Pvt Mass

5pm People of the parish.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until approximately 11am. in the working sacristy. Please wait in the Retro Chapel.

Please leave straight afterwards.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME.

PUBLIC MASSES

The Sunday Mass Obligation is on hold.

Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday. A private Mass is said on weekdays at any time of day.

We are not open for private prayer.

We still need volunteer stewards.

Please follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines as well as any instructions and directions given to you by clergy and stewards.

We regret that singing is not permitted.

Kindly do not gather outside or in the porch, either before or after Mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office now opens on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 11am & 3pm. Please only visit if essential. Please follow any COVID directions given, and always wear a mask or other face covering.

FUNERALS

If a loved one should die, though they have lapsed from the Catholic Faith, this is no reason to deny them a Requiem Mass. Please speak to Fr Deo, and don't be persuaded by others, no matter how well – intended they may be, that a funeral Mass should not take place. It is for God alone to judge us.

FUNERAL ORDERS OF SERVICE

The Parish Office is able to provide you with a bespoke Order of Service, including any photos you wish to be included. We do not make a specific charge for this, but invite you instead to make a fitting offering, perhaps taking account of the cost of having it printed elsewhere, which we understand can be very costly. Many have availed themselves of this service, and we can show you samples if you wish.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

School reference interviews will be conducted by phone this year.

Please download and print out the Reference Form, which is on the Home Page of our parish web site, and which contains very clear

instructions on what you need to do: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/index.html>

Please complete the form in ink.

Please do not complete it on line, and please do not image the form, as we must receive the original.

Please spread the word to anybody you know who may not be aware.

Please remember to send an adequately stamped addressed envelope. The closing date for forms to reach the Parish Office is

Sunday 11th October.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please follow directions given by priests, ministers and stewards.

Masks should be lowered and hands outstretched to accept the Host.

Kindly leave immediately afterwards.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

Standing orders assure us of just **£750.00** per week. (NB: approximate figure).

If you signed a Standing Order during our Planned Giving Programme, please check to see if it has taken effect. If not, please contact the Parish Office.

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office.

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order.

Having a Standing Order will enable your planned giving to continue uninterrupted, giving you the added satisfaction of knowing that the financial element of your stewardship, dependent upon your personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting for the parish.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:**

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére,
Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,
Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco,
Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,
Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Lilian McManus,
Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,
Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan,
Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,
Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,
Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,
Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,
Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor,
Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you
House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do
that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity
to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of
the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner
renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest,
he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his
previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 24:4-9, response v 6)

R: Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love, remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Second Reading – (Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can
persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any
tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions
and united in your love, with a common purpose and a
common mind. That is the one thing which would make me
completely happy. There must be no competition among

you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing.
Always consider the other person to be better than yourself,
so that nobody thinks of his own interests first,
but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.
In your minds, you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with
God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above
all other names, so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and
in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus,
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – (John 14:23)

Alleluia! alleluia!

**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father
will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What
is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the
first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He
answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and
went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second
who answered, "Certainly sir", but did not go. Which of the two
did the father's will?' 'The first.' They said. Jesus said to them,
'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making
their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to
you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him,
and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing
that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION 2020**

Once dates have been finalised for these two Sacraments,
we shall advise you of them. Masses will be restricted to
candidates and close families, and not open to parishioners.
We have already received a number of queries regarding 2021,
and would ask you to kindly wait until plans can be made.
Our clergy and catechists are currently in the throes of ensuring
that all this year's candidates receive these sacraments.
They will then turn their attention to next year.
We cannot offer any further information at this stage.
As ever, you are encouraged to read the newsletter, which you
may pick up at Mass or download from our Parish Web Site.

MASS INTENTIONS

**Please ask stewards for Mass Intentions Envelopes.
Gift Aiders may also Gift Aid Mass offerings.**

GIFT AID END OF YEAR LETTERS

We hope to be able to issue these shortly. There has, for obvious
reasons, been a delay in getting all the information into the Gift
Aid system to enable these letters to be produced. We expect to
be able to issue these from the beginning of October.