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20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 Psalter Week 1		Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year WORLD MISSION DAY	
First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11 <i>If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.		
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16 <i>Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45 <i>The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.</i>		
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Geraldine O’Shea RIP)	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October +	10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Thelma Smith RIP)	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October St John Paul II - Pope	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Elizabeth Henry – Healing)	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October St John Capistrano, Priest		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	10.00am 10.30am 12 noon	Mass – (DHS Sisters – Int.) Adoration & Confessions	
Friday – 25 <sup>th</sup> October Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration & Confessions Mass – (Rosemarie Grunnell RIP)	
Saturday – 26 <sup>th</sup> October Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops St Alfred the Great	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Jason & Christina Coeur de Lion – 10 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year			
Saturday – 26 <sup>th</sup> October +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 27 <sup>th</sup> October +	10.30am	Mass – (Chapman family RIP)	

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – MISSO**

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: £320.45
- Digital Collection Plate: £45.00
- Standing Orders of £487.00
- TOTAL: £852.45
- CAFOD (Family Fast): £425.91

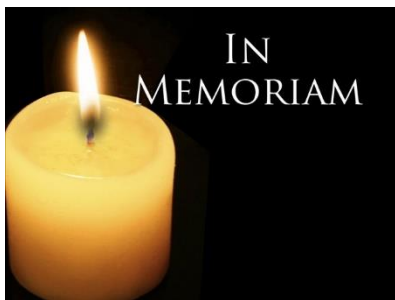
*Many thanks for your continued financial support*

**Thank you from CAFOD** - Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in your parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support, like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family.



### **Proud to be the Pope's Charity for World Mission**

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather for vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. **If you have a red Missio Box at home** could this please be brought back over the next couple of weeks. Ideally, we would like the box holders to empty them into a plastic bag with a note of their name and to be left at the back of the church.



### **In Memoriam Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> November 12 Noon**

This Mass will be celebrated for our loved ones who have died between November 2023 until now. All who have lost someone special will have their names entered into our parish memorial book, read out and a candle lit in their memory. Please let Denise have any names **no later than Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. These names are should not be confused with the November Holy Souls envelopes. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to place by the candles that will be lit, please feel free to do so. Fr Biju, Deacon Peter, and the SVP look forward to welcoming you to give thanks for their lives and to pray for the repose of their souls. **We also invite you to light refreshments in the Hall afterwards**. We are happy to provide transport. It would be helpful to have an idea of the number of people attending. Please let us know by email at [veronicatarrant@aol.com](mailto:veronicatarrant@aol.com) or by phone at **07469 717760**, or in person to any member of the SVP.



### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than **next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**



**Catholic Grandparents Association** – One of the many blessings in our parish is the existence of the Catholic Grandparents Association under the guidance of Fr Patrick. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October as usual at 2pm in the Parish Hall**. Do please come and join us for refreshments and an opportunity to consider another aspect of grandparenting and to pray together for grandparents and grandchildren. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.



**Calling all the Young People of our Parish!** - your presence in our parish is a great blessing to us all. In recognition of this Fr Biju & Deacon Peter extend an invitation to all our young people to a special Mass of Thanksgiving for them – this will be held here at Our Lady's on **Thursday evening 31<sup>st</sup> October at**

**7.00pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. It would be wonderful to see as many of our young people as possible, particularly those who received their First Holy Communion earlier this year; along with those who were Confirmed; our young Altar Servers; the young members of the Choir, in fact all of you! See you there....

**Assisted Suicide Bill** – The Catholic Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. In early September 2024, Our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16th October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition. The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources for you to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Further information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>



**Message from CAFOD** – the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) are launching an emergency appeal in response to the worsening crisis that we see in the Holy Land. As a member of the DEC, we are pleased that the scale of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle

East has been recognised, and CAFOD plays an important role in how the Catholic community responds to this. Thanks to the support of the Catholic Community here in England and Wales, we have been supporting partners providing essential and life-saving responses to the huge need in Gaza to many thousands of people over the last year and have been able to allocate £60,000 out of core funds to Lebanon partners to support their immediate response. Further information & donations: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

## Reading Reflections – Twenty-Ninth Sunday (Year B)

Today's Scripture readings describe Christian leadership as the sacrificial service done for others. They also explain the servant leadership of Jesus and teach us that self-sacrificing, loving, humble service is the criterion of greatness in Christ's Kingdom.

**First Reading - Isaiah 53:10-11** - tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the Suffering Servant crucified as an offering for sin, interceding for us and taking our punishment on Himself.

**Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16** - taken from the letter to the Hebrews, tells us that, as Godman and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes the ransomed offered himself as a substitute for the slave, as Jesus did. The reading also speaks of a "High Priest who is able to sympathize" with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way, though sinless, and so we can "confidently" hope for God's mercy.

**Gospel - Mark 10:35-45** - explains how Jesus foretells for the third time, his suffering and death to atone for our sins and to save us. But his disciples are still dreaming of a triumphant political messiah who will reestablish the glorious Davidic kingdom. They dream of sharing their master's glory. Hearing the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom, Jesus challenges them, and us, to become great by serving others with sacrificial agape love: "Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant."

We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. As Christians, we are all invited to serve others – and to serve with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by spending our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving" is in our own homes and workplaces. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others in the family, they are serving God. Service always involves suffering because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. We also render great service to others when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers.

Fr Biju

**Thought for the Month:** *"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."*

**St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'**

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

*With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter*