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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th/25th September 2022



Year C, Volume 2: (Page 143): Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Next Week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 146): Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 10am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

I think it fair to say that as we get older we get to a certain level of stubbornness in our way of thinking. Sometimes this can be a good thing if it is based on our wisdom, and when it is bound up in true wisdom (our faith and the teachings of the church) then our being fixed in the unchanging truth of the love of God will set us free. Conversely, when it is bound up in ourselves, in our own experiences and our own opinion then it can be a most dangerous practice that can threaten our very own life of faith.

Thus says the Lord "Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion". These words from the prophet Amos in our first reading in which Amos issued a call from the Lord to the people of his time. These people who had turned away from God's call and plan for them. They had lost sight of their identity to be a special people of God. And so Amos warned them, that if they continue in this practice then their culture will become weakened and they will eventually be vulnerable to invading armies. Sadly, the people do not listen and ultimately the northern kingdom of Israel is destroyed.

In today's Gospel we are given the example not of a nation but of an individual who is stubborn in his way of living. The rich man symbolises an individual who is totally self-centred and considers himself self-sufficient, and like the people of the northern kingdom who pay no heed to the prophet Amos and suffer national destruction, the rich man pays no heed to the teachings of the prophets of his time and he too perishes. And from the depths of hell he cries out to Abraham, pleading with him that Lazarus might be sent to touch and teach his brothers so that they won't suffer the same fate that he has suffered. And then the parable ends with a very stark phrase, that even if someone were to rise from the dead they still wouldn't be convinced.

Indeed, someone has risen from the dead, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and he calls us to follow him, and in doing so to raise our awareness of our complacency and to turn away from our sin. And it is our response to that, that identifies our discipleship and our following of him.

As we gather here at St Lawrence's every weekend, we celebrate the greatest gift that God has given us, the gift of Christ in the Eucharist, however, we should be aware that each and every one of us can fall short in our response to follow Christ. All of us can, at times, fall victim to some kind of complacency, similar to that prophesied by Amos in our first reading.

Today's readings leave us with a sense of urgency for our Church and our mission given to us by Christ, all of us should have a very real need to constantly reform and turn away from anything that restricts our life of faith.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr David will be celebrating some additional Masses during the weekdays, time permitting. Please see Mass Intentions for times of Masses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2022/2023

If your child is in school Year 2 or above and in a non-Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for an enrolment form. Classes start this Sunday after the 9.30am Mass.

THANK YOU!

I was immensely touched by your heartfelt expressions of thanks for my ministry in St Lawrence and for joining in the thanksgiving Mass last Sunday and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Thank you to everyone for the food, the drinks, the leaving cards and the gifts you all gave to celebrate and thank God for my ministry with you. I am aware some planning went into organising the day. Many thanks to Fr John, Fr David, Florie, the parish secretary, the choir, those who set up the hall and cleared out afterwards, the wonderful ladies who helped out in the kitchen, and of course, all who ate and drank what was served. It was not just me serving you as best as I could as your priest, but you too inspired and supported my ministry with you tremendously. Thank you all and be assured of my prayers for you. God bless. *Fr Joseph Okoro*

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

After a two-year absence, the Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick, will take place on **Saturday 29th October** at 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. This is for all our housebound or sick parishioners.

There will be lists in the next week or two at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport. We need offers of help to bring people to Church and take them back.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On **Friday 7th October**, Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 10am Mass.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr David Cherry or Deacon Colin Macken.

UCM

The next meeting of the UCM will be on **Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This will be the second weekend of The Annual Mass Count. All ushers and those from our different Ethnic Chaplaincies please complete your counting sheet and return to Fr John after Mass.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Admission to Year 7 2023

Open Mornings (no appointments needed)

Thursday 29th September and 6th October from 8.45am to 10.15am

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admission to Year 12 in 2023

Wednesday 28th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

For more information: www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

1.30pm – 3.00pm; 5.00pm – 7.30pm

MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022

10.30am – 11.30am

To register and for further information visit our website:

www.gunnersbury.com

GUMLEY HOUSE CONVENT

Open Morning: Tuesday 4th October 2022 (9am-11am). Headteacher talk from 10:20am. For more information: info@gumleyhouse.com

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TWICKENHAM

will be hosting an Open Evening on **Wednesday 5th October** from 6pm. Parents and pupils will be offered tours of the college by current students and all departments will be offering demonstrations and displays. Additionally, there will be an address by our Principal, Mr Burke at 6:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are required for the talk by Mr Burke and are available via this link: [Mr Burke - Principal Talk](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing on the following dates. Please put your name on the lists in the porch. There are 15 slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms.

Saturday 8th & 15th October – 9am-10am;

Wait in the Parish Centre on:

Sunday: 9th & 16th October after the 11am Mass

CAFOD HARVEST DAY COLLECTION

Friday 7th October is CAFOD Family Fast Day and envelopes will be available for your donations. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please sign the declaration form. Collections will be taken up the **weekend 8th/9th October** after all Masses.

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There will be another Bucket collection in the coming weeks. Last week's collection raised £169.30.

To make a donation to help pay towards the new Classrooms by Bank Transfer please email office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk or call the School Office on 020 8890 3878.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

The new Rota covering October-December is available in the Sacristy.

DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help. Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please donate now at cafod.org.uk/give or put your donation in an envelope marked 'PAKISTAN APPEAL' and give to Father or post through the Presbytery letterbox.

HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING – A weekend for the widowed, separated and divorced: at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9BX - **14-16 October 2022**.

Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details, please contact: Freda on 01322 838415, Maura on 07795 498445 or besouthofengland@gmail.com

REST IN PEACE

EMI FITZGIBBON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Emi Fitzgibbon RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 10th October at 10.30am**. This is the parish Mass that day. We also keep in prayer all her family and friends who mourn her.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 24 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Mama Felicia Forson RIP (Anniversary) Claire Vanya De Silva in Thanksgiving – First Birthday |
| ✳ Sun 25 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Rebecca Ofajaku RIP Lino Fernandes RIP John Joseph Hurley RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass |
| Mon 26 | 8.15am 10.00am | People of the Parish Rebecca Ofajaku RIP |
| Tues 27 | 10.00am 7.00pm | In Thanksgiving Fernandes Family Adelino & Isabel Figueiredo RIP |
| Wed 28 | 10.00am 10.45am | Maria C Fernandes and Laurence Costa RIP D'Costa Family in Thanksgiving (Class Mass) |
| Thurs 29 | 10.00am | Clema Antao RIP |
| Fri 30 | 10.00am | Agnetha Wilson in Thanksgiving |
| Sat 1 Oct | 11.00am 5.00pm | Denise Holme RIP (1 st Anniversary) Rita Tighe RIP |
| ✳ Sun 2 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm | Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary) Juliet Fernandes RIP (1 st Anniversary) Bezmith & Dominic Fernandes RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Bartholomew & Mariquinha Fernandes RIP | | |

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