

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND ST. GREGORY WARWICK STREET, LONDON W1B 5LZ

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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & 25TH IN ORDINARY TIME

Some of the people in the Gospel, the “first” in today’s parable, thought that, because they had served the Law of the Lord, had over so many centuries “borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat”, God should love them in a special way. They were somehow better than others. Maybe there are some of us Catholics who think along the same lines. But that is not the way God works. His disciples, the “last”, who have given up everything to be with him, will be the recipients of the same love and the same rewards. In fact, they may receive more in the sense that, unlike unbelieving Jews, they fully opened themselves to the love of God in following Jesus.

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness. Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel’s kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth

Second reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Paul says in today’s Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name. Paul knows that he is a man called to God’s service, and seeks to honour the Lord both in his life and in his death. Much as he yearns to be with Christ, he does not refuse to live, but rather seek’s Christ’s will in all things.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord’s great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today’s parable. Doesn’t the complaint of those first labourers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus’ prodigal son parable? God’s ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today’s First Reading. And today’s readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God’s lavish mercy.

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION -As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm
12.15pm Tur-Fri

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk.

NOTICES

Intentions at Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention, please have a word with Fr Mark.

Wednesday 23rd September at 6.30pm: Solemn Mass (Latin)

Music will include Byrd's Mass for four voices.

Fr Mark's final Sunday at Warwick Street

On Sunday 27th September there will be a bring-and-share lunch after Mass. Peter Sefton-Williams is co-ordinating the food so please email him on peter@seftonwilliams.com and let him know what you are bringing.

Please put this in your diary! There will be no 5pm Mass that day.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 13th –15th November

If you are interested in making a pilgrimage to England's Nazareth and joining this group, please have a word with Joseph Barnes.

Schedule of Mass with effect from 26th-27th September

Tuesday to Thursday: 12.45

Saturday 6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.30pm: Solemn Mass

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sunday 20 th September	25 th in Ordinary Time 16 th after Trinity	10.30 Solemn Mass 5.00pm Mass	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 21 st September	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST		
Tuesday 22 nd September	Feria	12.45pm Mass	
Wednesday 23 rd September	St Pius of Petrelcina, Priest	12.45pm Mass 6.30pm Mass	
Thursday 24 th September	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	12.45pm Mass	Private intention
Friday 25 th September	Feria	12.45pm Mass	
Saturday 26 th September	Our Lady on Saturday	12noon Mass 6pm Mass (Vigil)	Christians of Nigeria People of the Parish

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MASS PROPER S AT THE SATURDAY VIGIL

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

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Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a
The LORD is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

Second reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Alleluia.

Gospel

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At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

MASS PROPER

SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Miserere mihi (Ps 86:3, 5, 1)

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee.

(Ps) Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery.

GLORY... Have mercy...

Collect

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because she cannot continue in safety without thy succour; preserve her evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

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Alleluia

Cantate Domino (Ps 98:1)

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

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Offertory

Domine, in auxilium (Ps 40:16,17)

Make haste, O Lord, to help me; let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Prayer over the Offerings

GRANT, O Lord, we pray thee: that by the protection of thy holy Sacraments; we may ever be defended against all the assaults of the devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Of the Lord's Day: God the Father

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy ☩.

Communion

Domine, memorabor (Ps 71:15, 16, 17)

O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only; thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: forsake me not, O God, in my old age, when I am grey-headed.

Postcommunion

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the operation of thy heavenly bounty may so possess our minds and bodies: that not our own desires, but the effectual working of the same may ever prevail within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.