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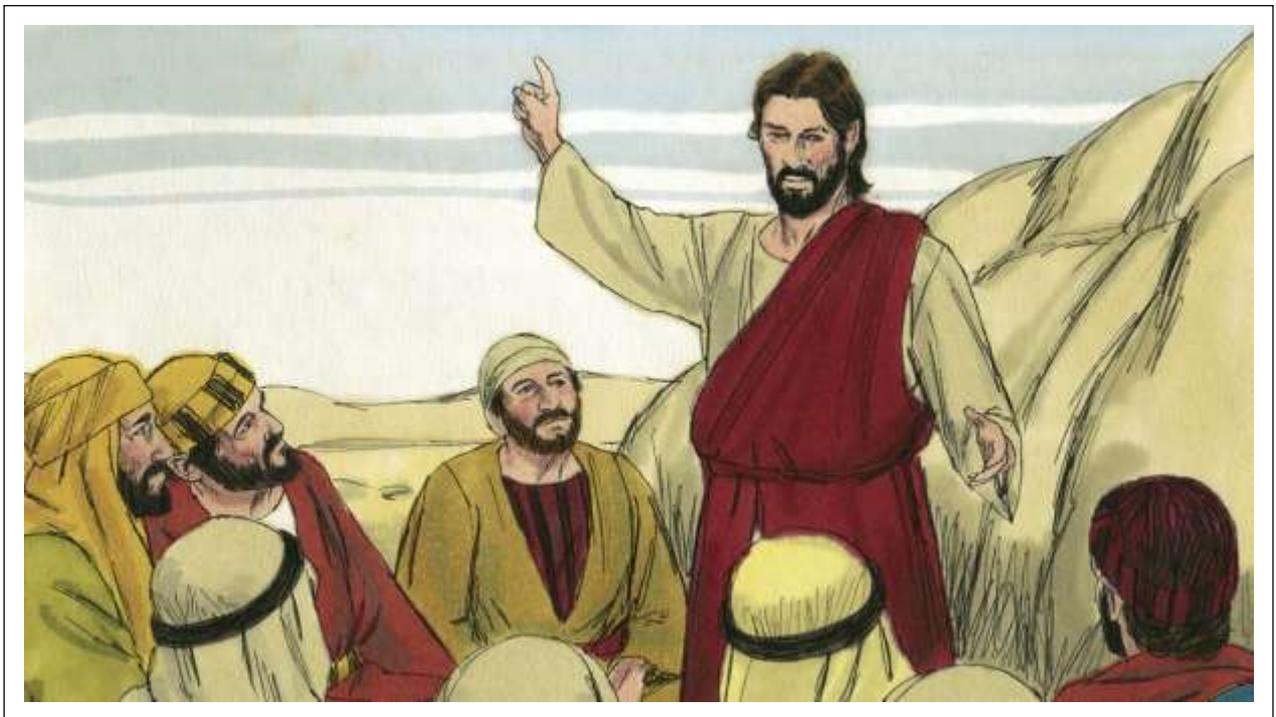
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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 September 2018

“If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.”

Mark 9, 41

FR HUDSON'S CARE

This weekend, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's care. Their mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please be as generous as you can. Gift aid envelopes available in the Narthex.

Through Fr Hudson's care, people find the care, understanding and support they need to live their lives on equal terms, at St Vincent's apartments, in the community, and in St Catherine's Bungalows and Day Service. Older people and those living with various types of dementia find a home from home in St Joseph's, a residential community in Coleshill, North Warwickshire.

Those experiencing homelessness are seen as people first, with all their strengths, talents and ambitions. Refugees and asylum seekers find welcome in caring communities, and vulnerable older people feel connected, happier and healthier thanks to Father Hudson's Care and its community partners. Full details available at

www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

RED APF BOXES The counting team have kindly agreed to count the money in the red APF boxes during October so that we can send a cheque off in November. If you have a box at home please bring it to Mass with you before the end of October and give it to one of the welcomers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£174.64	Loose	£435.72
Standing Orders			£484.00
Comboni Fathers			£599.50

Thank you from Saturday

Breakfast team

The first venture into inviting speakers to Our Lady & St Anne made a good start. A group of 15-20 people (men & women) were treated to an interesting talk about the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

£45 was made which will be split between the parish and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to support their vital work. Look out for further events - maybe at a different time of day 😊

A Mass count should be taken at all Masses this weekend.

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING

SERVICE Saturday, 6th October: 5 - 7 pm. A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Please park considerately. *All are welcome! Fr Peter*

MAPLEDURHAM MASS

The usual end of month Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 6.00pm on Sunday 30th September.

READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP MEN'S BREAKFAST

8.15.am for 8.30.am on Saturday 13th October at Reading Blue Coat School Sonning Lane, Sonning-on-Thames. More details on the poster in the narthex.

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Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): We are living in a very noisy world. The radio, the TV, the newspapers and websites seem to be shouting at us all the time. The tone is often angry, frequently hysterical. Every leader-writer and columnist has a strong opinion, and even those who interview others on our news channels are themselves opinionated and far from fair. Is it any wonder people are confused, and not just about Brexit? Recent weeks have drawn the Catholic Church into this shouting match and the constantly unfolding stories of scandal and abuse of power have made it difficult for all of us in our search for truth. Our loyalties too have been seriously challenged. Today's scripture readings acquaint us with the ancient Israelites at a very confused moment in their history. And the words of Jesus have a particular poignancy at a time when scandal has knocked at the Church's door. Just like the contemporaries of Moses and those mostly poor and needy people who huddled around Jesus, we too want to hear a prophetic voice. We desperately need to hear the word of God proclaimed with clarity and conviction, and we will only hold it credible if it crosses the lips of men or women whose deeds match their words. It is worth reflecting that, Sunday after Sunday as we prepare ourselves to listen to God's word, we acknowledge our sinful state and our unworthiness. Rather, therefore, than judge those from whom we might expect leadership and the message of truth, let us purify our own hearts and open our minds to the healing balm which is the word of God.

First Reading (OT): Numbers 11, 25 – 29: The power of God's spirit was not the privileged possession of Moses alone. God wanted others also to be filled with the spirit's power, each to achieve a different task. Paul was later to understand very clearly the different callings in the community which the Holy Spirit inspired and empowered. Jealousy of another's unique God-given and spirit-fuelled talent or capacity had no place, either in the early congregation of the Hebrews in the desert nor in the early church community of Corinth a thousand years later. Nor has it any place in our Christian parish community today. The short reading closes with the wish that all of us were prophets! Maybe that was as unrealistic then as it is today. We must listen to the prophetic voices which are raised in our own time.

Second Reading (NT): James 5, 1 – 6: We are living in a much more egalitarian society today than was prevalent in the epoch in which James' letter was written. Still, that thirst for justice which is so often repeated in the prayers of the OT and that ideal which inspired the early Christians as they set up their first communities is still as important in our day. That commitment to justice is an ideal which inspires politicians of both left and right.

Gospel: Mark 9, 38 – 43. 47 – 48: The words of Jesus we hear today have a contemporary relevance which is not only uncanny but deeply poignant. The warning issued by Jesus deserves a particular echo in the hearts of all – bishops, priests and all the baptised – who are stewards of the Church and sentries of the house of Israel.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 138-140

Masses and Intentions

Twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 29th September 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
Feast: Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	29 th September	17.30	Jenny Randall RIP
Sunday	30 th September	10.00	Manuel-Rey Rodriguez RIP
		18.00	Mapledurham Mass
		18.30	Tom O'Connor RIP
Monday	1 st October	09.15	Ahmed Abba Paris RIP
	<i>Memorial: St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>		
Tuesday	2 nd October	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
	<i>Memorial: the Guardian Angels</i>		
Wednesday	3 rd October	09.15	Henry & Paulette Waro RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Thursday	4 th October	08.00	Thanksgiving for Jerris & Claris
	<i>Memorial: St Francis of Assisi</i>		
Friday	5 th October	12.30	Pamela Thompson RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday	6 th October	10.00	Faith & success now & always
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	6 th October	17.30	'Van' Van Den Berghe
Sunday	7 th October	10.00	Theo Johnson RIP
		18.30	Jenny Randall RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
 16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
& Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45