

Masses and Intentions
Week 22 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 31st August 10.00 Private intention
Feria in Ordinary Time

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 31st August 17.30 Eric Swallow RIP
Sunday 1st September 10:00 Colehan family—thanksgiving
18:30 People of the parish

Monday 2nd September 09.15 Private intention
Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 3rd September 09.15 Private intention
Feast: St Gregory the Great

Wednesday 4th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 5th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 6^h September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 7th September 17.30 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Sunday 8th September 10.00 Phil Jordan RIP
18.30 People of the parish

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 August/ 1 September 2019

“That they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.”

Luke 14, 14

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a health and safety audit of the church and surrounding premises.

If you have noticed anything that you would like to draw to our attention, please email or ring the office by 8th September.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 8th September is this year's Education Sunday when Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The second collection on Education Sunday will be for the Catholic Education Service.

OUR LADY & ST ANNE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

OLSA BSG will meet @ 19.30hrs. on the following dates: Wed 4th September and Wed 2nd October.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

This year, Heritage Open Days will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. A chance to look behind the scenes of some of the historical features in Caversham and Reading. Runs 13th - 29th September.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £111.00 Loose £414.93
Standing Orders £459.00

SEASON OF CREATION 2019

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/#catholic>

CLEANING THE CHURCH

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc.? Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office to chat about what you can offer. Families more than welcome .

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke): All of us are acutely aware of the image of ourselves we project. In our world, and this applies especially to the young, many of us change job or career a number of times. We up-date our CV, we photo-shop our portrait and those who have a life on social media are constantly changing their profile. We all like to dress fashionably, we like to appear well groomed and give the impression that our appearance matters, and we often tailor the image we present of ourselves depending on our audience. And we never short-change ourselves! Where does the true person dwell? Where can I find the authentic person? And the question I ask of others applies also to myself. Our culture does not encourage us to be modest about our talents or achievements - we have to sell ourselves, after all. Both the wisdom of the OT and the example set by Jesus encourage us to strive to be humble and to have modest ambitions. Did not Mary praise the God who exalted the lowly and filled the hungry with good things?

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiasticus 3, 17 - 20. 28 - 29: Humility is often associated with weakness, with a reluctance to assert oneself and a timidity in the face of the challenges life throws our way. In a society such as ours which prizes success and the acquisition of material wealth, humility is often seen as something bogus. The wisdom teacher Sirach, author of this text, does not recommend a bogus humility. He is concerned with an accurate estimation of our own worth: our talents, and our defects. Success gives us no rights to lord it over others or be dismissive of their lesser achievements. Confrontation with the wealth and possessions of others has the effect of making those who have less feel inferior. And it also makes them lack gratitude for what it is they have. We must not take the fortune we have for granted and must give thanks (to God) for what we have.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 12, 18 - 19. 22 - 24: This letter is written to a people familiar with the story and the imagery of the Jewish scriptures (OT). Allusion is made to the various ways in which God revealed himself to be present in this world, present to his people. And it looks forward to the final gathering of the scattered peoples in Jerusalem, the holy city where God has his dwelling. This is an eschatological vision of the end times when God will reign and be all in all.

Gospel: Luke 14, 1. 7 - 14: The venue is the home of a Pharisee, the occasion is a Sabbath meal and those being addressed by Jesus are those guests sitting at table. The parabolic reference is directed to those who have an exaggerated sense of their self-importance. Jesus' recommendation about taking the last place first, so as to be invited to move up further, something which has become part of today's etiquette, but is pride masquerading as humility! And yet God knows what I am really worth. The second piece of advice is directed to the host: do not invite the obvious guests, the guests who will return your hospitality and compete with you in ostentatious generosity, but rather turn to those who get no invitations to anyone's table. God loves the cheerful giver, the one who extends his hospitality to those in need.

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