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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28/29 September 2019**

“Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.”

**2 Corinthians 8, 9**

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY CAKE SALE - SUN 29TH SEPT!**

Please support our Children's Liturgy families by bringing your pennies along to our yummy cake sale in the Cenacle after 10am mass on Sunday 29th September! The children want to raise lots of money for CAFOD and parish funds. Donations of cakes also gratefully received! Thank you!

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES**

If your child/ren is/are in year 3 or above and attends St Anne's school, the date for their First Holy Communion is **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

All other children who prepare for their First Holy Communion in the coming year will make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. This preparation will begin after Christmas but if you would like to add your child/ren to the list please email or ring the parish office with their names and which school they attend.

## **READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST**

8.00am for 8.10am on Saturday 05th October 2019 at The Pavilion  
143-145 Oxford Rd, Reading RG1 7UY  
More details on the noticeboard.

**MASS COUNT** to be taken at all Masses for the next 3 weekends.

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid	£146.66	Loose	£615.61
Standing Orders			£459.00
Tea/coffee after Mass			£113.58

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER**

**8.45am - 11.30am**

Please come and join us in the Cenacle for tea, filter coffee and cakes to raise money for this wonderful charity. Everyone welcome.

## **DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Places available for Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham Shrine by coach on 26th Oct, Saturday. Depart Reading at 8am. £25pp. Contact Edwin for more information 07900924941  
[edwinsraj@gmail.com](mailto:edwinsraj@gmail.com)

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** will be counted during October. If you have a box to be emptied, please bring it to Mass and hand it to the welcomers.

## **CAFOD FAST DAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

As a parish, we will be taking a collection for CAFOD during Lent but if you would like to find out about the Fast Day on 4<sup>th</sup> October, please click on <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> where you will find both information about how CAFOD spends their money and a place to make an online donation.

## **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 Lytle  
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** How do I live well? This is a question we regularly ask ourselves. And it is the issue which runs through the three scripture readings at today's Mass. The prophet Amos goes for the jugular in criticising the social failures of his own day and particularly the responsibility of those "ensconced so snugly in Zion". A certain political memoir published in recent weeks describes the politician concerned as "insouciant". And perhaps that is how Amos casts those he holds responsible for self-indulgence at the expense of the poor. [An argument frequently advanced in the raging political debate about climate change and environmental protection]. The letter to Timothy on the other hand formulates rules for a just and responsible lifestyle which should characterise any leader in society. Here we are dealing with an embryonic church community, but the same principle applies to society at large. The gospel parable, unique to Luke, poses questions to all of us about our lifestyle choices and the way they impact on the poor.

**First Reading (OT): Amos 6, 1. 4 – 7:** Those who run the city of Jerusalem come in for strong, withering criticism from Amos. Their own luxurious lifestyle is their priority. What matters to the people over whom they have responsibility is of little or no concern to them. They are keen to imitate King David in aping his lyricism and musicianship, but all to no avail. It is empty and vain. There is no benefit to their subjects and they are blissfully unaware of the political risks they are running. There are lessons to be learned for the political classes of our own day. Much of the rhetoric of the party conference season puts the warnings of the prophet Amos in mind.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Timothy 6, 11 – 16:** As was the case last week, the extract from Paul's first letter to Timothy presents a sharp contrast to the words of the OT prophet Amos. The instruction given to the leader of the Christian community is that he pursue virtue. He must himself be a virtuous man and see to it that he aims to be saintly, religious and in possession of all the natural virtues. It is only in living according to these principles that the leader can be above criticism. And it is only in this way too that the message of Jesus Christ can get through to the members of the community.

**Gospel: Luke 16, 19 – 31:** This parable seems very contemporary. We are living in a celebrity culture, magazines such as *The Economist* and *Hello!* of *Country Life* present us with luxury products, beautiful homes and people who look young, happy, healthy and have the most wonderful teeth: they are paraded on front of us continually as if we too should aspire to their lifestyles. And yet, we know that many of their lives are empty. This was certainly the case of the rich man, fretful of his position and fearful for his possessions: he was just as poor as Lazarus sitting outside his gate. And yet he was so preoccupied with himself that he ignored Lazarus. Jesus presents this parable in an eschatological context, in the context of the last judgement. The choices we make in this life impact on our eternal life.

**The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book: pp 143-145**

# Masses and Intentions

## Week 26 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 17.30 People of the parish  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 Souls of the faithful  
 18:30 Michael Martin RIP

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September No Mass  
*Memorial: St Jerome*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October No Mass  
*Memorial: St Therese of the Child Jesus*

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October No Mass  
*Memorial: the Guardian Angels*

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October No Mass  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October No Mass  
*Memorial: St Francis of Assisi*

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 Betty McHenry  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 17.30 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 People of the parish  
 18.30 Angela Caruana RIP

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45