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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 October 2020

“These servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike.”

Matthew 22, 10

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

To keep everybody safe, there are only 26 pews available for seating in the church so we have set up booking online through [Eventbrite](#). If you are able to use the internet, please book yourself in each week. Either google Eventbrite Our Lady and St Anne or follow the coloured link above. The booking closes at 3pm on Thursday afternoon. If you are not able to access the internet please ring the office before 4pm on Thursday.

OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARIES NEED YOU!

We are looking for a couple of practicing Catholics to join our Governing Body as Foundation Governor for the Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's primary schools. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role then please contact

CoG@Stmartins.reading.sch.uk

NEW NHS COVID 19 APP – ADDITIONAL PRECAUTION

For those of you with smart phones, the NHS COVID 19 app is now active and can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store. The app notices and logs nearby app users. If any users later test positive for COVID19 you will receive an alert along with advice about what you should do.

You can also use it to scan the official NHS QR codes which are displayed around the narthex to quickly and easily check in to the places you visit. Please consider downloading this app to protect yourself and others. If you don't have a smartphone then we will use the information that we collect when you come to Mass to get in touch with the local track and trace agency.

CONGRATULATIONS

to David Sarkodie, Aleka Harpa and Lola Winiecki who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish Mass on Sunday.

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Our Lady & St Anne Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Charity No.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): Central to the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday is the great banquet. We know that between a state banquet or wedding breakfast and the summer barbecue in the back garden there is a wide range of meals: restaurant gourmet evenings, Christmas dinner, Sunday lunch or mid-week suppers at the kitchen table. We are listening to the scripture readings with meals as their central motif at a celebration which is itself a meal, i.e. the Mass. We know that we can attend a pontifical High Mass, a Sunday parish Mass, a low-key weekday Mass or, on occasion, the priest can celebrate Mass alone but for an altar server. The variety in ways the Mass is celebrated is almost as great as between the meals listed above, but each and every Mass is itself a meal. It is a meal to which the Lord himself has invited us. Moreover, it is a foretaste and shadow of the great celestial banquet to which we are all invited and in which we hope to participate fully in the world to come.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 25, 6 - 10: This reading looks forward to the end time when all peoples will come to Zion, when all people recognise God as Lord and celebrate being in his presence as the great banquet which he will have prepared. This reading derives its power from the magnificent perspective it opens up for a redeemed people. This prophetic promise will have given great hope to the Jews of old. Yet for Christians reading the same text they will recognise that much of what Isaiah foresaw had already been fulfilled. Death has been destroyed for ever by the cross of Jesus and by his resurrection. Sadness and its tears have been wiped away by the joyous news of Easter. As Christians we live in tension between the what has already been achieved and what is yet to come.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 4, 12 - 14. 19 - 20: Here Paul is less keen to thank the people of Philippi for their kindness to him and for having sustained him. He wishes to acknowledge his total dependence on God who has looked after him in every need. His dependence on God gives him the freedom to preach the word and not be beholden to any of those he visits, be it the Philippians or any other community.

Gospel: Matthew 22, 1 - 14: The image used by Jesus will be familiar to all who regularly watch programmes about the Royal Family, not only *The Crown* but the seemingly endless series of documentaries about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The state banquet in Windsor is the highlight of every state visit to London: the splendid setting, the meticulous preparation, the formal attire of both hostess and guests, the liveried servants and the exquisite food and wine. One can understand that whether in the Roman Empire or the court of King Herod such banquets were a rarity. The privilege of being invited was much envied and sought after. And yet, here in the parable, guests turned down the king's invitation. We can read this parable in much the way we read last week's parable of the vineyard: after the way the servants were treated, particularly the son, it was given to others [i.e. us]. We are invited each week to the banquet of the Eucharist: do we always accept?

Masses and Intentions

Week Twenty-eight of Ordinary Time

Fr Patrick celebrates most of these Masses on his own.

Tues, Thurs and Sun Masses are open for up to 26 households to attend.

Saturday	10 th October	10.00 (Exposition- church closed)	People of the parish
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	10 th October	17.30	Zygmunt Powieki
Sunday	11 th October	10.00	People of the Parish
		12.00	Sacrament of Confirmation Family Mass
Monday	12 th October	09.15	Martin Joseph Ward
<i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday	13 th October	<u>18.00</u>	Arthur Taylor RIP
<i>Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor [church open for public Mass]</i>			
Wednesday	14 th October	09.15	Maureen O'Brien
<i>Memorial of St. Calistus, Pope and Martyr</i>			
Thursday	15 th October	<u>08.00</u>	Private intention [PHD]
<i>Memorial of St. Therese [church open for public Mass] of Avila, Virgin & Doctor</i>			
Friday	16 th October	12.30	Michel Verschueren intention
<i>Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>			
Saturday	17 th October	10.00	Herman Meysen intention
<i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr</i>			
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	17 th October	17.30	Holy Souls
Sunday	18 th October	10.00	People of the Parish

We welcome Fr David Sillence who is offering all Masses for the next two weekends.