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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2020

“I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will last, says the Lord.”

John 15, 16

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

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School

Year 7 Admissions September 2021

Please visit our Virtual Open Day on our school website: www.hughfaringdon.org

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) with evidence of religion to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 01189574730

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This will take place on Friday 6th October. If you would like to make a donation, please do it directly through the CAFOD website at cafod.org.uk/give or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

GIFT AID LETTERS

The Archdiocesan gift aid office is closed at the moment and everybody there is working remotely. This means that no gift aid letters will be posted. It is not a legal requirement to send these letter. If anybody would like a breakdown of what they have given to the parish for tax purposes contact the office after Monday 12th October and I can provide a print out for you.

FAMILY MASS

11th October at 12.00

It was lovely to see so many families at the last family Mass. Book in for this one at Eventbrite. Bookings close on Thursday 8th October at 15.00.

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): October signals the arrival of harvest time and one of the harvests which has the greatest impact on our palates and enjoyment of life in general is what the French call the *vendange*, the grape harvest. We drink more and more wine and the English nose and palate are becoming increasingly sophisticated year on year. Palestine had its vineyards in the time of Jesus and, judging by the parables the Church has put before us for the past three weeks, not only was he familiar with their workings but he would have been aware that the human relations which characterised the vineyard were in the Jewish tradition a reflection of the relationship between God and his people. In John's gospel Jesus uses the image of the vine and its branches to describe the relationship between himself and his disciples, here he focuses on the land of Israel as God's vineyard and, whether or not he knew the citation from the prophet Isaiah which described the promised land in those terms some five centuries earlier, it is a powerful image which inspires some of his most memorable parables.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 5, 1 – 7: Most songs in our contemporary culture, as well as in the classical culture (e.g. Schubert, Brahms, Strauss), are love songs. And this poetic extract from the prophet Isaiah is also a love song. The song communicates the owner's fatigue with the vineyard of his that he loves, his disappointment with it and the violent reaction his disappointment brings. He felt he had done all he could for his vineyard, what more could he have done? We know from the scriptures that he did in fact do much more for it. He had sent the prophets. He had turned the history of the world on its head by the defeat of powerful Babylon to save his vineyard. Finally, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the proprietor sent his only son to care for his vineyard. He had done his very best to demonstrate his love for it. He could not let his vineyard go to waste. And in his total commitment to his vineyard lies our hope.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 4, 6 – 9: We were living in an age of great anxiety well before Covid – 19 arrived to turn our world upside-down. We were concerned about security threats, we were increasingly worried about global warming and irreversible climate change. How is it possible not to be worried? Is it irresponsible not to be concerned for ourselves, for our children and for the vulnerable in our society? And yet this scripture passage brings us great peace. We are at peace as long as we remain united with the Lord Jesus. He provides us with inner strength, we shelter under his protecting wing, we have the security that the God who brings us peace is with us.

Gospel: Matthew 21, 33 – 42. 44. 43: It is important that this parable is included by Matthew in his gospel at a time when the fate of the Jewish people was decided by their defeat by the Romans and the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in AD 70. The son in the story the early Christians will easily recognise as Jesus, the people to whom the vineyard had been given themselves. They are now the custodians of God's vineyard. This is a parable of the tragic history of the Jewish people.

Masses and Intentions

Week Twenty-seven 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	3 rd October	10.00 (Exposition church closed)	Johnson Fund Benefactors
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	3 rd October	17.30	'Van' Van Den Berghe
Sunday	4 th October	10.00	People of the parish
Monday	5 th October	09.15	Our Lady & St. Anne Intentions
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	6 th October	<u>09.15</u>	Marie-Theresa Mitchell
<i>Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest [church open for public Mass]</i>			
		11.00	Requiem: Leo Brennan RIP
Wednesday	7 th October	09.15	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>			
Thursday	8 th October	<u>08.00</u>	Ann Nolan
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time [church open for public Mass]</i>			
Friday	9 th October	12.30	Mr Loftus
<i>Memorial of St. Paulinus of York, Bishop</i>			
Saturday	10 th October	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Memorial of St. Paulinus of York, Bishop</i>		(Exposition - church closed)	

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	10 th October	17.30	Zygmunt Powieki
Sunday	11 th October	10.00	Holy Souls
		12.00	Family Mass with children