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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
7th – 8th October 2023

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
father. Jn 15:15



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
14th – 15th October 2023

The Word was made flesh and lived
among us: to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of
God. Jn 1:14,12

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK 9 – 15 OCTOBER

Pregnancy and baby loss is a devastating and uniquely personal experience and for many it is a heart breaking and challenging reality. During the awareness week, parishioners are invited to remember precious little lives that have been lost by saying a prayer in St. Anne's chapel and placing a heart label on the branches.

Aching Arms offers support to recent and longer ago bereaved parents after a loss during pregnancy, birth or infancy. Call or text 07464508994 or email support@achingarms.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT

WEEKEND 14-15 October

There will be a second collection for Fr Hudson's Care after both Masses next weekend.

Fr Hudson's Care has been working across the Archdiocese for more than 120 years as a much needed support to vulnerable people facing hardship and is responding to a growing demand for its services.

Gift aid envelopes available at the back of church.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office is closed next week. It will re-open Monday 16th October.

OFFICIAL MASS COUNT

Continues this weekend and next.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

24/09/23	01/10/23
C'tless: £ 73.00	C'tless: £ 135.00
Candles £ 13.00	Shop £ 14.90
Loose plate £294.99	200 club £ 40.00
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Cath Evangelisation	Loose plate £ 118.78
	Shop £ 14.90
	Candles £ 43.20
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TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

There will be tea & coffee in the Cenacle after morning Mass on Tuesday. Everybody welcome to stay for a chat.

NEW YOUTH GROUP

Youth Club will be every second Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday 12 November 5-7pm in the cenacle for young people age 11-16. More details to follow.

200 Club

Congratulations to the first winners of the new 200 Club for September 2023:

1st Moffat £45

2nd Anscombe £27

3rd Choules £18

To join in the December – February draws, take a form from the noticeboard and return it to the parish office.

WEEKEND MASSES FULLY BOOKED UNTIL THE END OF 2023.

The weekend Mass diary is full for 2023 so recent Mass requests will not appear until 2024.

There are plenty of weekday Masses available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th Nov – Blessing of graves at Henley Road starting at 2.30pm

OUR LADY'S LAMP

08/10 – for Baby Olive Lee

15/10 – for Kieran Colehan

Please remember them
in your prayers.



Background on the Sunday Readings

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Mass intentions for 27th and 28th weeks in Ordinary Time

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 7th October 5.30pm
People of the parish

Sun 8th October 10am
Rosaleen Ryan RIP
12 noon Baptism

Mon 9th Oct 9.15am Private intention
Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest

Tues 10th Oct 9.15am Joan O'Hare RIP
Memorial of St Paulinus of York

Wed 11th Oct No Mass
Memorial of St John XXIII

Thurs 12th Oct 7.30pm Margaret Brown RIP
Memorial of St Henry

Fri 13th Oct 9.15am School Harvest Mass
Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 14th Oct 5.30pm Christine Francis RIP
Sun 15th Oct 10.00am People of the parish

Mon 16th Oct No Mass
Memorial of St Hedwig

Tues 17th Oct No Mass
Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Wed 18th Oct No Mass
Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

Thurs 19th Oct No Mass
Thursday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Friday 20th Oct No Mass
Friday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 21st October 5.30pm Richard O'Brien
RIP
Sun 22nd October 10.00am People of parish

The Rosary is prayed near the Shrine before the Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.