

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**



**Collect**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## **Gospel (Matthew 21: 28 - 32)**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## **Reflection**

In the parable of the two sons Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, to pronounce and to make statements. It is more difficult to give time, effort and attention.

Every Sunday at Mass we profess our faith, a faith which through our Baptism we are commissioned to live out in the daily activities of our lives. It is easy for us to say the words of the Creed, but it will be by our actions that will demonstrate our commitment to working for the reign of God during the week.

Jesus values a few small acts more than many fine words.

### **Opening of our Churches for Private Prayer**

St Dominic's Church will be open for individual private prayer on Thursdays, 2 pm to 3 pm.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Dominic's Church on Saturdays 3.30pm to 4.00pm or by arrangement

## **Special Collections**

### **Sunday 4 October: Peter's Pence**

On Sunday 4 October there will be a Special Collection for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support that parishes offer to Pope Francis as a way of sharing in his concern for the relief of those most in need. Please give in the usual ways but mark your gift 'Peter's Pence'

### **Sunday 13 September: Holy Place Collection**

Sums collected in our parishes: Dursley £92, Nympsfield £5

## **Celebration of Mass**

We will be celebrating Mass again at St Joseph's at 5.30 pm on Saturdays and at St Dominic's at 11 am on Sundays and at 9 am on Wednesdays

Because we are following the guidelines set down by the bishops, whose chief consideration is to create a safe environment for everyone, fewer people will be able to attend the Mass each week.

### **How can I attend Mass?**

As numbers will be limited, you will have to contact the Church Office in advance with your name and contact details: 542039 or [dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com)

Be sure to arrive early for the Mass; stewards will be on hand to help with the seating

You will need to bring a mask and wear it

## **Ordination**

Please pray for Thomas Lawes who is being ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Declan at 11am on Saturday 26 September in Clifton Cathedral. Numbers are limited because of social distancing. The ordination is being streamed on the cathedral website.

## **St Joseph's School**

The school is still in need to two volunteers for Foundation Governors. Please contact Syd Gwyer via the Church Office if you are interested in finding out more

### **The Season of Creation: In thanksgiving (Walter Rauschenbusch)**

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;  
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
for the salt sea and the running water,  
for the everlasting hills  
and the never-resting winds,  
for trees and the common grass underfoot.

We thank you for our senses  
by which we hear the songs of birds,  
and see the splendour of the summer fields,  
and taste of the autumn fruits,  
and rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
and smell the breath of the spring.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
and save our souls from being so blind  
that we pass unseeing  
when even the common thorn bush  
is aflame with your glory,

O God our creator,  
who lives and reigns forever and ever

Amen

## Pat's Hymn Challenge



Pat Uglow has been our Church organist for over 50 years. At the age of 84 she has decided to retire, but not before she has completed an exciting but exhausting challenge that she has set herself: playing 84 hymns on the organ, one for each year of her life! The aim will be to raise money for our Parish Charity, Clifton Refugee Sponsorship, so whilst you are invited to come and listen to the hymns, you are also encouraged to give.

### What is Clifton Refugee Sponsorship?

A group of parishioners associated with Clifton Cathedral in Bristol (UK) who have spent the last two years working towards obtaining sponsorship status within the Home Office's *Community Sponsorship Scheme* in order to be able to sponsor a family of refugees from the wars in the Middle East. They welcomed a family to Bristol in early October 2019

More information at [www.cliftonrefugeesponsorship.co.uk](http://www.cliftonrefugeesponsorship.co.uk)

### When is Pat playing the hymns?

Pat will play the hymns in four one hour sessions straight after Mass on Wednesdays 30 September and 7 October and Sundays 4 and 11 October

### Which hymns is Pat playing?

There is a full list of hymns attached to this Newsletter

### Can I come and listen?

Of course, but the usual rules for Church attendance will apply – social distancing and masks. **Please also contact the Church Office in advance to book a place for a particular session**

### How can I give?

The preferred way is through JustGiving at

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stdominicsdursley?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=m38QW7Q5N](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stdominicsdursley?utm_id=1&utm_term=m38QW7Q5N)

Other ways of donating are by cheque (made out to M P Uglow) or by cash left in the basket at church after Mass or posted to church at any time – if you pay using either of these methods please indicate clearly that the donation is for CRSS

**Many thanks to Pat for undertaking this marathon for our Parish Charity!**

**Please give generously**

### Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Christ the King, Thornbury Holy Cross, Wotton under Edge

**Churches Together Prayer Rota:** St Cyr, Stinchcombe

**Parish Prayer Rota:** The congregation at Dursley

## Hymns in aid of Clifton Refugee Charity

### Wednesday 30 September

#### **Adoration**

- 53 As the deer longs  
72 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
207 God beyond all names  
257 Holy God we praise thy name  
356 Let all that is within me

#### **Blessing**

- 830 Be not afraid  
90 Blest are you Lord God of all creation  
106 Christ be beside me  
205 God be in my head  
578 One bread, one body

#### **Celebration**

- 15 All creatures of our God and King  
27 All things bright and beautiful  
190 Give me joy in my heart  
357 Let all the world in every corner sing  
512 Now thank we all our God

#### **Christian Life/Church Unity**

- 688 The church is one foundation  
253 Gather us in  
813 The servant song  
80 Bind us together  
95 Bread of life, hope of the world

### Sunday 4 October

#### **Comfort**

- 40 Amazing grace  
31 All ye who seek a comfort sure  
73 Be still my soul  
77 Because the Lord is my shepherd  
543 Centre of my life

#### **The Cross**

- 9 Abide with me  
363 Lift high the cross  
521 O come and mourn with me awhile  
721 There is a hill far away  
791 When you survey the wondrous cross

#### **Discipleship**

- 143 Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
682 Taste and see  
187 The servant King  
285 Here I am Lord  
475 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

#### **Eternal Life**

- 98 Breathe on me breath of God  
139 Crown Him with many crowns  
485 May the choirs of angels (MM2/267)  
259 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
272 I am the bread of life (226 HON)

## Wednesday 7 October

### **Faith**

- 81 Bless the Lord my soul
- 173 Firmly I believe and truly
- 602 Praise my soul the King of heaven (449 HON)
- 368 Like a sea without a shore
- 386 Lord of all hopefulness

### **Forgiveness**

- 209 God forgave my sin
- 383 Lord Jesus Christ
- 911 Take me Lord
- 591 Out of Darkness (OofD-p64)
- 416 Praise to You o Christ our Saviour
- 974 O Lord I will sing

### **Healing**

- 774 We come to share our story
- 179 For the healing of the nations
- 590 Ours were the sufferings (B13 – sheet)
- 595 Peace is flowing like a river
- 915 There is a longing

### **Holy Spirit**

- 890 Listen, let your heart keep seeking
- 126 Come Holy Ghost creator come
- 261 Holy Spirit Lord of light
- 914 The Spirit lives to set us free
- 909 Spirit of God, rest on your people (GB all N p.10}

## Sunday 11 October

### **Hope and Trust**

- 21 All my hope on God is founded
- 861 Bread we bring to the God of love
- 71 Be still and know
- 159 Father I place in to your hands
- 706 The Lord's my shepherd

### **Light**

- 118 Colours of day
- 348 Lead kindly light
- 288 I watch the sunrise
- 891 Christ be our light
- 511 Now in this banquet

### **Love**

- 289 I will be with you
- 878 We belong to God (Pink booklet)
- 398 Love divine all loves excelling
- 503 My song is love unknown
- 898 O God you search me

### **Mary**

- 859 As I kneel before you
- 238 Hail Queen of Heaven
- 263 Holy Virgin by God's decree
- 506 My soul rejoices in God my Saviour
- 546 O Mother blest

### **Petition**

- 152 Eternal Father strong to save
- 300 Lord for tomorrow
- 633 Seek ye first
- 1023 May God bless and keep you.