

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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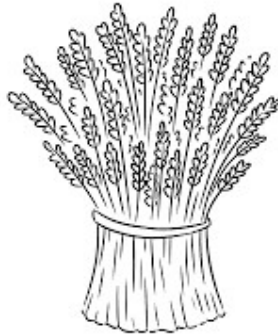
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29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 26 (YEAR B) HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sunday 26 in Ordinary Time – Harvest Festival – We send greetings to St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield, who keep Harvest a week later than us.

Sat 28 th Sep		Noon	Mass & Holy Baptism of	Dursley
Sun 29 th Sep			Rosie Cheminais ()	
		5.30pm	Sunday Mass ()	Nympsfield
		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
Mon 30 th Sep.	St. Jerome of Bethlehem	Fr. P's Day Off		
Tue 1 st Oct	St Therese of Lisieux	9.30am	Mass ()	Dursley
Wed 2 nd Oct	Guardian Angels	9.00am	Mass ()	Dursley
Thu 3 rd Oct	Feria of Week XXVI	10.00am	Mass ()	Nympsfield
Fri 4 th Oct	St Francis of Assisi, co-patron of Italy	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	English/Italian Mass (All our Italian residents)	Dursley
Sat 5 th Oct	St Faustina Kowalska	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 th Oct		5.30pm	Sunday Mass ()	Nympsfield
Sun 6 th Oct		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY



MASS PROPER FOR SUNDAY XXVI (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon All you have done for us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your Name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading – Numbers 11:25-29 *God, through Moses, warns the Israelites not to be jealous on His account. Would that all His people were prophets!*

Responsorial Psalm The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading – James 5:1-6 *St James tells us that money and wealth rot away.*

Alleluia Verse Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel Reading – Mark 9:39-43 & 47-48 *The Saviour tells us that anyone who is not against us is for us.*

Communion Antiphon Remember Your word to Your servant by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Recently Dead:	Fathers Giorgio Malecki & Michael Derek d'Mello, Ray Matus Cong.Orat.
Diocesan Prayer Link:	Chippenham & Corsham. Thornbury, Wotton, & Knowle West, who are mourning their Parish Priests
Churches Together:	Farms and market gardens gathering the harvest. The Revd. Jimmy Cullingford, the new Methodist Minister at Dursley and Cam, Stonehouse and Wotton chapels
Parish Prayer Rota:	Our forthcoming new parish groups.

PARISH GROUPS [FOR BOTH PARISHES]

- 1. MEETING FOR UCM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** Our forthcoming new groups have been inspired and helped by the UCM. As our existing parish group, they meet first. This is not at present a re-foundation of the UCM, but a simple meeting of existing members and those considering membership. It is a little prayer and fellowship over refreshments. Table talk may get on to how the UCM's experience can help the new ventures. **Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm**
Short Prayer Service and Refreshments in the hall.
- 2. INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE OSMA GROUP** St Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral in Spain, before starting his preaching against the Albigensian Heresy in Southwest France. It is believed he was a Premonstratensian Canon at Osma. It is with this name that our new Ladies' Group begins its existence. Of course, those attending will be able to change this name for whatever they decide. **Wednesday 9th October at 2.30pm in the hall. Short Prayer Service. Refreshments and Discussion**
- 3. INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE TOULOUSE GROUP** St Dominic crossed the Pyrenees and began his preaching in southwestern France, believing that the preacher should live the message he proclaimed. Others agreed and joined him. He started the formal work of his Order of Preachers in Toulouse. Our men's group may change this name if they wish, but we have to get started somewhere and Toulouse is famous for sausages too! **Sunday 13th October [St Edward the Confessor] at 6.00pm Short Prayer Service Refreshments and Discussion**

PRE - CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 23rd November in St Dominic's Parish Hall. This will be a larger event than last year. There will be more stalls and refreshments will be available. Please begin to think about what you can donate, how you can help (before, during and after!!!). Please notice that the tree in this picture is not yet decorated. The Christmas Season in church starts on the evening of Christmas Eve and runs to the Sunday after Epiphany, the 3rd Sunday of the season



A REMINDER TO PARENTS WANTING TO SEND CHILDREN TO ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NYMPFIELD, IN SEPTEMBER 2025, THAT THEY NEED TO APPLY BEFORE THE 15TH JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

A CARING COMMUNITY & THE ANGELIC HOST 29th September is the Feast of



Saints Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, the Archangels mentioned in the Bible. Medieval, Catholic England used to call it St Michael and All Angels. When it is not a Sunday, we celebrate the holy, bodiless powers of heaven who serve and worship God above and whom He sends to help us on earth. The Greek word ANGEL means an announcer or messenger. Whatever the specifics of instruction or rescue, the Message is always the same, that God loves and cares about us. They borrow bodies or the appearance of humanity only when working on earth.

It follows that not all "angels" are heavenly, winged messengers. They don't all have wings, for when we mere mortals announce by word or deed the love and care of God, we are being angelic. It can be tough to speak of love, of salve and salvation in difficult and challenging situations. We know there is Tough Love, but then St Michael the Archangel is the "Soldier" Captain of the Heavenly Host. Defeating evil and fighting demons is his business, but we often do it by vigilance and keeping folks safe from harm.

The recent Diocesan Training for Safeguarding reminded us that safeguarding is far bigger than that very important topic, "Child Protection". It certainly includes that, but it extends to protecting the vulnerable in whatever situation they find themselves. This is something with which the **entire Christian Community is concerned**. We are not just talking about the elderly or physically infirm, the mentally ill or those with learning difficulties. At various times in our lives, we can all be vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. The pain of bereavement, moving house, changing jobs, divorce and much more can render the strongest of us vulnerable for a while.



We want people to feel safe. We want them to be able to disclose their difficulties, whether past or present. We want to prevent abuse or exploitation even from starting.

To be the Caring Community that each parish wishes to be, we must not only offer a warm welcome at the door as people come in. We must keep an eye out for each other. Who is missing? Who is depressed? Who is going through trauma (physical, emotional or spiritual)? Standing around at the door after Mass and sharing refreshments are prime times for us to show by our listening and our care that the message of Christ dwells among us. No parish community can ever say we do this perfectly and we must always be vigilant of those in need and of how we can improve.

St Michael, fighter for justice,
St Raphael, bringer of healing and recovery
St Gabriel, announcer of Good News
Pray for us who aim to be like you!

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Sunday 13th October Churches Together AGM at 4.00pm at St Bartholomew's Anglican church, Cam.
- Weekend of 20th October Ordinary Sunday 29B.
 - A) No Saturday Evening Vigil in Nympsfield
 - B) Sunday Morning 9.00am in Nympsfield & 11.00am in Dursley
- **Saturday 23rd November Pre-Christmas Fayre in the hall**
- Sunday 29th December, Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.



QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 12th October in St Dominic's Hall, Dursley, 7.30pm Both Parishes Quiz Night. Teams of up to six 6, £10 for an adult to enter, £5 for a child. There will be a "Pickie Tea" by way of refreshments. Proceeds to the Dursley Parish Hall Refurbishment Fund. Tickets are available from this weekend

1 We plough the fields with tractors,
With drills we sow the land;
But growth is still the wondrous gift
Of God's almighty hand.
We add our fertilizers
To help the growing grain;
But for its full fruition,
It needs God's sun and rain.

3 He only is the maker
Of galaxies and stars;
Of birds and beasts and flowers,
And any life on Mars.
Atomic powers obey him,
Yet still the birds are fed;
By him our prayer is answered:
Give us our daily bread

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His love.*

2 With many new machines now
We do the work each day;
We reap the fields with combines,
We bale the new-mown hay.
But still it's God who gives us
Inventive skill and drives
Which lighten labour's drudgery
And give us better lives.



PRIESTS' FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS [FRS. GIORGIO (GEORGE) MALEC(S)KI & MICHAEL DEREK D'MELLO]



- Father George's body will be received into Holy Cross Church, Wotton-Under-Edge on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00pm followed by Mass. After Mass, Fr George's body will be taken to Christ the King Church, Thornbury. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church, Thornbury on Thursday 10th October at 11.00am, followed by burial in Thornbury Cemetery, which will be attended by family only. Light refreshments will be served in the hall following the funeral Mass.
- Father Michael's body will be received into Christ the King Church, Knowle on Wednesday 30th October at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Thursday 31st October in the Cathedral Church of Ss Peter and Paul. Followed by a burial in Bridgwater Cemetery.
- Fr Ray's arrangements at the Manchester Oratory are not yet known. He was ordained for Clifton and prepared Fr Philip for reception into the Church