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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reflection

With the invited guests deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Saturday 14 October Sunday 15 October ORDINARY SUNDAY XXVIII	5.30pm 10.30am	Mass Mass	Nympsfeld Dursley
Tuesday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am	Mass (Lily Donnelly RIP)	Dursley
Wednesday 18 October ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday 19 October St Paul of the Cross	10.00am	Mass <i>with School, Year 4</i>	Nympsfeld
Friday 20 October Feria	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 21 October St Mary on Saturday	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
Saturday 21 October Sunday 22 October ORDINARY SUNDAY XXIX	5.30pm 10.30am	Mass Mass	Nympsfeld Dursley

Café Dominic is open for refreshments each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass at Dursley

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel

Responsorial Psalm

In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever

Gospel Acclamation

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

Guidance for Worship

You are strongly recommended to behave in a way that is respectful of the needs of others. Please remember that, although the Covid Crisis is behind us, sensible hygiene is still recommended.

Poppy Proms 2023

Dursley and Cam Royal British Legion invite you to join them for an evening of music with Wotton and District Silver Band and Dursley Male Voice Choir. 7.00pm on Saturday 28 October at the Chantry Centre. Tickets £10 from Belle's Kitchen, Durcan's and the Chantry Centre Cafe

This week's Calendar

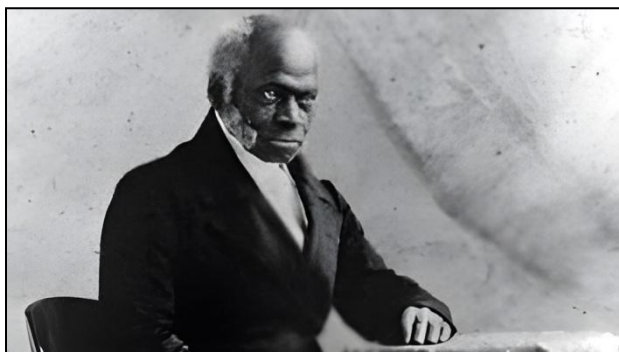
St Ignatius belongs to the generation of Christians just after the the New Testament was written. His letters almost made in themselves. St Paul of the Cross founded the Passionists. It was to this order that Blessed Dominic Barberi would belong. St Luke wrote the third gospel, says much about Our Lady. He was a medical doctor and is believed to have been a painter too.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world

October is Black History Month

Remembering Venerable Pierre Toussaint



Known as the father of Catholic charities in New York, Venerable Pierre Toussaint is an inspiration for giving back to the community and helping others. Toussaint's level of selflessness is one to emulate today. Toussaint raised funds for the first Catholic orphanage and began the first school for black children in New York.

Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti in 1766. Following the Haitian revolution in 1787, Toussaint's slave master fled to New York City with Toussaint,

appointing him a hairdresser upon arrival. Toussaint used his money from hairdressing for an array of selfless acts of charity, such as buying people's freedom, sheltering orphans, nursing the sick, restoring St Peter's church after a terrible fire and donating money to build the first St Patrick's Cathedral.

In recognition of Pierre Toussaint's virtuous life, the late Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, introduced Toussaint's cause for canonisation at the Vatican in 1968. In December 1989, the late Cardinal O'Connor had the remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan, where Toussaint is buried as the only layperson, alongside the former Cardinal-Archbishops of New York City.

On December 17, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint Venerable, thus placing him firmly on the road to becoming North America's first black saint. Venerable Pierre Toussaint was a man who was proud of his faith, and culture, and committed to serving others.

CAFOD

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

Synod Reflection

Our formation for synodality means learning to become passionate people, filled with deep desire. The Jesuit Pedro Arrupe wrote: 'Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.' That passionate man, St Augustine, exclaimed: 'I tasted you and now hunger and thirst for you; you touched me, and I have burned for your peace.'

But how do we become passionate people – passionate for the gospel, filled with love for each other – without disaster? This is fundamental question for our formation, especially for our seminarians. A synodal Church will one in which we are formed for un-possessive love: a love that neither flees the other person nor takes possession of them; a love that is neither abusive nor cold.

Father Timothy Radcliffe OP to those gathered in Rome

Revisiting ‘Laudato Si’, the Pope’s Encyclical on the Environment and its follow up, the Apostolic Exhortation “Laudate Deum”

“I don’t think we can take the most important commandments seriously unless we include nature and the environment. When that Pharisee asks Jesus, “What’s the most important commandment of the law?” And Jesus says, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.” And the second one resembles it. “You must love your neighbour as yourself.”

“If we’re really going to love our neighbour, we’ve got to look after the world in which we live because too many people are suffering through climate change and we’ve plundered other nations for our profit, and that’s got to change. We’ve got to repair the damage and make sure that in that way we’re looking after our brothers and sisters, which is our way of loving God.”

Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop for Environmental Issues

Reaching Out and Coming Back

It is as safe as it is ever going to be to leave home, shop, go to school or the Post Office, come to church or any other normal activity of life. Those of us who have already returned to Sunday and Weekday Mass already know this to be true. The climate of fear, necessary during the dark days, is no longer necessary or helpful. We need to reach out to friends and family, neighbours, and missing parishioners to help them overcome whatever remains of fear. It is often just as simple as offering to bring them with us to church and talking in a relaxed manner about our own experiences of coming out and back to Mass.

Another factor for some is “losing the habit”. Because of the enforced lock-down, we had to find other activities to fill our time and to get used to not being able to do certain things. Those days have gone, but the newer habits must be shed and left behind. Prayer and personal invitation are helps for many in this regard. We must also assure them that no one will condemn them for being away, just welcome them back with open arms.

For some, the problem is one of comfort and misunderstanding. Watching a Mass online or on the TV screen is not full and actual participation as the Church understands it. Often, we are not even watching something live, as it happens. Online acts of worship are designed for those who cannot come to church, not for those who cannot be bothered. It is comfortable to watch in slippers and pyjamas, but it is not what the doctor ordered. They cannot receive Holy Communion from a screen. Tempting as it is to fast forward through Father’s sermon, there is no Café Dominic at the end. Christ came to comfort the troubled and to trouble the comfortable. I don’t want Him to tell me to watch heaven online!

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St Margaret Mary, Coleford Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford

Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

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The continuing work and fund raising for the building

Parish Prayer Rota:

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