

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

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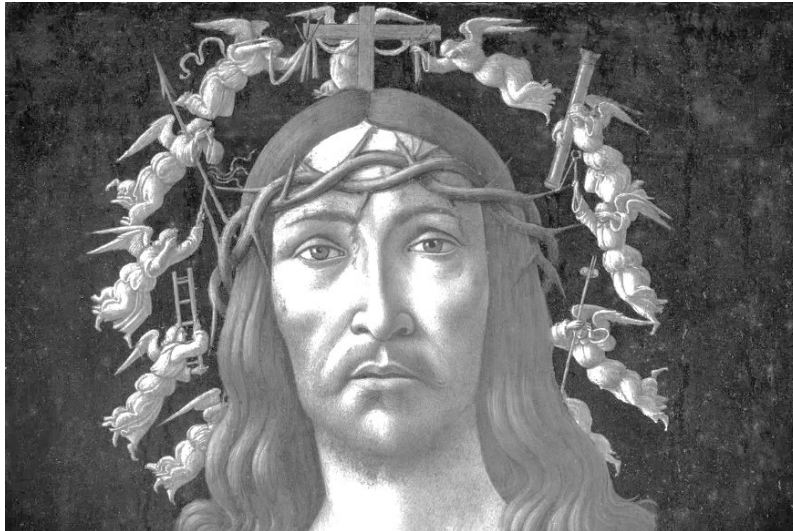
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20TH OCTOBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 29 (YEAR B)

Sunday 29 in Ordinary Time

Sun 20th Oct		9.00am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
		11.00am	Sunday Mass (G Dessi RIP)	Dursley
Mon 21 st Oct.	Feria of Week XXIX	Fr. P's Day Off		
Tue 22 nd Oct	St John Paul II	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wed 23 rd Oct	Feria	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thu 24 th Oct	Feria	10.00am	Mass (MJThomas RIP)	Nympsfie
Fri 25 th Oct	Feria	6.00pm	Adoration, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	
Sat 26 th Oct	Ss. Cedd & Chad	Noon	Mass & Reception with the Vicar General	Dursley
		3.00pm- 4.00pm	Confessions.	Dursley

Sunday 30 in Ordinary Time

Sat 26 th Oct		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
Sat 27 th Oct		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley



MASS PROPERS FOR SUNDAY XXIX (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon To You I call; for You will surely answer me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading – Isaiah 53:10-11 *In the second section of Isaiah [Chapters 40 to 55], the prophet foresees the Suffering Servant and the baptism with which He must be baptised.*

Responsorial Psalm May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.

Second Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16 *The Epistle writer sees Christ as the Great High Priest, Who is capable of feeling our weaknesses and temptations.*

Alleluia Verse I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:35-45 *Zebedee's sons want a share in Christ's glory, but do not yet understand that the Son of Man has come to give His life as a ransom for many.*

Communion Antiphon Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Recently Dead: Those killed in war and acts of terrorism

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Gregory and St Thomas More, Cheltenham.

Churches Together: Thanks for the Churches Together officers retiring and seeking grace for those coming into office.

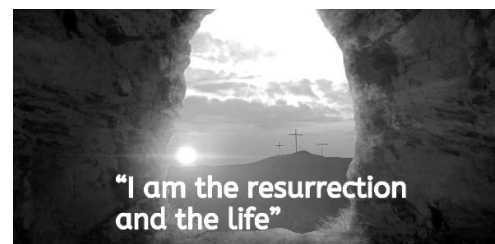
Parish Prayer Rota: Those who organise our social events and fun.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- *Sunday 3rd November, the first Sunday of November, month of prayer for the dead. The Blessing of Graves will take place in Dursley Cemetery after morning mass and at Nymphsfield in the afternoon at 3.00pm. Rain may dictate the speed with which prayers are said!*
- **Sunday 10th November Remembrance – 10.30am Requiem Mass for the War Dead with the Silence. Look out for local and village wreath laying and special services.**
- Thursday 21st November at 6.00pm in Clifton Cathedral – Annual Education Mass, with Bishop Bosco. For all those involved in any way in Catholic Education.
- **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.

PRIEST'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Father Michael Derek d'Mello'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. Burial in Bridgwater Cemetery.



- Fr Ray Matus Cong. Orat. Founder of the Manchester Oratory will be buried on Wednesday 23rd October at Noon at St Chad's Oratory church. He was ordained for Clifton and prepared Fr. Philip for reception into the Church.

PRE - CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 23rd November in St Dominic's Parish Hall. Building on last year's success and moderate scale, this will be a larger event - more stalls, refreshments. Please begin to think about what you can donate, how you can help (before, during and after!!!). YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!!! A larger event [and a higher total raised] requires more people involved, before, during and after.

SEPTEMBER 200 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

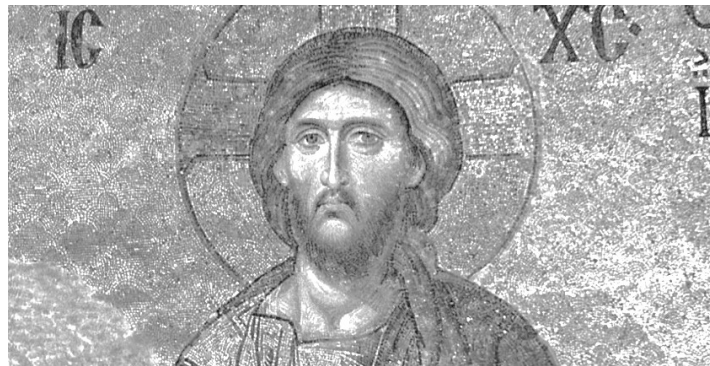
1. Phil Durcan
2. Cath Maloney
3. Midie Mcdonald

ORDINARY TIME Ordinary Time is what the modern calendar calls the green Sundays after Epiphany and the Green Sundays after Trinity. The Church does not intend that we should think these 34 weeks to be boring and ordinary in the usual sense of the word. The word "Ordinary" here is directly related to Ordinal and Cardinal numbers. Cardinal numbers have nothing to do with members of the Sacred College of Cardinals. Cardinal numbers are One, Two, Three. Ordinal numbers are First, Second, Third. These Green Sundays are Counted Time. Living life with God, however, can never be just boring and ordinary.



The truth is that there is a lot of Counted Time and people over the years have tried to find patterns or impose meanings on these Sundays. Modern ecological issues have driven some to turn the Green Sundays of September into the "Season of Creation", building on Harvest Festivals and the Ember Days.

The last Sunday of October was the original date of Christ the King and so some like to make the Green Time from then to modern Christ the King into the Season of the Kingdom. This is not so arbitrary as the ecological Creation idea.



Christ Himself told many stories which start "The Kingdom of heaven/God is like" Teaching about the Kingdom or Reign of God was fundamental to what the Saviour had to say to the crowds and to His closest friends. This very Sunday's gospel with the two brothers asking to sit at Christ's right and left when He comes in glory, shows that they believed He would come into His

glorious Kingdom in some earthly rather than heavenly sense. The story is in some sense directed to us, so that we learn to understand the true nature of Christ's kingship. The conversation as the Apostles came down Mount Thabor after the Transfiguration is another such moment. St Peter's slightly sticky moment after his confession of faith in the Christ at Caesaria Philippi is another.

The Passion and Cross are central to our Christianity, and they are to be understood in royal terms, but we need to keep working at our understanding of His kingship. The Cross is not to be glossed over or air-brushed out. It is not a conventional coronation like that of his majesty King Charles

or of the late Queen Elizabeth. If we try and turn in into mere theatre or a political agenda, we do the message damage and fail to honour Christ Himself. It does not belong to Left or Right but is held up for all to behold and wonder at.

The Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest will keep their patronal festival next Sunday, but all of us are invited to observe the last few Sundays of Ordinary time with an eye to meditating on the kingship of Jesus Christ and on the nature of His kingdom.



THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

The logo for World Mission Sunday 2024. It features a stylized house shape with a cross on top. Inside the house, two hands are shown holding a globe of the Earth. Text includes '2024 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY', 'missio Today, Tomorrow, Together.', 'GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet', 'GIVE ONLINE missio.org.uk', and 'st. Matthew 22:9'.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY [MISSIO]

If you have a Red APF Box, can you hand it in as soon as possible for emptying. The APF is now known as Missio. **This year's World Mission Sunday takes place on 20 October 2024.** This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Missio England and Wales invites every parish, school, and community to join this special event through prayer and giving. And Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, on this special day. Every Catholic parish worldwide is called to play their part through their prayers and offerings. Everyone gives what they can, with those in greatest need receiving the most support.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT Kim Leadbeater MP has presented a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29th November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

