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## **Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm – The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel is inviting us to a life of gratitude and it makes clear how easy it can be for us to overlook what God is doing and that the Lord is in our midst constantly. Other things get in the way, other distractions demand our attention and focus and leave us blind to the basic reality of God's abiding, cleansing, life-giving presence. God does not change because God is eternal. It is we who change the way we think, we who grow, we who develop, and we who forget the One who has given us all that we enjoy. Many saints teach us that for every moment that we have been ungrateful we get ourselves into a greater indebtedness to God that we ourselves could never dream of repaying. For every one of us this debt gets bigger and bigger each day. Even if we were to start being thankful from this moment onwards, who would make up for all the times when we were indifferent and did not care? Jesus, our Lord, is the only person who has paid the price and offered a real sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. Our desire to return to God and live in gratitude can only be effective through Him, with Him, and in Him. Gratitude has the power to open our hearts and minds and eyes anew to a reality that is always there. Let us pray that we will never stop doing what we can to show thankfulness to God and to one another.

### **This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast.**

Our parish's Family Fast Day collection will take place at Masses over the weekend of 8-9 October. Envelopes will be available at all Masses. This is a difficult time for many people, but please be as generous as you can and keep the work of CAFOD in your prayers.

There will be a Harvest Sale in support of CAFOD after the 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses on Sunday 9 October, the Church Hall, along with refreshments, focusing particularly on home-produced and home-made goods such as garden produce, plants, cakes, bread, jams and pickles. Offers of help are very welcome - please email: [pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk).

**Prisoners' Sunday** – the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. Please pray for all those impacted by our criminal justice system. The charity Pact is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and who bring hope into the prison environment where men and women experience long periods of isolation and being confined in their cells. For further information please visit the website: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

**Online School of the Word** - Meeting every **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**, from **7-8.30pm** (Zoom: Meeting ID 89815074699, Passcode 868129) or click the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89815074699?pwd=d2JKOHpZM0NxczlaVkYmYzOHh4dz09> **Starting 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Time of prayer with the Word of God, using the Lectio Divina method. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Monthly Morning Retreat** “I put my hope in your Word” (Psl. 119, 114), every **3rd Saturday of the month**, from **9.15-11am**, at **St Edmund and St Frideswide Church. Starting on 15th October**. The monthly morning retreat intends to be an opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation to deepen one’s relationship with God. This shall be a quiet time of prayer with the word of God where one may take the opportunity to more clearly hear God’s call. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** a training session for existing and new ministers will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 12noon in the church. If you are unable to attend please let Brother Martin know.

**Cost of Living Crisis** – For those in need of help with rising energy bills, cost of food etc. The following contacts maybe useful: Citizen Advice Oxford 03444 111 444; Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre 01865 438634; National Debt line 0808 808 4000.

**Christian meditation** continues this October: *Reflecting on Sacred Scripture* using both *Apophatic* and *Imaginative* methods. To be held in Greyfriars Friary,

Wednesdays at 7pm. To book your place or check availability, please email [iffleycross@gmail.com](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

**Barn Dance for Joy!** Come, dance and make merry on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm in St Anthony's RC church hall, OX3 7SS. In aid of The School of Joy, which provides education and employment opportunities for children with learning disabilities in Bethlehem, and the St Francis de Sales Trust which provides financial support for needy Catholic and pro-life causes locally in Oxford and across the UK. Tickets £5 on the door.

**Parish Office** We are pleased to let you know that Sam Keown has kindly volunteered to help in the office. If you need to contact Sam please use the parish email in the first instance and mark the subject box for her attention and she will get back to you. Email office on: [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Parish cleaners** - Thank you to those who work tirelessly in keeping our church and sacristy clean and sparkling. This week is the turn of John & Sam. Thank you.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £343.84

Gift Aid: £51

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Please pray** for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly, Connie Marshall. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Bernadin Aguiar & Rosario  
Pereira  
9.00 a.m. Parishioners  
11.00 a.m. Holy Souls  
5.30 p.m. Tarcisio Reis Amaral R.I.P.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Friars and benefactors

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Winnie McDonagh R.I.P.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

***St Seraphin of  
Montegranaro***

7.30 a.m. Pious Union

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Arthur & Felicia van Cuylenburg  
R.I.P.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Thanksgiving 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jonas

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

***St Teresa of Avila***

8.00 a.m. Bro. Pradeep's Int.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Kieron Hughes

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Leonardo D'Souza and keep his family also in your prayers.