

16th OCTOBER 2022: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C)

Mass Book Page 152	1 st Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13 2 nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2	Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 969 Communion: 317	Gospel Acclamation: Hymn Sheet Post-Communion: 780	Offertory: 217 & 944 Recessional: 353



Pray continually and never lose heart

When we pray, we sometimes are tempted to give up if God does not seem to answer us immediately. Christ teaches us to persevere, and we can know that he is always interceding for us to his Father. As long as we pray in faith, we will never be beaten by those who are against us.

God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 15	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Sheila & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP
Sun 16	✠ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C) 09.30 Wellbeing of Sylvia & George Lakey 11.00 Josephine Lhoner RIP
Mon 17	<i>Saint † Ignatius of Antioch</i> 09.30 Geordie Kathleen Duffy RIP Rosary
Tue 18	<i>Saint Luke</i> 09.30 All Souls in Purgatory Rosary
Wed 19	09.30 Anthony Warner RIP & his family Rosary
Thu 20	09.30 Terry Morrish & Children RIP Rosary
Fri 21	09.30 Margaret Frimpong RIP Exposition
Sat 22	09.30 People of the Parish 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Penelope Flaherty RIP
Sun 23	✠ THIRTIETH-SUNDAY (C) 09.30 Denis Smith RIP 11.00 Rose & Tim Murray RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading: The first reading tells of the first battle the Israelites fought against the Amalekites, after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory resulted, not from their own efforts alone, but from the power of God. Moses mediated between the people and God. This incident is symbolic of the spiritual struggles with which people of all ages have to contend.

Second Reading: Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine that he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus in season and out of season.

Gospel: In the parable of the unjust judge, Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The widow, who represents the powerless, approaches the judge seeking justice. But the judge is not interested in the rights of the penniless widow. If he is to intervene it must be worth his while. However, when the woman persists in her plea, he finally relents, but only to get rid of her. The message for us today is, if an amoral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful one who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith, just because their prayer is not answered immediately?

Fr Victor Darlington's Visit



Following the retirement of Bishop Patrick Lynch in December 2020, Archbishop John Wilson announced the appointment of Fr Victor Darlington as Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Pastoral. Fr Victor will be visiting our

parish on Sunday 23rd October and will celebrate Mass with Fr Regis at 9.30am.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The meeting of the parents of the children who are preparing for their FHC will be held on Thursday October 20 in the presbytery at 7pm.

The children who are preparing to receive Confirmation will meet for the first time on Saturday 22 October in the presbytery at 5pm.

SPECIAL PRAYERS for the SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. There is a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

Visit to the Archdiocese of the Relics of St Bernadette

The Relics of St Bernadette will be visiting our Archdiocese later this month. The Relics will be at the Cathedral on Wednesday 19 to Thursday 20 October, and at Aylesford Priory on Monday 24 to Friday 28 October. Any people who would like to go to any of these two places should talk to Fr Regis.

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Christmas Repository Order

Christmas orders will be sent mid-October for cards, diaries, calendars, candles, etc. Please see Christine or Joan to place your order after Sunday 11am Mass.

Marriage and Family Life South East London

An opportunity to attend an online 'Building a Better Marriage' from 9am - 1pm on Saturday Oct 22nd 2022 from your own living room and there is no group sharing! "No probing questions; only stories from their own experiences and helpful questionnaires for us to use in private.

We recommend this friendly, thoughtful session to any couple seeking to renew the joy and energy in their marriage."

World Mission Sunday - Missio

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission.

Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Join us in our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

Please use the envelope attached, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit & Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £190, Not Gift Aided: £500

Mass Count: Sat (63), Sun 09.30 (103), 11.00 (93)

Second Collection

Last week: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (£464)

This week: None

Next Week: World Mission Sunday (GIFT AID via Missio)

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