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**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

*I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' (Mark 3:28-29)*

There appears to be a tendency in our contemporary society to disregard or minimize sin or to call it by another name. Similarly, there is a tendency to ignore evil and to behave as if the reality of evil had faded into obsolescence. The readings for today's liturgy invite us to reflect on the reality of sin, to call it by name and to take back our responsibility for it. The first reading from the Book of Genesis presents us with the cause of sin and evil in the world: humankind's choice of its own wilfulness over obedience to the loving will of God. The Story of the Fall returns us to the fact that human beings have been created as free agents by God. Instructed in the ways of goodness, men and women are nevertheless capable of rejecting it in favour of their own wilful and proud desires. In the Second Reading, Paul reminds the Corinthian Community that God's grace is bestowed in abundance in order that we may not lose heart as we struggle and fight against sin and trials. In today's Gospel, Jesus is accused of being in collusion with Satan or, at the very least, of being out of his mind. Putting evil in its place and naming sin for what it is, Jesus reminds us that sin and evil must be confronted.

Jesus' charge of "blasphemy" here describes irreverent behaviour vis-à-vis the Holy Spirit - the failure to discern the Spirit's presence in Jesus' ministry." But, "to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit", means to fail to accept that Jesus' deeds are works of God through the Spirit. Rejection of Jesus is, indeed, rejection of God; and can one who has rejected God save oneself?

Today, we are called to be not only certain of the reality of sin, but also to realize our own sinfulness and the need to seek God's will amidst the snares of Satan. Blessed, indeed, are we, for whom God sent so wondrous a saviour! And blessed is the New Eve, Mary, Our Mother, who inspires us to say: "be it done to me according to your will!" (Luke 1:38)

### **Confiteor (I Confess)**

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

### **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>
Christ, have mercy	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	Christe, eleison	<b>Christe, eleison.</b>
Lord, have mercy	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	Kyrie, eleison	<b>Kyrie, eleison.</b>

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory  
of God the Father. Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: A reading from the Book of Genesis 3: 9-15**

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' the man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

**The Word of the Lord.      *Thanks be to God.***

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129**

**Response:** *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

## **Second Reading: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1**

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – *I believed, and therefore I spoke* – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

**The Word of the Lord.        *Thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

**Alleluia!**

## **THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 3: 20-35**

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in

him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.     *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.    **Amen.****

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **SANCTUS**

#### **English**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Latin**

***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus***

***Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***

***Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.***

***Hosána in excélsis.***

***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.***

***Hosána in excélsis.***

We shall pray the **Preface I of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

### **The Mystery of Faith**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**English**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**Latin**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.**

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

**Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

**Priest:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

**People:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Priest:** Let us pray:

**O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that**

**by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS**

**Second Collection Next Weekend:** There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of the Day for Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church.

**Confirmation:** Next Saturday, twenty of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Philip Moger. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

**Healing Mass:** The next parish healing Mass will take place on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30am.

**Young Adults Group:** We will shortly be launching a group for young adults (18-30) in the parish. Representatives from this group will present a short appeal at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday.

**European Day:** On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be holding our European Day. We encourage all members of the European Community to get involved in this occasion. If you would like to contribute in any way, please speak to the Parish Secretary after Mass this weekend.

**Bible Study:** Our next Bible Study Session will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.45pm. For those attending via Zoom, the Meeting ID is 826 8917 5235. Passcode: 409515.

**General Election:** As you know, there will be a general election on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have put together some information and guidance on key issues of importance to us as Catholics, to inform how we vote. This information can be found using the following link [www.cbcew.org.uk/election24](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24)

**Fire Marshals:** Further to our appeal for fire marshals, we still need volunteers, particularly for the 11am Mass. All training will be given and you will be helping to provide a safe environment for our parishioners. Please speak to Fr. Cyriacus or contact the Parish Office if you are willing to take on this role.

**Eucharistic Minister and Readers Rotas:** We are in the process of producing the rotas from July to September. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister and will be away on a particular weekend, please let the office know by Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, so we can adjust the rota.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese

**Southwark Catholic Youth Service:** The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, please sign up to our network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwor](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwor)

**Food Bank:** Thank you to those who generously donate to the local foodbank via the box in the porch. Please note that we can only accept food donations and not medicines. If medicines are left, volunteers must find a way to dispose of them safely, which takes up more of their time.

**Parishioners in Need:** If you are aware of a parishioner who is in need of support in any way, please contact Fr. Cyriacus or the Parish Secretary. This also applies to those who wish to receive the Eucharist at home.

### **LIVE STREAMING**

Our 11am Sunday Mass is live-streamed and available on Youtube on the channel 'Crays Parish' or via this QR code.



## Readings For The Week Ahead

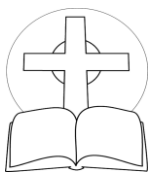
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>10/06/24</b>	1 Kings 17:1-6	Ps 120	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>11/06/24</b>	Acts 11:12-26, 13:1-3	Ps 97:1-6	Matthew 5:13-16
<b>12/06/24</b>	1 Kings 18:20-39	Ps 15:1-2,4-5,8,11	Matthew 5:17-19
<b>13/06/24</b>	1 Kings 18:41-46	Ps 64:10-13	Matthew 5:20-26
<b>14/06/24</b>	1 Kings 19:9,11-16	Ps 26:7-9,13-14	Matthew 5:27-32
<b>15/06/24</b>	1 Kings 19:19-21	Ps 15:1-2,5,7-10	Matthew 5:33-37

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

	<b>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>READERS 6PM</b>	Chima L Winter	A Dsouza V Martis
<b>READERS 9AM</b>	C Meaney I Joby	M Quintavalle T Wickenden
<b>READERS 11AM</b>	M McEveney A Olli	M Higgins P O'Halloran
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM</b>	E North	D Ekpoudom
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM</b>	I Floyd	J Laurent
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM</b>	M Alademerin, H Anseline, N Adewale	M McEveney, M Ehiosun, F Adewale
<b>CLEANING</b>	Team 2 – Mary Quintavalle	Team 3 – Anne-Marie Glancy
<b>LINEN</b>	Funmi Obende	Theresa Akagbosu

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, Janet Sinclair, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Mary Hayes, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Daisy Hone, Michael Thompson, Mary Brophy, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR JUNE

We remember in our prayers: John Wait, Margaret Plowman, Brigid Colond, Jeanette O'Connor, Julius Okoye, Raymond Parry, Terrence Jarrold, Rolundo Manangan, John Butamanyan, Assunta Freeman, Sheila Edith Lewis, Maureen Gahan, Jim Delaney, Barbara Lynch, Alice Wright, Margaret McCulla, Mary Ashton, Margaret Jackson, Mary Dunleavy, Kathleen Fitzsimons, Dominic Egbukwu, Anne Marie Kearney, Mary-Theresa Lynch, Alice Darla, Gladys Okoye, Susanne Mubi, Paolo Fanucci, Olive Bagust, Gladys Wells, George O'Brien, Angela Spiteri, Thomas Elliott, Bernard Cobby, Gabriel Bello, Joyce Lee, Mary Southgate, Moses Shofowuru, Ann Joyce Lee, Mary O'Donnell, Louisa Lobo, John Cafferkey and Mary (Janet) Storer.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sunday:</b> June 9: <b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b></p> <p>6pm (Vigil Mass): Mary &amp; Patrick O'Shea, RIP and Margaret Nuttman, BT</p> <p>9am Mass: Anya &amp; Edward Kuwalek, GP</p> <p>11am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>12.30pm: Legion of Mary Meeting</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p><b>Sat:</b> June 15: <b>Vigil of The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b></p> <p>12pm: Confirmation Mass</p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass: Mary Brophy, SR and Maureen Moran, SR</p>
<p><b>Mon:</b> June 10: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Tony &amp; Flora Fish, WB</p> <hr/> <p><b>Tues:</b> June 11: <b>No Mass</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wed:</b> June 12: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Mary Ann Keenan, RIP</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thu:</b> June 13: <b>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p><b>Fri:</b> June 14: <b>Feria</b></p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9am: Divine Mercy Novena</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sun:</b> June 16: <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b></p> <p>9am Mass: Ada Fusco, RIP</p> <p>11am Mass: Felix Obende, RIP</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed &amp; available on YouTube)</i></p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>SI means Special Intention  SR means Speedy Recovery  Bl means Blessed  GB means God's Blessings  GP means God's Protection  WB means Well-Being  TG means Thanksgiving  PI means Private Intentions  BT means Birthday Thanksgiving  WA means Wedding Anniversary  Pro Populo: People of the Parish  <b>Private Mass:</b> Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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