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SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.' (Luke 17: 15-19).

The central theme which runs through all the readings is: that our God is ever faithful and deserves our praise and thanksgiving. In the First reading, the Syrian army commander Naaman was healed of his virulent skin disease, when he conceded to Prophet Elisha's instruction to immerse himself seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman distinguished himself and showed gratitude as he came back to thank the man of God for this miraculous healing. Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus extended his healing hands to the ten lepers. Now let us examine the relationship between these lepers and Jesus. They stopped at a distance (Lk.17:13), considering themselves unfit to approach Jesus, and only requested for compassion and sympathy for their hopeless situation. They were probably not expecting Jesus to heal them. Jesus' response was 'go and show yourselves to the high priest' (Lk17:14).

The implication of this response was that they had been healed. This is supported in the book of Leviticus which clearly states: "Anybody cured was to show himself to the high priest for ritual purification" (Lev.14:2-7). Like Naaman, the healing did not take place immediately; faith was imperative. Christ did not start dancing in a frenzy or perform some magical incantations as we would expect. Surprisingly, it was only one of them, the Samaritan, who was regarded as a sinner, that came back to thank Jesus. Have we ever considered the need to thank God for the blessings and favours we have received? Let us remember that

all we have, our achievements, are thanks to God's blessings; for without God, we are nothing (John 15:5). Let us equally note that our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to the glory and greatness of God, but makes us grow in grace and holiness.

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	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

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 Second Book of Kings 5: 14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98: 1, 2-3b, 3c-4

Response: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 17: 5-10

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voice, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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 **Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

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 This Weekend: There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need.

October Devotion: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The parish encourages you to say the Rosary in your homes or in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for the Rosary at the following times throughout the month of October –

Monday	8.55am	Friday	8.50am
Wednesday	6.55pm	Saturday	5.30pm
Thursday	8.55am	Sunday	8.30am, 10.30am

November Dead List: November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember and pray in a special way for the deceased members of our families and our friends. Please put the list of the names of the deceased in a special envelope placed at the porch together with your offering and place it in the Holy Souls box. We will place all those names on the Altar and say at least one Mass for those souls every day in the month of November.

Building Fund: We are grateful to have such a lovely church building and grounds. However, the maintenance and repair costs associated with the property are expensive and ongoing. In the near future we will be holding an appeal to provide more details on these costs, but in the meantime we are adding a Building Fund option to the contactless payment machines in the church. Please give what you can to help with the upkeep of our church.

Bible Study: The next Bible Study session will be held on Thursday the 16th of October at 7.45pm via Zoom. The topic will be Concupiscence. The Zoom details are Meeting ID: 826 8917 5235, Passcode: 409515. All are welcome.

RCIA: We are now accepting applications for the next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course which starts next month. If you are an adult and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the Parish Office for more information on crayvalley@rcaos.org.uk

First Holy Communion: The next First Holy Communion Programme will start shortly, with the children receiving the Sacrament on the 6th of June 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you are practicing parishioners at Our Lady of the Crays, please email the Parish Office for an application form. Please note there is a strict cut-off date of Thursday the 6th of November for applications.

Confirmation: We are asking all young people who are considering applying for the next Confirmation course to give serious thought to whether they feel ready to receive this Sacrament. In the porch, there are some printouts that may provide some guidance in this discernment process. The application process will open early next year.

October Birthdays: On the weekend of the 25th & 26th October, we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of October. If your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

Building a Better Marriage: Married couples are invited to a Building a Better Marriage Course which will be held at St James the Great, Petts Wood on Saturday the 1st of November from 9.30am-4.30pm. This is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course, but booking is essential. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524727. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

Annual Mass Count: The annual Mass Count ends this weekend.

SVP Coffee Morning: The parish St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a coffee morning in the hall after the morning Mass on Thursday the 23rd of October. All are welcome.

SVP Christmas Cards: SVP Christmas cards are now available to purchase. There will be a selection for sale at the Coffee Morning.

Use of Phones in Church: Our church is a place of worship and we respectfully ask that all phones are switched off when you enter the building. This includes devices that may be used to entertain children during Mass.

Baptism: If you would like to have your child Baptised in our parish, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. If you are a practising parishioner here you will be invited to join the Pathways to Baptism course. The next course will take place on the 7th and 14th of October.

School Admissions September 2026: If you would like Fr. Cyriacus to sign a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for school applications, please contact the parish office.

Pre-School: Our Lady's Pre-School, situated in the church hall currently has some vacancies. Please phone Anne-Marie on 07983 660589 for more information.

BANK DETAILS

For bank transfers to the Parish –
Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley
Account Number: 50533401
Sort Code: 60-16-03

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams 11 AM Mass on Sundays between 10.30 AM and 12.30 PM on YouTube. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

Readings For The Week Ahead

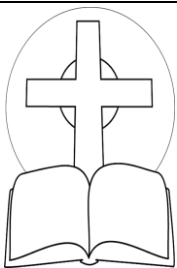
	1 st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
13/10/25	Romans 1:1-7	Ps 98:1-4	Luke 11:29-32
14/10/25	Romans 1:16-25	Ps 19:2-5	Luke 11:37-41
15/10/25	Romans 2:1-11	Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9	Luke 11:42-46
16/10/25	Romans 3:21-30	Ps 130:1-6	Luke 11:47-54
17/10/25	Romans 4:1-18	Ps 32:1-2,5,11	Luke 12:1-7
18/10/25	2 Timothy 4:10-17b	Ps 145:10-13,17-18	Luke 10:1-9

CHURCH MINISTRIES

	11 th & 12 th October	18 th & 19 th October
READERS 6PM	G Winter D Fufeyin	A Dsouza V Martis
READERS 9AM	R Fernandes T Wickenden	A Garber J Garber
READERS 11AM	T Onwudinjo P Chitongo	N Boateng M McEveney
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Winter	J Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	M Abu T Meaney	T Wickenden K Wingfield
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	M McEveney, N Adewale, M Ehiosun	M Alademerin, F Adewale, N Esong
CLEANING	Team 2 – Mary Quintavalle	Team 3 – Anne-Marie Glancy
LINEN	Theresa Akagbosu	Ann Kane

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR OCTOBER

We remember in our prayers: Bernadette Cordwell, William Bell, Charlotte Wickenden, Silvester Gomez, Anna Bartels, Beatrice Juliann, Elizabeth Partridge, Josephine Fernandes, Roy Simpson, Frances Cusack, Joseph Jzuyan, William Hayes, Baaba Arbuah, Asuro Ehiosun, Jane Hemming, Peter Akagbosu, Henry Thomas, Henry Twyman, Andrew Parmiter, Margaret Kisman, Joyce Simpson, Gladys Muriel Beard, Romesh Perera, Pearl Mondesir, Toyin Akinniranye, Mary (Maureen) Moran and Audrey Marshall.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Oct. 12: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): John Hollis, RIP 9am Mass: Pro Populo 11am Mass: Balakrishnan Selvan, 70th BT; Nneka Omo-Idahosa, BT and Scott & Nneka Omo-Idahosa, 40th WA <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Oct. 18: Vigil of Twenty-Ninth (C) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass: David Magaji, BT
Mon: Oct. 13: St. Edward the Confessor, King (Feast) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Stephanie Peters, RIP Tues: Oct. 14: No Mass Wed: Oct. 15: St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Bridie Moloney, RIP Thu: Oct. 16: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Josephine Fernandes, RIP Fri: Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Romesh & Raja Perera, RIP	Sun: Oct. 19: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C) 9am Mass: Pro Populo 11am Mass: Alice & Patrick Dunne, RIP and Theophilus & Sylvia Ampson, RIP Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery BI 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 Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone

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