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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' (Matthew 9: 37-38)

In the First Reading, God showed his immense love for his elect – Israel, continually demanding their unflinching loyalty. God chose or elected Israel for his own purpose. Our God does not choose people because they present themselves, or because they are qualified or talented. On the contrary, he chooses what is weak to achieve his divine plan.

Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus knowing the need for committed labourers in his vineyard, chose 12 simple and ordinary men to continue and perpetuate his ministry of evangelization. Given the enormity of this mission, one would expect that Jesus would call the brightest and the best scholars. But he chose lowly uneducated fishermen. Perhaps, it is only such unsophisticated people that could immediately leave their nets and follow him.

The Twelve were commissioned to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near at hand: to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons..." (Matt.10:7-8). We are each called by the Lord to participate in this apostolic ministry at our baptism and confirmation. No one can say he or she is not suitable. God calls you to make a difference to the world, God wants to use you in his plan for the salvation of the world. Unlike the disciples, we might not leave fishing boats, torn nets and even parents, but we are called to leave part of ourselves behind to follow Jesus who calls each of us by name and expects us to respond generously to his call.

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 Book of Exodus 19: 2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." '

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
Eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

5: 6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 9: 36-10: 8

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

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 I 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)
what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Second Collection Next Weekend: Next weekend there will be a second collection 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 to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Parish Changes: In response to a request from the Archbishop, Fr. Cyriacus will be leaving Our Lady of the Crays this summer, ahead of joining his new parish of Mottingham and Chislehurst West in September. Please pray for him and for our parish in this time of change. We will be holding a farewell Mass for Fr. Cyriacus on Friday the 17th of July at 7pm, followed by a Bring and Share Supper in the hall. We look forward to welcoming our new Parish Priest, Fr. Subba Perumalla, in September.

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday the 15th of June at 7pm. All members of the Council are encouraged to attend.

Bible Study: The next session of the parish Bible Study group will take place on Thursday the 18th of June at 7.45pm via Zoom. The Zoom details are as follows – Meeting ID: 838 8966 7814, Passcode: 021548.

June Birthdays: On the weekend of the 27th & 28th of June we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of June. If your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

Afro-Caribbean Day: On Sunday the 12th of July we will be holding our Afro-Caribbean Day. Please add this date to your diary. More details to follow.

A note from David Philip, Parish Treasurer: Due to the recent closure of Natwest Bank, Orpington, we will now be using the Post Office to bank our offertory collections. However, the way the Post Office process cash, especially coins, differs from the banks and means an increase in the work of counting and banking Parish funds. To lighten the burden on those who count and bank our collections, I am asking parishioners to stop putting coppers (1 and 2 pence pieces) into the offertory. All other cash is welcome. Thank you for your co-operation.

Gift Aid: If you give to the Parish under the Gift Aid scheme you are reminded to check that you pay sufficient tax to cover the amount we reclaim from the Inland Revenue, otherwise we could suffer penalties. For example, if in the year ending 5th April 2026 you gave £100 to the parish we have claimed back £25 (25% of your donation) from the Inland Revenue. You must have paid at least this amount of tax. If you have not please contact David Philip on davidphilip@rcaos.org.uk so that we can rectify the claim. We would like to thank all our Parish Gift Aiders, especially those who signed up for the first time after the recent appeal.

Divine Mercy Novena: The Divine Mercy Novena will be said at 9am each Friday, before the morning Mass.

Baptism: If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. The next Pathways to Baptism course takes place on the 9th and 16th of June.

Mass Offerings: If you would like to request a Mass in the parish, please take one of the brown envelopes available in the porch and fill in the details on the front. Once complete, you can include your offering and pass the envelope to Fr. Cyriacus or add it to the offertory bag. Please submit your requests in good time.

Legion of Mary: The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

Children's Sheets: The parish provides special sheets to help our younger parishioners understand the liturgy of the week. If your child is aged 9 or over, they should take a copy of the 'Icthus' sheet. If you have a younger child, they should take the 'Look' sheet.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cyriacus after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

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 the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. 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:

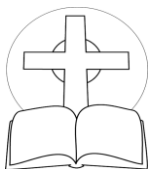
	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
15/06/26	1 Kings 21:1-16	Ps 5:2-3,5-7	Matthew 5:38-42
16/06/26	1 Kings 21:17-29	Ps 51:3-6,11,16	Matthew 5:43-48
17/06/26	2 Kings 2:1,6-14	Ps 31:20,21,24	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
18/06/26	Sirach 48:1-14	Ps 97:1-7	Matthew 6:7-15
19/06/26	2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18,20	Ps 132:11-14,17-18	Matthew 6:19-23
20/06/26	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Ps 89:4-5,29-34	Matthew 6:24-34

CHURCH MINISTRIES

	13th & 14th June	20th & 21st June
READERS 6PM	V Martis A Dsouza	G Selvaraj P Lobo
READERS 9AM	M Quintavalle A Garber	T Wickenden M Francis
READERS 11AM	T Onwudinjo M McEveney	N Boateng A Ollie
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Ekpoudom	S Fernando
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Meaney M Abu	I Floyd K Wingfield
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	N Esong R Anseline	E Williams M Alademerin
CLEANING	Team 2 – Mary Quintavalle	Team 3-Anne-Marie Glancy
LINEN	Funmi Obende	Theresa Akagbosu

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, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, Alzira Miranda, Stella Hawker, 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>Sun: June 14: The Eleventh Sunday (A)</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): James McNally and Daniel McNally, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Justin & Dominica Winter, 23rd WA</p> <p>11am Mass: Arinze Nwafor, BT and Tahirah Felix, 18th BT</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p>Sat: June 20: Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday (A)</p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Irene Williams, BT</p>
<p>Mon: June 15: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p>Tues: June 16: No Mass</p> <hr/> <p>Wed: June 17: Feria</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Felix Obende, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Thu: June 18: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Rev. William McCarthy, RIP and Ted Lavin, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Fri: June 19: Saint John Rigby, Martyr (Memorial) (A)</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9am: Divine Mercy Novena</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Mary Dunleavy, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: June 21: The Twelfth Sunday (A)</p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: Paul Keogh, RIP</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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