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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (A)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55: 8-9)

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:6-9). This is the central theme of the First reading and Gospel readings. The ways of God are incomprehensible and this is why Prophet Isaiah invites us in the First reading to trust God with all our being, as He knows what is good for us. In the Gospel, the mysterious nature of God is manifested in the employment and remuneration scheme of the Master, which differs markedly from modern day employers. Humanly speaking, we find it difficult to understand why the Master should give equal pay to workers employed at different times, even those employed at the very last hour.

Two major lessons can be deduced from our readings: First, our God is a generous God and does not want us to lack the basic needs for our survival. He knows that the late and early employees need enough pay to survive. Second, the difficulties we encounter in this world will never overshadow us as long as we commend ourselves in humble trust to God. Thus, If God is interested in our affairs and knows what is good for us, may we then trust in Him confident that He is abundantly able to provide for us.

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 Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day, and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised; his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him, who call on him in truth. **R**

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

1: 20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 20: 1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

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 V of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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)***

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission). This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

CAFOD Appeal: Ahead of the Family Fast Day on the 2nd of October, there will be an appeal on behalf of CAFOD at the end of each Mass next weekend. Envelopes will be available for your donations which will be collected on the weekend of the 3rd/4th October.

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will take place in the church hall on Monday the 21st of September, starting at 7pm. If you are a member of the Parish Council, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Annual Mass Count: Starting this weekend and continuing until the weekend of the 3rd/4th October, we will be carrying out the Annual Mass Count at each weekend Mass.

First Holy Communion Programme: The closing date for applications is Friday the 25th of September 2026. We are inviting applications for the next First Holy Communion Programme. If you have a child in Year 3 or above and you are a practicing parishioner at Our Lady of the Crays, please email the parish office for an application form. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications after the cut off date.

RCIA: If you are an adult and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, you may wish to consider joining our next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course which starts in mid-October. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Car: Fr. Subba would like to express his gratitude to the family in our parish who have very generously gifted him a car. Thanks also to all those who helped in his search for suitable transportation.

September Birthdays: On the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of September. If you have a September birthday and your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on in clear, block capitals.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Formation Day: All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are asked to save the date of the forthcoming Formation Day. This will be held on Saturday the 31st of October at the Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Carlton Road, Erith, DA8 1DN. The theme will be "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist". More details are on the poster in the porch.

Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio): All are welcome to join Archbishop John Wilson for Mass on the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (23rd of September). The Mass will be held at St. George's Cathedral, starting at 7pm. After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Pio – a piece of cloth he once used to clean the wound in his side. Confession will be available from 6pm, during Eucharistic Adoration.

Service For Those Harmed By Abuse: The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse at St. George's Cathedral on Wednesday the 30th of September, starting at 6.30pm. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocesan community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and to demonstrate our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

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.

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.

Cray Young Adults Network: CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email craysyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

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

Legal Advice: Legal advice is available to Our Lady of the Crays parishioners. Please contact Pedro on 07888 691332.

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.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Subba 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.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
21/09/26	Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13	Ps 19:2-5	Matthew 9:9-13
22/09/26	Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13	Ps 119: 1,27,30,34,35,44	Luke 8:19-21
23/09/26	Galatians 2:19-20	Ps 128:1-5	Matthew 16: 24-27
24/09/26	Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10	Lk 1:46-55	Luke 1:26-38
25/09/26	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	Ps 144:1-4	Luke 9:18-22
26/09/26	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17	Luke 9:43b-45

BANK DETAILS

If you would like to donate to the parish, please scan the QR code below or contact the parish office for our bank details.



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.

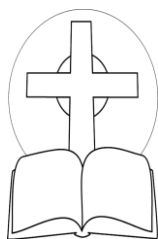
CHURCH MINISTRIES		
	19th & 20th September	26th & 27th September
READERS 6PM	L Winter D Fufeyin	G Winter Chima
READERS 9AM	M Francis F Garber	R Fernandes C Meaney
READERS 11AM	C Olii M McEveney	P Boateng N Cornelio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	S Fernando	N Omo-Idahosa
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	K Wingfield T Wickenden	T Meaney M Abu
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	M Ehiosun F Adewale	N Esong E Williams
CLEANING	Team 3-Anne-Marie Glancy	Team 4-Chris Meaney
LINEN	Ann Kane	Ese Temeinor

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, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, Alzira Miranda, Stella Hawker, Pauline Burgess, Douglas Hine, Valerie Robbins, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR SEPTEMBER



We remember in our prayers: Alice Dunne, Paddy Herbert, Bernard Aikhuele, Sheila O'Connor, Adewale Adams, Elsie Unger, Eugenia Marshall, James Drysdale, James Silo, Eileen Morris, Raul Joyce, Rose Chattell, Michael Wingfield, Teresa Downes, Patrick Daly, Merlyn Morris, Dennis Morris, Irene Howlett, Art Sheridan, Maurice Casey, Maria Ellerby, Frances Hill, Giovanni Ferrigan, Alfred Mandy, Patrick Dunne, Kkelu Nwafor, Amelia Cansdale, Paul Abiodun Fashina, John Jagger, Maria Quintavalle, Bridget Whelan, Octaviana Goes, Grace Le Fleur, James Fordham, Sissy Dabin, Madge Trinder, Mary Rose Wilkins, Maurice Quirk, Margaret Keeling, Mary Crowley, Maureen McMahon, Ellen Lawlor, Pauline Reid, Hannah O'Sullivan, Betty Evans, Slyma Laurent, Peter Trodden, Roddy Korateng-Addo, Andrew Sabbath Day Archer, Jeanne Allen, P J O'Connor, Janet Sinclair and Johnson Orimolade.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Sept. 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): P.J. O'Connor, RIP 9am Mass: Pro Populo 11am Mass: Pro Populo <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Sep. 26: Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): V Robbins, GB
Mon: Sept. 21: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: Francis Fernandes, RIP Tues: Sep. 22: No Mass Wed: Sep. 23: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (Memorial) 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Holy Souls Thu: Sep. 24: Our Lady of Walsingham, (Feast) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Lawrence Cronin, RIP Fri: Sep. 25: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9am: Divine Mercy Novena 9.30am Mass: Christy Kerins, RIP (1st Death Anniversary)	Sun: Sep. 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) 9am Mass: Octaviano Goes, RIP and Royle & Fiona Fernandes, TG 11am Mass: Margaret Ehiosun, BT Note: 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 Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone

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<https://www.youtube.com/@craysparish7800/streams>