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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (A)

'When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.' (Ezekiel 18:26-27)

In the First reading, God defends His mysterious ways as shown in the equal reward scheme of the Master in the Gospel of last Sunday. Hence, he asks: "Is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?" (Ezek.18:25-28). In the second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to be united in love with a common purpose and mind. This unity of mind and purpose is opposed to hypocrisy. The Gospel reading typifies this fact and presents us with the attitude of two people with regards to fulfilling their promises. The first son was very honest and later rescinded his decision to disobey his father. The second was a hypocrite; he gave his father false hope knowing fully well that he has no intention to oblige his father's request.

Sometimes we find it easy and honourable to say Yes in order to please our bosses, parents, husbands, wives and those around us: but the real honour comes in fulfilling our promises. Most of us made promises to God at the beginning of this year and I think God has been faithful to us. Have you fulfilled your promises to Him? May God give us the grace to avoid hypocrisy and may our Yes mean Yes in our hearts and actions.

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 Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Thus says the Lord: "You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die."

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25: 4-5b, 6-7, 8-9

Response: Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **R**

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians
2: 1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21: 28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

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

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: There will be a second collection this 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 this weekend. Envelopes are available in the porch for your donations which will be collected next week.

Annual Mass Count: The Annual Mass Count continues this weekend finishing on the weekend of the 3rd/4th October.

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.

September Birthdays: This weekend, we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of September with a special blessing at the end of each Mass. Please join us in the hall after Mass for birthday cake and refreshments.

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 before each Mass during October.

School Admissions September 2027: If you would like Fr. Subba to sign a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for school applications, please post these forms in an envelope through the Presbytery door. You should also include a copy of the child's Baptism certificate and (for Secondary applications) First Holy Communion certificate. You will be advised when the forms are ready for collection.

Charismatics Group: The Seat of Wisdom Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group will hold their next meeting via Zoom on Sunday the 4th of October from 4.30-5.30pm. The Zoom details are Meeting ID: 83889667814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome.

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.

A Message from Fr. Cyriacus: Fr. Cyriacus has now received his farewell collection and has asked us to pass on his sincere gratitude for your generosity. He will be keeping you all in his prayers.

Could You Become a Governor? School governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. We are particularly in need of more Catholic governors in our two parish schools. Register your interest by visiting rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor.

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 will take place via Zoom on the 13th and 20th of October.

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 crasyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

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.

We are also looking for new members of our parish SVP group. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the number provided.

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.

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.

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.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
28/09/26	Job 1:6-22	Ps 17:1,2-3,6-7	Luke 9:46-50
29/09/26	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Ps 138:1-5	John 1:47-51
30/09/26	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Ps 119:9-14	Matthew 13:47-52
01/10/26	Isaiah 66:10-14	Ps 131:1-3	Matthew 18:1-5
02/10/26	Exodus 23:20-23	Ps 91:1-6,10-11	Matthew 18:1-5,10
03/10/26	Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17	Ps 119:66,71,75, 91,125,130	Luke 10:17-24

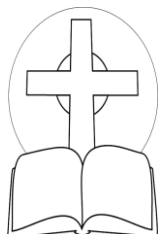
<u>CHURCH MINISTRIES</u>		
	26th & 27th September	3rd & 4th October
READERS 6PM	G Winter Chima	A Dsouza V Martis
READERS 9AM	R Fernandes C Meaney	R Fernandes M Fernandes
READERS 11AM	P Boateng N Cornelio	B Esong C Ollie
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	N Omo-Idahosa	J Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Meaney M Abu	T Meaney K Wingfield
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	N Esong E Williams	M Alademerin M McEveney
CLEANING	Team 4-Chris Meaney	Team 1-Funmi Adewale
LINEN	Ese Temeinor	Helen Coker

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. 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): V. Robbins, GB 9am Mass: Octaviano Goes, RIP and Royle & Fiona Fernandes, TG 11am Mass: Margaret Ehiosun, BT <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Oct. 3: Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Michael & Maureen Moran, RIP
Mon: Sept. 28: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: Holy Souls Tues: Sep. 29: No Mass Wed: Sep. 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: S. Regina & Maria Louis Sampathraj, RIP (Death Anniversary) Thu: Oct. 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls Fri: Oct. 2: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9am: Divine Mercy Novena 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls	Sun: Oct. 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) 9am Mass: Gabriella Winter, 13th BT 11am Mass: Nkazi Family, TG 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>