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SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (A)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces... (Isaiah 25:6-8)

The first reading describes the banquet prepared on top of the mountain for God's chosen and righteous people, and reinforces the belief in the life-after-death. This feast will signal the annihilation of death and the beginning of a joy that knows no end: "On this mountain he will swallow up the covering that is cast over all peoples...he will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:7-8). Similarly, the Gospel takes up the theme of the Royal Wedding Feast and clearly stipulates the requirements of those invited to the Royal Wedding Feast.

From the Gospel narrative, it is apparently strange that the Master should reprimand those without the wedding garment, given that most of them were given very late invitations. Yet, this goes to show that there is no short cut to heaven. You must be qualified and ready in order to partake in the heavenly banquet. Let us ask God for the grace to put off our old clothes of self-sufficiency, greed, hatred and enmity, and put on the wedding garments of love, forgiveness and total dependence on God. These are the types of garments that would grant us access to the heavenly banquet.

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 25: 6-10a

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians
4: 12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 VIII 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)***

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Prisoner's Sunday: Today is Prisoner's Sunday, the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment – those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support.

PACT is the national Catholic prison charity. To find out more about their work and to donate to their cause, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of Missio. Missio is 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, 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. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

St. Philomena's Open Day: St. Philomena's Primary School will be holding their Open Day on Tuesday the 3rd of November at 10am. To book a place, please contact the school office on admin@st-philomenas.bromley.sch.uk

St. Peter & St. Paul's Open Days: St Peter & St. Paul's Primary School will be holding their Open Days on the 5th, 11th and 18th of November from 9.30-10.30am. To book a place, please contact the school office on admin@stpstp.co.uk

Outreach Group: There will be a meeting of the parish Outreach Group on Sunday the 18th of October, following the 11am Mass.

Annual Mass Count: The Annual Mass Count concludes this weekend. Thank you to the stewards who have facilitated the count.

Fr. Cyriacus Induction Mass: Fr. Cyriacus' Induction Mass to the parishes of St. Patrick's, Chislehurst and Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham will take place at the Mottingham Church on Friday the 13th of November at 7pm. A reception in the parish hall will follow. All are invited.

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.

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.

Monitor and Printer: We have a small monitor and a printer (scanner function not working) available free of charge to anyone who can make use of them. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

A Day With Mary: A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on the 7th of November from 9.45am to 5pm. The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster, will be the Celebrant and Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org

Baptism: If you would like to have your child baptised in the parish, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. You should include in your email your details including phone number and the Mass you normally attend. 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 craysyoungadultsnetwork@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.

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.

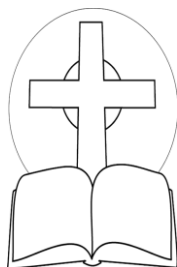
Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
12/10/26	Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27,31-5:1	Ps 113:1-7	Luke 11:29-32
13/10/26	Galatians 5:1-6	Ps 119:41, 43-45,47-48	Luke 11:37-41
14/10/26	Galatians 5:18-25	Ps 1:1-4,6	Luke 11:42-46
15/10/26	Romans 8:22-27	Ps 19:8-11	John 15:1-8
16/10/26	Ephesians 1:11-14	Ps 33:1-2,4-5, 12-13	Luke 12:1-7
17/10/26	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Ps 34:29	John 12:24-26

<u>CHURCH MINISTRIES</u>		
	10th & 11th October	17th & 18th October
READERS 6PM	D Fufeyin P Lobo	G Winter G Selvaraj
READERS 9AM	T Wickenden J Garber	A Garber F Garber
READERS 11AM	K Ollie M McEveney	M Ollie A Ollie
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Winter	E North
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	I Floyd T Wickenden	M Abu T Meaney
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	N Adewale M Ehiosun	F Adewale N Esong
CLEANING	Team 2	Team 3-Anne-Marie Glancy
LINEN	Titi Obende	Funmi Obende

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 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. 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Sheila & Douglas Lewis, WB 9am Mass: Norma Abrook, WB 11am Mass: Amy Tilley, BT <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Oct. 17: Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Frances Cusack, RIP
Mon: Oct. 12: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: Constance Dasa, RIP Tues: Oct. 13: No Mass Wed: Oct. 14: Feria 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Hannah Falvey, RIP Thu: Oct. 15: St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Thomas & Brigid Flannery, RIP Fri: Oct. 16: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Josephine Fernandes, RIP and Romesh and Raja Perera, RIP	Sun: Oct. 18: Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) 9am Mass: David Magaji, BT and Daly Family, WB 11am Mass: Theophilus & Sylvia Ampson 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>