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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – 16th /17th SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our collect for this Sunday is "Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy...."
Feeling the working of God's mercy, require us to show mercy to those who have wrong us in anyway. Showing mercy is not seeking for vengeance but for justice.



It is not asking the wrong doers to apologize or beg for forgivingness when they are not willing and ready to do that, but for us to heal ourselves by forgiving the wrong done against us unconditionally.

We are told in the first reading not to seek vengeance, for vengeance is for the Lord. That WE should not allow anger to leads us to resentment. God grants compassion and forgiveness of sins to us when we let go the sins of others through forgiveness. For the Lord is Compassion and love and rich in mercy.

Through the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, God has conquered evil and has giving us victory over death, thus to forgive is to die to self and rise with Christ Jesus who is love manifested through the cross. The life-blood of the Christian community is forgiveness. A community that does not forgive lives in the past, lives in bitterness, lives in agony and continues war of revenge. Forgiveness has been associated to many psychological, mental, physical and spiritual disorders. Not letting go is storing up bitterness and hatred and living in perpetual agony.

The message of this Sunday is God's works of redemption in action through forgiveness. God's in Christ Jesus have come to set us free and for us to attain this salvation, we ourselves should set free those who have wrong us. A very difficult task but we take our example from the Master himself who even on the cross forgave those who unjustly crucified him.

We pray that God will give us that courage to let go, that spirit of forgiveness so that we may be set free also from all our wrong doings.

DUKIYA OTITOYOMI JEROME C.S.Sp.



#### **WELCOME**

# We warmly welcome both Fr Jerome Dukiya, our new parish priest and Fr Vincent Nnatuanya, assistant priest to our parish.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

#### PARISH ACTIVITY -TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

#### Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass.

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity on Sundays and Thursdays which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office <a href="mailto:westgreen@rcdow.org.uk">westgreen@rcdow.org.uk</a>

#### **CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024**

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel or the Parish Office.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church - Deadline 17th Sept

#### **CONFRMATION PROGRAMME**

Application Form at the back of the Church
It will start in Feb 2024

#### RITE OF CHISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Application Form at the back of the Church

#### **BAPTISM FOR INFANTS**

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

Our West Green Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining, just show up and introduce yourself. You will be most welcome.

#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

This Sat, 16th & Sun, 17th September After all Masses in the Parish Hall

All parishioners are invited to bring and buy cakes as part of our efforts to fund raise and support the wonderful work the MacMillan Nurses do.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

#### INVITATION TO OUR MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

For those who suffer and died trying to reach safety in Europe and the UK on the third Monday of the month. Next Vigil **Monday 18th September, 2023** Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or <u>barbarakentish@talktalk.net</u>

#### **LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome! Next session **19th September, 2023** 

#### **CAFOD RECYCLNG CAMPAIGN**

To support CAFOD's fundraising campaign, you will remember that Live Simply issued a leaflet at masses last week. The box for you to drop the requested recycled items (used foreign currency, jewellery, tablets, mobile phones, postage stamps) will be placed at the back of the Church for you to deposit your items on weekends and at the front left on weekdays. Your unused items can support CAFOD in their invaluable work.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

#### SUPPORT CAFOD'S FIX THE FOOD CAMPAIGN!

SJV's Live Simply Group would like to thank the 296 parishioners who have signed the petition to the World Bank and also to thank Fr Jerome for his support. Three letters have been sent to CAFOD.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Presently, volunteers are urgently needed to help clean up the churchyard, little garden and the parish centre which needs some thorough cleaning.

If you wish to help please contact the parish office 0208 888 5518.

Looking forward for your support.

#### THANK GOD ON FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reflections by the Verbum Dei Missionaries on **29th September at 7:30-9pm** 

#### **DAY RETREAT**

by the Verbum Dei Missionaries on

Saturday 30th September from 10am – 1pm

at Verbum Dei House, number 10. For more information please contact Sr Anabel

## VISIT TO FR JOE AT COWLEY Three dates:

Friday 29th September Monday 2nd of October Wednesday 4th of October

Please sign up for any of the three days at the back of the church (groups of 6 or 7)

"Mass Count will be taking place at each Saturday/ Sunday Mass for four weeks commencing 23/24th September."

Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter

### **LITURGY**

Morning Prayers – Mon-Fri: 8:30am Sat: 9:15am

## **MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 10:00am

Saturday 6pm - Sunday Vigil Mass Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

#### **ROSARY**

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5-5:30pm

## NEXT SUNDAY: 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm: Psalm 144

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

FR JEROME'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Tues & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

FR VINCENT'S OFFICE HOURS: Wed. Thurs: 10:30am - 2:30pm (4 Vincent Road N15 3QH)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9am-5pm

To make an appointment

Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email

westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We cannot guarantee to have anyone available outside of these hours.

## THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Fr Patrick Walter Brenan OP
John Newell (Fr Martin's Dad)
Kathleen Kim Cummins
Christina Ryan
Eulyn Hutchinson
Bernadette Golly Basdeo

#### **RIP Anniversary**

Eugene O'Sullivan – 6th Ann Maria Cortazzo – 2nd Ann Maria Pia – 1st Ann Christine Ng Ying – 24th Ann

#### **Special Intentions:**

John Russell
Tony Menezes
Isabella Menezes
Brian Waters
Christina Danaher
Eleanor Austin
Janice Leckie
Seema Chandwani

## And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela Ann Eduardo Elsa Emmanuel Gabriel Helen Ivy A John D Joan Kathy F Kitty Michael J Monica Pantaleone **Patricia** Phil Pierina Rose Sheila Veronica Walter Yollie Yvonne

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

#### **PARISH TEAM**

Fr Jerome Dukiya CSSp, Parish Priest Fr Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp, Asst. Priest Sr. Anabel Gonzalez FMVD, Parish Sister Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary