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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – 23rd /24th SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Generous Love of God

The generous land owner in our gospel parable for this Sunday must be a very generous man. He went out of his way to go and look for workers in his vineyard. He did not wait for anybody to put up an application for the job but out of his own volition went out to look for people who have no job to come to his vineyard and work. What sensible employer would behave like this man?



This farmer knows that there were people who may not have met requirements for job positions at bid establishments, hence he decided to go out and search for such people and give them something doing to be able to eke out their living. What a generous and kind man.

Dear friends in Christ, the owner of our world is God, he created all of us in his own image and kindness. In the book of Genesis chapter 1 verse 28 he says to us, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it." Here we have a God who believes in us and wants us to continue the good work he began. Here is a God who believes that there is dignity in our labour. What a wonderful God, I feel like staging a beautiful dance for him now. Whatever work we do is a participation in the beautiful work God began just to make the world a beautiful place for us to dwell in. This is God's love God in action. Of course, his love is better than life Ps 63:3.

You can now understand why the parable tells us that the land owner went out to get workers to work for him in his vineyard. So, whatever work you do, you are standing in for God. In the book of Jeremiah chapter 1:4, he says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations." God did not blow us like bubbles into existence. Each one has a role to play to justify his or existence.

We pray for leaders of countries all over the world to learn from this generous landowner in creating healthy environment for their citizens to work and be satisfied. It might to some extent solve the problem of migration all over the world. May we experience the touch of God through the works we do.

Fr Vincent Nnatuanya 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 westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

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

CONFIRMATION 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

All PPC members are asked to attend the meeting that will place on Wednesday 27th September at 7:30pm in the parish hall

DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

At Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 7th October 2023 at 2:30pm**. Principal Celebrant, Rt Rev. Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

THANK YOU - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A "BIG THNK YOU" to all who brought and bought cakes, made donations and attended our Coffee Morning last Saturday/Sunday in support of the MacMillan Cancer the wonderful work the MacMillan Nurses do, which helped raise the sum of £495.59

Thank you for your generosity and support.

THANK YOU: SJV NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Wish to thank the members of the SJV Nigerian Community who hosted their fundraising event on the 27th August 2023 and all who have attended and participated in making it a success to raise the sum of £769.82.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome! Next session **3rd** October, **2023**

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 16th October, 2023** Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30
1.30pm

For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net

LIVE SIMPLY VEGGIE COOKING PRESENTATON

Where? SJV Parish Hall
When? Sunday 8th October after
11am Mass

Why? Learn about why reducing meat consumption can help solve climate change. Watch and Learn! Our Chef will cook a delicious meat free meal then do it yourself at home! All welcome!

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 Reflection by the Verbum Dei Missionaries on **29th September at 7:30-9pm**

DAY RETREAT

by the Verbum Dei Missionaries on **Saturday 30th September, 10am – 1pm** at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Rd. For more information please contact Sr Anabel

VISIT TO FR JOE AT COWLEY

Monday 2nd of October

Please sign up for it at the back of the church (groups of 6 or 7)

CONGRATULATIONS TO SR ANN MARIE, VERBUM DEI MISSIONARY

Last Tuesday was the graduation for her Theological studies. She was the first woman to graduate from the Allen Hall Seminary.



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: 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: Psalm 24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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

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

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

John Newell Sarah Jordan

RIP Anniversary

Giuseppe Ollari
Cristina Isaac Bondoc
Michael Walsh
Maria Gardella
Brenda Peterson
Margaret Lawlor
Elizabeth Clear
John Holmesc

Special Intentions:

And for the sick and those in our parish

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

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

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PARISH TEAM

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