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**THE
SPIRITANS**

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 10:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm.

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am.

12:30pm Mass Starting from

November 2024.

FR JEROME'S OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. Tues. & Fri: 10:30am-2:30pm

(4 Vincent Road N15 3QH)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9.00am-1pm & 2pm-5pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Jerome Otitoyomi Dukiya C.S.Sp.

Assistant Priest: Fr. Erasmus Egononu C.S.Sp.

Morning Prayers

Mon-Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 9:15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:30 -11:30am

5:00pm-5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation and Solemnity: 9:15am and 7:30pm

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th October 2024

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024

Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Matthew 22:9)

Dear brothers and sisters!

The theme I have chosen for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. Matthew 22:1-14). After the guests refused his invitation, the king, the main character in the story, tells his servants: 'Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find' (v. 9). Reflecting on this key passage in the context of the parable and of Jesus' own life, we can discern several important aspects of evangelization. These appear particularly timely for all of us, as missionary disciples of Christ, during this final stage of the synodal journey that, in the words of its motto, 'Communion, Participation, Mission', seeks to refocus the Church on her primary task, which is the preaching of the Gospel in today's world.

1. 'Go and invite!' Mission as a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet.

In the king's command to his servants we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs 'to go out' and 'to invite'. As for the first, we need to remember that the servants had previously been sent to deliver the king's invitation to the guests (cf. vv. 3-4). Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (cf. John 10:16). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, 'Go!', thus involving them in his own mission (cf. Luke 10:3; Mark 16:15). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission ad gentes that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: 'Go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the 'crossroads' of today's world. 'Today's drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an "imprisoning" Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as "its own", whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries' (Address to Participants in the Conference organised by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, 18 February 2023). May all of us, the baptised, be ready to set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!

To return to the king's command in the parable, the servants are told not only to 'go', but also to 'invite': 'Come to the wedding!' (Matthew 22:4). Here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission entrusted by God. As we can imagine, the servants conveyed the king's invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness. In the same way,

the mission of bringing the Gospel to every creature must necessarily imitate the same 'style' of the One who is being preached. In proclaiming to the world 'the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead' (Evangelic Gaudium, 36), missionary disciples should do so with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them (cf. Galatians 5:22). Not by pressuring, coercing or proselytizing, but with closeness, compassion and tenderness, and in this way reflecting God's own way of being and acting.

2. 'To the marriage feast'. The eschatological and Eucharistic dimension of the mission of Christ and the Church. In the parable, the king asks the servants to bring the invitation to his son's wedding banquet. That banquet is a reflection of the eschatological banquet. It is an image of ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God, fulfilled even now by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, who has given us life in abundance (cf. John 10:10), symbolized by the table set with succulent food and with fine wines, when God will destroy death forever (cf. Isaiah 25:6-8)...

3. 'Everyone'. The universal mission of Christ's disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church. The third and last reflection concerns the recipients of the King's invitation: 'everyone'. As I emphasized, 'This is the heart of mission: that "all", excluding no one. Every mission of ours, then, is born from the heart of Christ in order that he may draw all to himself' (Address to the General Assembly of the Pontifical Missionary Societies [Mission], 3 June 2023). Today, in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ's Gospel remains the gentle yet firm voice that calls individuals to encounter one another, to recognize that they are brothers and sisters, and to rejoice in harmony amid diversity. 'God our Saviour desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth' (1 Timothy 2:4). Let us never forget, then, that in our missionary activities we are asked to preach the Gospel to all: 'Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, [we] should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet' (Evangelic Gaudium, 14)...

The mission for all requires the commitment of all. We need to continue our journey towards a fully synodal and missionary Church in the service of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal... Finally, let us lift our gaze to Mary, who asked Jesus to perform his first miracle precisely at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee (cf. John 2:1-12). The Lord offered to the newlyweds and all the guests an abundance of new wine, as a foreshadowing of the nuptial banquet that God is preparing for all at the end of time. Let us implore her maternal intercession for the evangelizing mission of Christ's disciples in our own time. With the joy and loving concern of our Mother, with the strength born of tenderness and affection (cf. Evangelic Gaudium, 288), let us go forth to bring to everyone the invitation of the King, our Saviour. Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2024, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

Franciscus

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY – MORNING TEAS /COFFEE

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

We welcome all our New Parishioners, kindly join us in the hall for MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

NOTICES

1. **Fr. Jerome**, will be away to Nigeria in October to celebrate his **Priestly Silver Jubilee on the 20th of October 2024** and will be having the Celebration on the 1st of December 2024 at St John Vianney Parish at 12.30pm. Please keep him in your prayers.

2. **World Mission Day Collection** will be at all our weekend Masses. Thank you all for your generosity.

3. **October Devotions:** Daily Rosary before the weekday Masses and 20

minutes before the weekend Masses throughout the month of October.

4. **The Variety Show** @ St John Vianney in our Parish Centre on 24th Nov at 5pm. Tickets £5 per person. All Parishioners are invited to our variety show. It is a celebration of Cultural diversity in our Parish community. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses. Contact Mariantha on 07931 614 603 if you would like to showcase your talents on the day. Thank you for your continuous support.

5. Joint Season for the Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Council with the **Parish Support team of the Diocese 13th November at 7PM.**

6. **SUNDAY MASSES:** Additional Sunday Mass at 12.30pm from first Sunday of November 2024. To be animated by different groups and communities. For example, Youths, Confraternity of the Holy Spirit, Groans Community etc.....

7. **FOODBANK:** Thank you for your generosity. We need more of toiletries, Rice, Spaghetti, Tin of Tomatoes, Sardines, oil and Tuna. All items can be left in the green box at the back of church. If you need food stuffs kindly come to the office or meet the Priest after Mass.

8. **All Saints and All Souls Day;** 1st and 2nd November: Mass at 8am, 9:15am and 7:30pm

9. **NOVEMBER** is the month of **Remembrance** of all Souls, our dead Loved Ones. Kindly bring little objects or picture and names of the departed one you wish to pray for to be placed in the Remembrance Shrine.

10. **VOLUNTEERS:** Kindly indicate your interest with the Parish office as a volunteer in the Parish in the following departments: Fundraising, Counter, Steward, Cleaners in the Church Friday's morning.

11. **PARISH CENTER:** Thames Water has notified us about the misconnection of water pipes in the Parish Center, and the need for us to separate the rain water from the wastewater; After due consultation of the Parish finance committee, we have carried out the work. The total cost amount to **£3,000**, kindly donate toward this work, we count on your generosity. We have received a donation of **£1,370** towards this. Thank you to the generous donors and we are still looking forward to more donations. God bless you all.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month after 9.15am Mass.

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every **Tuesday at 7:30pm** in Room 6 of the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining, you will be most welcome.

ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Devotion to the Holy Spirit

Meets Every **First Friday of Month** at 7.30pm at the Church.

LIVESIMPLY /JPIC

Meeting every **1st Sunday of the Month** after the 9am Mass.

"The Live Simply Group invites you to join us for a short walk along the River Lea on **Sunday 20th October**. Meet outside the church after 11am Mass. We will be travelling by bus to Tottenham Hale"

SJV NIGERIA COMMUNITY

Meeting every **3rd Sunday of the Month** after the 11am Mass.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generosity, we realized the total sum of £1,072.65

PRAY AND FAST TO END ABORTION

"There have now been over ten and a half million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645> "

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration on Tuesday after 9.15 Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

After the 10:00am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2024-25

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

SUNDAY'S RE CLASSES

Next Session: 20th Oct at 10am

FR&HC CLASSES

Next Session: Saturday 9th Nov at 10am

INFANTS BAPTISM

2nd Saturday of the Month

Application Forms at the back of the
Church.

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela	Ann
Billy	Eduardo
Elsa	Emmanuel
Gabriel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John	Kathy
Kitty	Luisa
Laura	Marie
Mary	Michael
Pantaleone	Patricia Phil
Caesar	Pierina
Rose	Sheila
Veronica	Yollie
Manuel	Cathy
Dolores	Dennis
Lawrence	Gerard Rowley
Yuen Kuen Tsui	Kwok Chai Tsui

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Tola Aleshe.

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THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Manuel Lopez
Barbara Magaret McCauley
Walter Heaton
Udochukwu Valentine
Mary Earle
Brian Waters
Mr. Parker
Benny Feely
Michael Shields
Monica Halpin
John Calderbank
John D'Cruz
Lazarus Ikediasia
Rose Monde
Gilbert Chicot
GodsPower Amadi
Michael Clarke
Gilbert Nelson
Alberto Ibanez
Emelita Baldago
Gabriel Bobadilla
Mrs Jones
Peter Maguire

RIP Anniversary

Marie Mendy
Santiago M Torres
Henry Francois
Bridget Gaynor
Pamela Faulkner
Angelina Boi
James O'Donnell
Bob Lemmon
Angelo Cattini
Agnes McMahon
Tommy Butlar
Yvonne Enid Joseph

Special Intentions:

Alice Mills
Angela Pinto
Billy O'Keefe
Jim Cassin
John Russell
Kathleen Moore
Laura Oliveira Max
Oliveira Michael
James Pitman
Family Haplin Family

***NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE
ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS***

**Let us pray for peace in
Holy Land, Ukraine and the world.**

