

Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 1	
Saturday 21st October	
6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sandra Endicott RIP
Sunday 22 nd October – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.30am – said Mass	David Copeland RIP
10.00am – family Mass	Brewerton family
Monday 23 rd October – 10am Mass	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
*Tuesday 24th October – No Mass	
*Wednesday 25 th September – No Mass	
*Thursday 26 th October – No Mass	
Friday 27th October – 10am Mass	Peace in the Holy Land
Saturday 28 th October	
6pm – Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jenny Merry
Sunday 29th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.30am – said Mass	Mr(s) T Newman Burke RIP
10.00am – family Mass	'Stephanie' RIP

Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 - 5.45pm.

Pastoral visits for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

*Weekday Masses this week will be celebrated on Monday and Friday at 10am

This week's Sunday Gospel: Giving God his Due (Matthew 22:15-21)

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First, he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next, he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally, he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question. What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

Fr Ralph writes...

<u>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</u> is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary in Kenya who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk.

<u>DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND:</u> Pope Francis has called a day of prayer, fasting and penance for peace this **Friday**, 27th October. Join us for special prayers and a Mass for the intention of peace on Friday in this troubled region of our world.

REMEMBRANCE TREE: due to the rise in cost of the poppy crosses we are having a 'remembrance tree' instead. We will be selling labels and hearts at 50p each for you to add the names of those you wish to be remembered to hang on the tree. They will be sale at all weekend Masses up to and including the week beginning 5th November. All monies raised will go to church funds. Thank you. Tricia Noakes and the flower ladies.

<u>2B1:</u> Celebrate All Saints in Praise! Come and join us on Tuesday 31st October at Goodrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. 2B1 is a gathering of local Christians of all ages and denominations who praise God together in an informal setting. You will be very welcome. Praise - Cake – Chat.

<u>CAFOD</u> is currently looking to recruit **School Volunteers** for the Torbay Deanery area to accompany our children in our wonderful Catholic Schools on a voyage of transformation using CAFOD's award winning resources, assembles and workshops. A background in education is not necessary, but we hope to recruit people of all ages and backgrounds who have a passion for a fairer world and a deep desire to multiply hope in our work and our community here! Full support, resources and regular training are provided. For more information, please contact Simon on Tel: 01752 268768, email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk

<u>CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS</u>: Castlerigg Manor (Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) is looking for young Catholics 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for two years and gives participants wide range experience, skills, training, and qualifications, as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

<u>POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:</u> For the Synod - We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

<u>CHURCH COLLECTION</u>: 14/15 October £675.85. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish. This week there will be a second collection taken for World Mission Day.