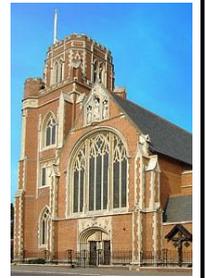




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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2020

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding

Mass Times

- 10th Sat Feria**
 9.30 People of the Parish
 17.30 Marie Davies & Family
- 11th Sun Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Irene Mary Vincent +
- 12th Mon St Wilfrid**
 9.30 Ged Naughton +
- 13th Tue St Edward the Confessor**
 9.30 Mona Bonas +
- 14th Wed Feria**
 9.30 Irene Mary Vincent +
- 15th Thu St. Teresa of Avila**
 9.30 Holy Souls
- 16th Fri Feria**
 9.30 Rose Poole & Family +
- 17th Sat St Ignatius of Antioch**
 9.30 People of the Parish
 17.30 Giuseppe Vanedola +
- 18th Sun Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Fr. Hubert Simes +

Confessions:
 By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel,
 The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent
 Use of Creation, Justice & Peace, Victims of War,
 Young People, Prisoners and their Families

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Peasant Wedding, Pieter Breughel the Elder, 1567

The painting above called *The Peasant Wedding*, shows a party in full swing set in a barn in summertime. We can see the bride sitting in front of a green textile hanging, wearing a crown, but oddly enough she is sitting there passively, not participating in the eating or drinking taking place around her. She is almost statuesque, like a sculpture of Our Lady. The wooden tables and chairs are roughly fashioned and the foods on offer appear to be bread, porridge and soup. Humble food is being served in a humble setting. Like almost all of Breughel's paintings, scholars often identify symbolic references as well as clear moralistic undertones to his paintings. Here it has been suggested that the painting serves as a warning against the deadly sin of gluttony, as almost every guest (with the exception of the bride), seem to be preoccupied with eating. Even one of the two musicians stares in the direction of the food servers, keen to eat.

Certainly no one appears to be interested in the spiritual nature of the occasion. The largest figure in the whole painting, is the servant/waiter in his light blue shirt and white apron who is the focal point. It isn't the bride or the officials, no the servant gets celebrated here by Breughel. The feast seems sumptuous but with the central man serving, not much food on the plates and the bride being reserved, the painting depicts humility versus the gluttony it is surrounded by.

God is inviting everyone to the wedding with great generosity. All we have to do is accept the invitation and fill the place there that is set for us. It is an invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven which is sent out to everyone. But like with any invitation, we are free to accept that invitation or not. We are free to say yes or no, every day. But as generous and all-inviting as God's invitation is, it is not to be taken for granted. We should feel privileged that we are invited and... love God all the more for it.

Missio Red Box Holders



Would parishioners holding Red Missio Boxes please bring them to the Sacristy as soon as possible so the contents can be counted.

If you would like your Missio Box to be collected from your home please call Stephen Palmer (020 8875 1928) to make arrangements.

The authentic way of finding joy is by focussing on the letters of the word:

J: place Jesus first
O: place others second
Y: place yourself last



Due to Social Distancing problems we will be holding the next Parish Quiz on Zoom at 19.00 next Saturday 17th October at 19.00. If you wish to join the quiz please send an email to the parish office wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk.

Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up a new box of Offertory Envelopes if you use them, they are at the back of the Church. If you would like to start using Offertory Envelopes please sign the sheet which is placed near the Envelopes and take a box.

**Make your life a mission
not an intermission**

Soup Kitchen



The Companions of the Order of Malta are starting a Soup Kitchen for the Homeless at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Hall, 96 North Side London SW18 2QU.

It was supposed to begin on 17th March but due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the opening was delayed. It will now commence on Tuesday 13th October from 19.00 to 21.00. Volunteers required.

Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night on Zoom..... 17th October
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December

**Please wear a face mask
while in Church**

**Inscribed on the walls
of an ancient Persian temple
are these thoughts:**

Do not say all you know,
for he who says all he knows
often says more than he knows.

Do not tell all you hear,
for he who tells all he hears
often tells more than he hears.

Do not spend all you have,
for he who spends all he has
often spends more than he has.

Do not covet all you see,
for he who covets all he sees
often wants more than he sees.

Little Church

Due to the difficulty of keeping social distancing and other measures against the coronavirus we will not be having Little Church for the time being.

**When the sea was calm all ships alike
showed mastership in floating**

William Shakespeare

Come then, Good Shepherd

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
still show to us thy mercy sign;
oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
so may we see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality.

Oh thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
our present food, our future rest,
come make us each thy chosen guest,
co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
with saints whose dwelling is with thee.

St Thomas Aquinas

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £ 517.61 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 11th October Organ Fund, 18th October Foreign Missions.

Rotas

Readers: Sat: E De Souza, M Slade; Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy n/w Sat: R & S Jackson M Slade; Sun:

A Burnett T Greetham A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin, K Smith Sun: G Donaldson, S Palmer, D Lyons n/w Sat: D McGavin J Cato Sun: G D'Monte A Kilcawley R McMullan V. Chima

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 14 November