

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September - 13th September 2020

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 3

FRATERNAL CORRECTION IN LOVE AND PRAYER

Compared to many other gospel readings, the gospel of today seems rather simple, clear and straightforward – if you have a problem with a brother or a sister, go to that person and resolve it. It is also a very practical message. Then Jesus goes on – just in case that does not work, bring some witnesses along. And if even that does not work, refer the matter to the Church, and if even that does not work, then let the person go – be civil and treat the person civilly but move on. Then Jesus goes on to talk about gathering with others in His name and knowing His presence with them.

Jesus lays out a whole process that we might go through to resolve differences that we might have with another person. Certainly, it is good that we are reminded to go to the other person first. So often we reverse the process Jesus recommends. We tell the world first and think about going to the individual only much later.

When others wrong us why is it so difficult to go to them and try to build peace? Why is it so much easier to tell everybody else about it? Here our Lord calls on us to work with Him for the sanctification of others by means of fraternal correction, which is one of the ways we can do so. He speaks as sternly about the sin of omission as He did about that of scandal. There is an obligation on us to correct others. Yet correction is never easy and can be embarrassing as it may carry with it the risk of losing established relationship. Our Lord identifies three stages in correction:

1) alone; 2) in the presence of one or two witnesses; and 3) before the Church.

Jesus told this parable precisely because He was being accused of spending too much time with the publicans and the sinners. So, He wanted people to know that He never gives up on anyone. So, there is mercy in a sense that if you are a publican or a sinner or a pagan or a tax collector, Jesus will still come looking for you and so must the Church. We are responsible for one another. An important lesson for each of us today is to know how important it is that we work for this healing in the Church. Ezekiel reminds us that everyone of us must be a prophet and that our Church has to be prophetic. Ezekiel was ready to give up prophesying. He had been preaching and the people paid no attention. Jeremiah had been preaching and they paid no attention. And Jeremiah, as we learned in the lesson last Sunday, wanted to give up, but the word of God was burning in his heart and he could not proclaim it.

Ezekiel wanted to give up, but God tells him, “No, you must be the watchman. You must keep proclaiming the message.” And our Church must be that prophetic Church. And that is why it is so important for us to be healed, so that we can proclaim God’s word. We are at a point in our history as a nation, this is so clear, where our Church must be a prophetic Church.

Today’s lessons teach us that we must be very careful about how we correct others. Sometimes it will be necessary, but it must always be done in love. In the words of Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: “Do not accept anything as truth if it is without love. And do not accept anything as love if it is without truth. One without the other becomes a destructive lie.”

READINGS

FIRST READING:
EZEKIEL 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :
PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 13:8-10

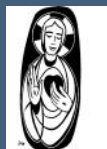
GOSPEL:
MATTHEW 18:15-20

LEARN

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.”

CCC2472, MATHEW 18:16



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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Twenty—Third Sunday - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

6TH SEPTEMBER– 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY 6TH

TWENTY—THIRD SUNDAY

6.00PM

For healing and strength on our Parish Housebound

10.00 AM

People of the Parish

12.00 PM

Isoken Igbekaen, Birthday Thanksgiving, special intentions

6.00 PM

MONDAY 7TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Praying for the conversion and salvation of Moses & Bernadette Kinganga & family

7.00 PM

TUESDAY 8TH

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00 AM

Fr. Victor Darlington, 30th Priestly Anniversary
Lawrence McDermot. For the wellbeing of all Legionaries in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ada Ntoutou, Marie Josianne Griffin children & grandchildren

6.00 PM

Mass for Catechumens and Candidates

WEDNESDAY 9TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Sweet Bazuaye in thanksgiving to God and God's protection.

7.00 PM

Donald Ideh, Birthday Thanksgiving

THURSDAY 10TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Winnie Pepple, RIP

7.00 PM

FRIDAY 11TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Roseline Ovigwe Djagbo and all who died in Nine Eleven, eternal repose

7.00 PM

SATURDAY 12TH

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

10.00AM

For the intention of Hipolito Da Costa

SUNDAY 13TH

TWENTY— FORTH SUNDAY (A)

6.00 PM

10.00 AM

12.00 PM

6.00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READINGS

EZEKIEL 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

- 1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
- 2 Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments:

You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PSALM 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors of the Church for those who wish to drop their Offerings and gift aid envelopes as you come for Mass or to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are encouraged to make our offering after Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the Church.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:
camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

FOOD BANK

If you know any family, or persons who will need the support with food items at this challenging time, please let us know. We shall arrange to deliver food items for such families and persons discreetly. Our food bank team has been greatly supported by parishioners since this pandemic and Caritas of Westminster Diocese have also supported us with food vouchers for families struggling due to this global pandemic. I am grateful for all your generosity and support. We continue to receive messages of appreciation

INFANT BAPTISM

The parish has commenced infant baptism.

This will be only on request and one child per family only due to the safe guarding restrictions at this time. Any catholic family wishing to baptise their child are advised to email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk

Please give us a number to reach you for further information and update with regards to specific requirements needed for infant baptism.

MASS SPACES

There are Mass spaces available for 6pm next week. Please let any of the priest know if you would like to book a Mass.

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,

It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally.

Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING
gill@tangney-tours.com OR CALL 01732886666.

CHANGE IN PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

From Tuesday September 1st we shall increase our Masses, to two Masses daily in the parish with a time change for the second mass. The afternoons will help us to accommodate school masses and funerals. Instead of 12:45pm it will be at 7pm, this will encourage more people to consider attending daily masses henceforth.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: Masses at 9am and 7pm
SATURDAYS: Masses at 10am and 6pm
SUNDAYS: Masses at 10am, 12 noon, and 6pm

This arrangement is inline with the recommendation that after every mass stewards have to clean the pews and ensure everyone leaves the church before a second gathering of people.

ADORATION

Every First Friday from 12noon till 6pm.
Every Sunday 5pm followed by Mass

SYMPATHY

With gratitude to God for a life well lived, we announce the passing of Maura Davon, a dedicated parishioner for over 50 years. She passed on at King's College Hospital on Tuesday 25th August. We express our sympathy to Maura's family and pray for her eternal repose. Her Funeral Mass will take place in our Church on Monday September 14th at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

30TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday Sept 8th, Fr Victor will be 30 years in the priesthood. He will mark the occasion with a thanksgiving mass at 6pm during which he will administer the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to our Catechumens and Candidates. A follow up thanksgiving Mass will take place on Saturday 12th September at 12 noon with friends and family and a few parishioners. The two Masses will be by invitation only sadly due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Parishioners are encouraged to follow the two Masses on livestream and pray for Fr Victor and our Catechumens and candidates. There shall be no 7pm Mass on that day.

SCHOOL RE-OPENING

We welcome all our children of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Schools, back to school after a long period of school closure. We pray for God's protection over them all as we continue all the recommended restrictions and safeguarding tips against Covid-19.

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

RCIA 2020/2021

Calling on adults who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and to become full Catholics: The parish is now taking new registrations to begin the RCIA programme in October. Forms are now available at the exit door.

Please encourage anyone you know who wish to become a Catholic or who is lapse in faith to consider joining the RCIA programme this year. Completed forms should be returned back to the priest by the 20th of September. We shall adapt our RCIA programme this year inline with current restrictions and safety guidelines.

BLESSING

I ask God's blessings on you all for all you do. I remain particularly grateful to all who continue to support the church and the clergy at this difficult time. Fr. Victor Darlington



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitru Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Joan Gould, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, JJoshua Tomas, CollenDonagh