

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20<sup>th</sup> September - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 1

## IMITATING THE GENEROUSITY OF GOD

**T**he immediate impression on hearing today's gospel is to think of rights, justice and equality. In human terms it seems a bit unfair that after slaving all day in the hot sun they got the same pay for their efforts as those who were taken on at the eleventh hour. However, this is not the point of this parable.

It is not about the unemployment problem. It is not about social justice or the living wage. The parable is not dealing with equal rights for all men and women, or an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

Taking a second look at the gospel reading, we may notice that the theme is not about justice but generosity. The landowner was never unjust to those labourers hired earlier because they were paid a just wage. He was only generous to the labourers hired last. He knew that the amount paid to them based on their working hours would not be enough for their daily needs. Thus, he made a uniform rate for all to enable everyone to bring home a day's wage.

The main thrust of the parable is about generosity. It is about God's generosity. It is about giving and ultimately about that free and utterly undeserved gift we call grace. The message and gift of the gospel today is to show the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews. For their part, the Jews resented what was happening and envied the good fortune of these late arrivals. After all, they were God's chosen people (they thought) and so expected preferential treatment.

The latecomers were the sinners in Jesus' time who listened to his preaching and repented. The early workers were Pharisees who were angry that the sinners repented, entered God's kingdom late, and were getting the same reward as they. Their attitude might be compared to that of someone who criticized Jesus because He forgave the good thief on the cross, saying to him, "Today you will be in Paradise with me." (Luke 23:43).

In paying everyone equally, the owner of the vineyard was trying to undermine the innate sense of superiority of those who were employed earlier. He has respected the agreement made with them. In doing this, he has been just and fair. However, he went beyond this and was generous. It is our human tendency to tell God how to be God. We want to dictate the terms and criteria of God's dealing with us. This parable tells us that God is more than just. He is generous.

As we heard in the First reading: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

We should beware of imposing secular notions of fair play onto the divine justice revealed in the gospels. None of the parables is intended to teach us how to treat each other fairly. Fairness has nothing to do with it. God's justice far surpasses our human notions of what is fair and what is not. The parables are much more than human stories. Through them, Our Lord is teaching His listeners about God. He taught those who were standing around Him when He first told the parables, and He teaches us now as we listen to His word in the Sacred Liturgy. The everyday human situations described in the parables reveal to us things about the Almighty, things which by ourselves we could never have imagined, things which, but for Our Lord, we should never have known.

## READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
ISAIAH 55:6-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

**SECOND READING:**  
PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27

**GOSPEL:**  
MATTHEW 20:1-16

## LEARN

**“Jesus Christ...belongs to you as the head belongs to its members; all that is His is yours: His Spirit, His heart, His body and soul, and all His faculties. You must make use of all these as of your own, to serve, praise, love, and glorify God. You belong to Him, as members belong to their head. And so He longs for you to use all that is in you, as if it were his own, for the service and glory of the Father”.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:21, CCC1698,  
ST. JOHN EUDES, TRACT. DE  
ADMIRABILI CORDE JESU, 1,5.



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Twenty—Fifth 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

20TH SEPTEMBER– 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

### SUNDAY 20TH

### TWENTY—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00PM

People of the Parish

10.00 AM

Agnes Georghis family Intention Maura Davorn, eternal repose

12.00 PM

In thanksgiving to God for Fr. Victor's 30th priestly anniversary.  
Albert Sanni Addo in thanksgiving to God for Birthday and christening.  
Mr and Mrs Quarshie In thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their second wedding anniversary

6.00 PM

Grace George Assal, for forgiveness, healing and salvation

### MONDAY 21ST

### FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9.00 AM

Sebastiano & Vincenza Cuomo,

11.00AM

Funeral Mass for Jasmine Fernandes

7.00 PM

Sebastiano & Vincenza Cuomo  
Stephen Ideh, Birthday Thanksgiving

### TUESDAY 22ND

### ERIA

9.00 AM

Joseph George Daniel, for forgiveness, healing and salvation. Sylvia & Ashley Bastian in Thanksgiving to God. Mr and Mrs Quarshie in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their second wedding anniversary

7.00 PM

Rita Unuechie, Birthday Thanksgiving

### WEDNESDAY 23RD

### MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA [PADRE PIO]

9.00 AM

Tony de Oliveira, for forgiveness, healing and salvation

7.00 PM

### THURSDAY 24TH

### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

9.00 AM

Jinane Edwards Khazri, for forgiveness, healing and salvation

7.00 PM

### FRIDAY 25TH

### FERIA

9.00 AM

George Basil Assal, for forgiveness, healing and salvation

11.00 AM

Funeral Mass for Paula St. Louis

7.00 PM

### SATURDAY 26TH

### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY

10.00AM

John & Martha Rayne

## 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 unending 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever. .

## FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

**R. The Lord is close to all who call him .**

- 1 I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured .
- 2 The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
- 3 The Lord is just in all his ways. and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:

I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 19:38,2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went.

At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.”

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner.

“The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

# 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](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk).

## MASS SPACES

There are Masses spaces available for 7pm Masses this week. Please let any of the priest know if you would like to book a Mass.

## 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](mailto: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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday children first holy communion: Our children in the Saturday first holy communion class will have their first confession on **Saturday 17th October at 10:30am** and their first holy communion on **Sunday 18th October at 2pm and 6pm** respectively. Parents please ensure all the paper work relating to your child's details are properly completed to enable us prepare their certificates.

## PIOUS SOCIETIES

All pious societies in the parish are hereby reminded that church discipline and protocol does not permit the payments of money of the group or individual members contribution to a charitable cause to the private account of anyone. All financial transactions are made through the official account of the pious society and properly documented as required by both parish and diocesan financial guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass count required by the Diocese begins this weekend and ends on the 10th /11th October 2020.

## FUNERAL MASSES

### **JASMINE FERNANDES**

The funeral mass for Jasmine Fernandes will take place here on Monday 21st September at 11am. We express our sympathy to Severita her daughter and her entire family at this difficult time. May her gentle soul rest in peace Amen.

### **PAULA ST. LOUIS**

The funeral mass for Paula St. Louis will take place in the parish on Friday 25th September, 2020 at 11am. May her soul rest in peace. Amen

## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Irene Coneelly at the passing of her sister Maureen Kelleher recently. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE

### MOUTH

For the few people who feel they must receive Holy Communion in the mouth, please sit back in Church until after the Mass. After which the priest will invite you to come forward for Holy Communion keeping the 2 meter standing position. The priest must sanitise his hands after each communicant to ensure his own safety.

## FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds. The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.



# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

### IN THE PARISH

**Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:**

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

**Father Victor**

## 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](mailto: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.



## 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, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana 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, 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, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh