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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th September 2022

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October: A Church Open to Everyone - We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Sun 2nd	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	A Pereira Int V Shanahan R.I.P.; D Pereira Int A & G Amoroso Int; C Sarinas R.I.P> People of the Parish	
Mon 3rd	Feria	S Joanes R.I.P.; M & M McNicholas R.I.P.	
Tues 4th	St Francis of Assisi	A Sordillo R.I.P.; J Donoghue R.I.P.	
Wed 5th	St Faustina Kowalska	7 p.m. Private Intention	
Thurs 6th	Feria	P Diniz R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary Family Fast Day	B Moran R.I.P.; E Anaman Int	First Friday Devotion 7 p.m.
Sat 8th	Our Lady's Saturday	B Leitao Thanks	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.
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Gift of Faith

Interesting that Jesus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this?

He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from God/ which grows throughout our lives' fanned into a flame', as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise.

In a parish we have the people who serve the sick and the poor; those who pray a lot and those who worship; those who reflect on faith and question. There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways. Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith.

We can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and God, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith.

We need the faith community. We need to work together for the just world recognised in the first reading as the prophet 'denounces violence, contention and discord/ We need the leadership of the community, clerical and lay, to point out ways of faith for our culture and our times, in this way God grows the mustard seed, which is the beginning of faith.

In the end faith grows in surprising ways. God is at work all the time, supporting our faith in varied and heartfelt ways.



Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms. (Not school forms.)

- **Today is London Marathon Day: Neville's Bib Number (29353) If you want to follow Neville's progress** TCS London Marathon 2022 **App** Marathon. His starting time is 10.30 a.m. To sponsor Neville please visit our website <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleypark>

Good luck Neville and thank you!



- *Congratulations and best wishes to Antoinette & Giovanni Amoroso who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this week.*



Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £799 **Loose Plate:** £771

Contactless: £98

Building Fund: £62

You can now donate to the Building Fund using contactless.

Thank you for your generosity

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Food-bank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome)

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
 Body of Christ, save us.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
 O Good Jesus, hear us.
 Within Thy wounds hide us.
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend us.
 In the hour of our death call us.
 And bid us come unto Thee,
 That with all Thy saints,
 we may praise thee
 Forever and ever. Amen

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday

- **I.T. Course** has resumed in the hall on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Beginners welcome. Course is free of charge.

- **First Friday: Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus next Friday at 7 p.m. Please come and join us for an hour of prayer. (live streamed too)**

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen

- **Secondary School Forms:** Please contact the parish office to make an appointment on 02089042306 (during office hours only) or text 07484680296. Dates for signing are 18th, 19th and the 20th October. Please note the parish office is closed on Wednesdays.