



## MESSENGER

### Sunday 20th September 2020 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### TODAY WE PRAY FOR

#### RECENTLY DEPARTED

Keith Scholes, Savio Fernandes, Kirsty Bonner, Nick Forest, Mary Robinson

#### YEAR'S MIND

[21] John Sweet [22] Patricia Hulbert [23] Ada Goudge [24] William House  
[25] Stanley William King [26] Wilfred Nichols, Iris Allnatt,

#### FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William House and Bill Reeves (SM)

#### FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

Muriel Avenell, Betty & Malcolm Mitchell, Richard & Maddie Charman, John & Janice Shellard, Edgar Tiller, Geoff Plant, Brian Poat, John Wilson, Harry Martin, Mair Hughes,

#### Worship This Week

<b>MONDAY - S. Matthew</b>	<b>S. Mark - 6pm Rosary 6.30pm Mass</b>
<b>TUESDAY - Feria</b>	<b>S. Saviour - 9.30am Requiem Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY - S. Pius of Pietrelcina</b>	<b>S. Mark - 7pm Mass</b>
<b>THURSDAY - Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	<b>S. Luke - 9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass</b>
<b>FRIDAY - Feria</b>	
<b>SATURDAY - Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>S. Mark - 6pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>S. Saviour - 9 am Mass S. Mark - 10.30 am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 11 am Mass</b>

### **REQUIEM MASS**

This month's Requiem Mass for the departed, including the recently departed and those whose anniversaries occur in that month, will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd at 9:30am, at S. Saviour's. If you would like anyone remembered at the mass, please could you let the parish office know on Monday.

### **BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS**

will meet, on Zoom, Tuesdays 22nd and 29th September.

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

will take place next weekend, 26/27th September. As usual we will be requesting donations for the Swindon Food Collective including monetary gifts. Food donations should be placed in front of the altar prior to the start of Mass.

The Food Collective are particularly short of:

Instant coffee 100g, Long-life milk 1ltr/0.5ltr, Long-life fruit juice/squash 1ltr, small bags of sugar 500g, Tinned fruit and vegetables, Tinned potatoes, biscuits. Also cleaning products and toiletries.

### **SUNDAY MASS AT S. MARK'S**

Fr Toby writes: "From 4<sup>th</sup> October, Mass will be celebrated at S. Mark's every Sunday at 10.30am. I am grateful to Fr David and other clergy whose generosity with their time makes this possible. If you are aware of people who have fallen away from the life of the church at S. Mark's in recent years, please do make use of this opportunity to gently encourage them to return."

### **VIGIL MASS**

During October there will also be a said Vigil Mass at S. Mark's on Saturdays. This is primarily intended for those who might not yet be aware of or who have not adjusted to the new Mass times.

### **RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERING**

The new rule of six does not apply to our gathering for worship. But it does mean we need to be conscientious about how we interact with others at church. The Government guidance encourages us to "move on promptly" after Mass and to "limit our interaction" with those outside our immediate group.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**

Notices advertising the revision have been posted. This will take place until 27th September. If you are not currently a member of the roll and wish to consider joining the roll or your personal details, have changed since last year, please obtain an application form from our Electoral Roll Officers, Pat Mortimer (SM), Linda McEntee (SS) or John Bishop (SL).

## TODAY'S READINGS

### First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

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

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.

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.

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

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Philippians

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**

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**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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**

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Ps 25; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

### **PARISH OFFICE**

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