



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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~SERVING THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY~

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THE 23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)

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6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Remember that the **seating arrangements** in church are intended to keep us all safe and well. Please take care.

Thought for this Sunday: 'No man is an island, entire of itself.' wrote the famous Dean of S Paul's, John Donne (1573-1631). How true this is (or should be!) of those who follow Jesus Christ, for each one of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrong-doing, because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy; remember the prophet Jeremiah last week. But this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself and, as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments'.

Introit: Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

Collect: Let us pray (*that we may realise the freedom which God has given us in making us his sons and daughters*): God our Father, you redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Look upon us, give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9): *If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.*

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 Response in the Psalm (94/95) is: *O that to-day you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Romans (13:8-10): *Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.*

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:15-20): *If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

Jesus said, '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.'



AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

All: hear our prayer.

We pray: for our parish & its needs; for all working or learning in our local schools; for local GPs and NHS workers; for the staff of *Homestart* (operating from our Church Hall); for undertakers in Hillingdon; for local vets.

We commend to God our Father:

the sick, the housebound & others in trouble or need: Peter Bennett, Margaret Brown, Helen Dey, Brian Measures & Phil Parris.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: John Arthur Banister, Margaret Blake, Audrey Francis, Edward Jones, Mary Keen, Wendy Masters, 'Jim' Roper, Violet Rowe & Bill Wilson.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends & those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Deiniol & all the saints. *Hail, Mary...*

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES

- a. **You must normally wear a face-covering in church.**
- b. **Welcome** to All Saints' for our (socially-distanced) worship on this first Sunday in September.
- c. **8 o'clock** resumes this morning, when we use only the space adjacent to the North Chapel, please.
- d. **Our 10 o'clock** Parish Eucharist happens (*in almost*) the usual way to-day.
- e. The organ musical *interludes* continue to-day, as we are not (yet) permitted to sing. However, we shall use the green *Ordinary Time* booklets once again.
- f. Thank you for bearing with the ongoing *Covid-19* arrangements at All Saints', as your name and telephone number are noted, as we all use (on arrival/departure) the antiseptic hand-gel provided from the electronic dispensers and have our temperature taken electronically (on our arrival).
- g. Those who properly constitute a 'bubble' are, of course, able to sit together.
- h. Clergy concelebration at the Eucharist is not yet allowed.
- i. For the present, Holy Communion is administered under one kind; only the presiding priest receives the chalice.. If you feel uncertain about receiving Holy Communion at present, please do not feel inhibited by that. *What really matters is that you are here!*
- j. *For your own sake and the sake of all of us, you must not come to church*, if you have (or have had within the last 14 days) any symptoms of COVID-19. If you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) within the last 14 days, you must also stay away from church, even if you have no symptoms.
- k. At the end, there is cleaning to be done; please volunteer. Many hands do make light work!
- l. Vestry Hour on Saturday at 0930 (with no appointment needed) has definitely resumed.
- m. The Ducklings' *Kindergarten* has now reopened in the Small Hall. Please remember that we all need to keep away from the Small Hall, when the children are there during the school day.
- n. **The Eucharist in the week at ASNH:**
- On week-days, we use the open space in the North Chapel. (Come along in the week, if you are not yet quite sure about coming along on Sundays.)



- Wednesday, 9/9; 1000: *Feria* in Ordinary Time
- Thursday, 10/9; 1830: *Feria* in Ordinary Time
- Saturday, 13/9; 1800: Vigil Eucharist of the Sunday

o. NEXT SUNDAY: 13/9: the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- i. 0800: Said Eucharist
- ii. 1000: Parish Eucharist

p. The September edition of *Saints Alive!* makes its appearance to-day. It is another good read! Many thanks to all who ensure its distribution to local addresses.

q. Ken Marriott, who has served very faithfully as Sacristan here for many years, has decided that it is time to step down. We thank him for his faithful, cheerful and sterling service over the years. But this means that I am now on the look-out for a successor. The work is important and involves assisting with preparing the church for the celebration of liturgy; it is varied and interesting too. Have a word with Ken (or with me) if you would like to know more. **Could this be you?**



r. Last Sunday's retiring collection for *Helen House*, the children's hospice in Oxford, to which we normally send our Sunday coffee money, raised **£100.20**. A cheque for this amount has now been sent off. Very many thanks indeed.



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