

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,  
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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~SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY~

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THE 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR A)

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13 SEPTEMBER 2020



the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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**The Response in the Psalm (102/103) is:** *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

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**A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Romans (14:7-9):** *Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

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The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that, alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

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**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:21-35):** *I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

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Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now, as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred *denarii*; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And, in his anger, the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you, unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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#### **AT THE INTERCESSIONS**

Intercessor: O Lord, our Strength & our Redeemer:  
**All: hear our prayer.**

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*The clear intention is that the seating arrangements in church will keep us all safe and well. Please take care.*

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**Thought for this Sunday:** In to-day's Gospel reading, Jesus tells a dramatic story to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying: 'That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again?' When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, by nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: 'Father, forgive them...' As his disciples, we must do likewise. Let us remember this in the coming week.

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**Introit:** Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

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**Collect:** Let us pray (*that God will keep us faithful in his service*): Almighty God, our creator and guide, may we serve you with all our heart and know your forgiveness in our lives. We ask 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.**

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#### **TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (27:30-28:7):** *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember

**We pray:** for our parish & its needs; for local foster-parents; for our Parish Visitor; for the deaf in Hillingdon; for those living with epilepsy.

**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:** Ann Bennett, Arthur Briaris, Sister Constance CSMV, Jessica Johnson, Stuart Milne, May Nuttall, Abosede Oridota, Sidney Pellatt & Alan Price.

**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), Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, S John Chrysostom, S Cyprian (of Carthage) & all the saints. *Hail, Mary...*

### FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES

a. **For the avoidance of any doubt:** the *Coronavirus Rule of Six*, which comes into force to-morrow (Monday, 14/9), does *not* apply to worship in church.

b. **You must normally wear a face-covering in church, please.**

c. On Sundays at **8 o'clock** we currently use only the north aisle space by 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 this morning and our choir will sing both the Responsorial Psalm and a hymn at the Offertory.

f. At present, Holy Communion is administered under one kind. If you feel unsure about receiving Holy Communion, please do not feel inhibited. *What matters is that you are here!*

g. *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.

h. At the end, there is some cleaning to be done; please volunteer. We are grateful for your help.

i. Please can you bring your **Children's Society** home collection-boxes back to ASH next week.

j. **The Eucharist in the week at ASH (in the North Chapel/aisle):**

- Wednesday, 16/9; 1015 (so *not* the usual time this week): *Feria* in Ordinary Time; the celebrant is Father Nicholas Wheeler from S Mary's, Hayes.

- Saturday, 19/9; 1200: *Requiem* Eucharist for Isaac Ojo Akinmokun

k. **NEXT SUNDAY: 20/9: the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

i. 0800: Said Eucharist

ii. 1000: Parish Eucharist

l. Ken Marriott, who has served very faithfully as Sacristan here for many years, has decided that it is time to step down. So I am on the look-out for a successor. **Could this be you?**

m. Tuesday, 15/9: 1730: *Virtual* Open Evening at Bishop Ramsey School, Ruislip HA4 8EE. Further information is on the school's website: [www.bishopramseyschool.org](http://www.bishopramseyschool.org)

n. Sunday, 20/9; c1100: **Our (Annual) Macmillan Coffee Morning** will take the form of a **Cake Sale** this year. That way, we can still enjoy some home-made cake at home, whilst contributing to a very worthwhile charity. Anne Robinson is master-minding this venture once again. There will be a raffle too. This time, we shall have to just buy our tickets, have our name put on them and leave Anne to draw out the winning ticket(s) afterwards. The results will, of course, be announced.



o. On Sunday, 27/9 we shall keep *Harvest Thanksgiving*, though, sadly, *without* the customary shared lunch this time. But please can we make, instead, another collection of tinned/dry goods and toiletries (only). I shall put out some boxes by next Sunday.

p. Also on Sunday, 27/9 we shall hold our much-delayed APCMs after the 1000 Parish Eucharist. Please check the Electoral Roll to see that your name is on it!

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