

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT
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~SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY~
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THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B)
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3 OCTOBER 2021

For your sake (and all our sakes), you must not come (in)to church, if you have (or have had within the last ten days) any symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) to COVID-19 within the last ten days, even if you have no symptoms.

Welcome to All Saints' for our celebration of the Holy Eucharist on this first Sunday in October. As we are not yet out of the pandemic, please continue to take care by:
a) *Maintaining at least some degree of **social-distancing** both inside and outside All Saints'.*
b) *Leaving a gap between your nearest neighbour by sitting on your own or with members of your household/bubble.*
c) *Singing 'carefully', that is in a normal conversational tone, not in a loud voice.*
If you continue to wear a face-covering in church, we are all entirely happy with that decision.

NB: This week-end's edition of our *Sunday Bulletin* has had to be prepared a bit in advance, so please listen out for any additional notices on the day.

In to-day's Gospel reading Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is to be found in Genesis (where the *two* become *one*), rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a *writ* of divorce), which was the exception rather than the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure, a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While the teachings of Jesus must speak for themselves, we need to be clear that, in an imperfect world, marriages do go wrong and even die and that when this happens, especially in our own human or church family, we need to be there for those involved to offer proper care and support.

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK TO-DAY (NEH):

1. Processional: 338 (Omit*vv.)
2. *The Psalm is sung again from to-day.*
3. Offertory: 239
4. Communion: 388
5. Communion: 352
6. Recessional: 186

You are definitely invited across to the Hall this morning for coffee and fellowship after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist: ***it would be really good to see you!***

Introit: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world and no-one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and

the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

Collect: Let us pray (*that God will forgive our failings and bring us peace*): Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. 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.**

TO-DAY'S BIBLE READINGS

A reading from the Book of Genesis (2: 18-24): *They become one body.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The response in the Psalm (127/128) is: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11): *The one who sanctifies and the ones who are sanctified are of the same stock.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (10:2-16): *What God has united, man must not divide.*



Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were

so un-teachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

AT THE BIDDING PRAYERS:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy;

All: hear our prayer.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray for our parish and its needs; for the work of *Age UK* in Hillingdon; for local vets; for our wise and careful use of the earth's resources; for patent officers; for contemporary poets.

We commend to God our Father:

those who are currently ill, in trouble or in any kind of need, especially: Helen Dey, Vincent Robinson, Bill Shaw, Pat Szymanski.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: Florence Cooley, Albert Cotter, Helen Cousins, Frank Evans, Winifred Green, Eileen Holland, Diane Menike. ***May they rest in peace and rise in glory!***

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the intercession of Mary (*Mother of Jesus*), S Joseph (*her spouse*), S Francis (*of Assisi*), S Bruno, S John Henry Newman and all the saints: ***Hail Mary,...***

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

1. Many thanks for ***volunteering*** to help with the cleaning which still needs to be done at the end of our time together in church.

2. Last Sunday morning's Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning raised **£255.08** and while this is a good sum to raise in support of an excellent cause, it is way down on what we were able to send off last year, even though there were more people present and the spread of cakes was excellent. In the hope that we can raise some further funds for *Macmillan Cancer Support*, we'll hold open the collection to-day, before sending off the cheque. Thank you very much.

3. The October issue of *Saints Alive!* is ready for you to take home to-day. As always, many thanks to those who deliver copies to addresses in the parish.

4. Next Tuesday, 5/10; 1930-2130: Open Meeting of the Hillingdon Deanery Synod at S Matthew's, Yiewsley **UB7 7QH** (***Please note the change of venue!***) The theme of the evening will be: *Pastoral Principles for Living & Learning Well Together*.

5. **The Eucharist at ASH this week:**

Wednesday, 6/10; 1000: Weekday in O/T, celebrated by Father Paul Reece from S Lawrence, Little Stanmore.

6. Next Thursday 7/10; 1730-2030: Bishop Ramsey School Open Evening. **Further details 'on line'**.

7. **Next Sunday, 10/10: the 28th Sunday in O/T**

a. 0800: Said Eucharist

b. 1000: Parish Eucharist

c. 1800: Choral Evensong & Prayers for the sick and for those in need

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