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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

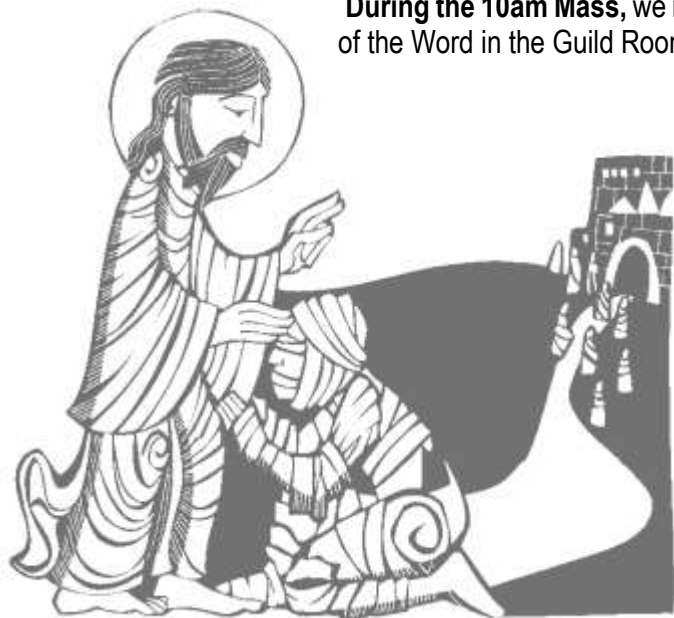
18th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

18th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Eileen Matthews, RIP
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST LUKE	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 20th Oct. – 19th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During the 10am Mass, we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. **Parents are encouraged to join their children.**



This morning in Rome, Pope Francis will canonise **Blessed John Henry Newman**, the first English Saint since the Reformation. This canonisation is a momentous moment in the life of the Church in England and we are encouraged to pray for a continuation of the “Second Spring” of our beautiful Catholic faith in our land.

Today is Education Sunday in **our Diocese of Northampton**. A time when we pray for our students, teachers, and those who work in our schools and those who volunteer their time and talents as governors. We especially welcome our school pupils at Mass today!



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Naaman, a Gentile, came to know the love of God after being healed of leprosy. Upon his conversion, his allegiance was to the Lord. It did not matter to the prophet Elisha that Naaman was other than an Israelite, he had compassion for him and instructed him. The Church aims to evangelise throughout the world so that each person may have a relationship with Christ. Pope Francis states in *The Joy of the Gospel*, “Its [the Church’s joy in communicating Jesus Christ is expressed both by a concern to preach him to areas in greater need and in constantly going forth to the outskirts of its own territory or towards new sociocultural settings” (30).

Psalms 98 proclaims that the Lord has revealed his justice “in the sight of the nations.” It is important to keep in mind that God has called us a people. Pope Francis states in *The joy of the Gospel*, “The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age. He has chosen to call them together as a people and not as isolated individuals” (113).

The author of the Letter to Timothy relates that his mission is to preach the Gospel. Despite the sufferings that come with doing so, he stays focused on spreading the Word of God. The Second Vatican Council document *Gaudium et spes* explains that the Church’s mission is to assist people in encountering the love of God. The document states: “Whether it aids the world or whether it benefits from it, the Church has but one sole purpose – that the kingdom of God may come and the salvation of the human race may be accompanied. Every benefit the people of God can confer on humanity during its earthly pilgrimage is noted in the Church’s being ‘the universal sacrament of salvation’, at once manifesting and actualising the mystery of God’s love for humanity” (45).

Today is Prisoners’ Sunday, a national day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners’ Sunday provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we as a community can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. It is a time to identify those who are in crisis and find themselves in need of support in our own community. **Pact**, the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions, defendants and their families. The work of **Pact** is the daily embodiment of the most fundamental values of Catholic Social Teaching, the belief in the innate dignity of every human being. 2019 sees the end of **Pact’s** anniversary year, which marked 120 years of service. Their work is needed now more than ever and we are encouraged by the Church to support them. *Please be generous in supporting the retiring collection for the work of Pact today.* **Pact’s** website: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

THANK YOU for supporting CAFOD’s FAMILY FAST DAY with us.

Our parish raised £198.81 which means more poor families around the world will receive life-changing support. Thank you for your generosity.

Torchlit Procession 7pm Sunday 20 October at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. For those who would like to join parishioners for this Procession, we will gather at **Amersham Rail Station at 5.40pm on Sunday** and travel by Underground to Willesden Junction via Northwick Park.

Is this for you OR for someone you know? St Scholastica’s Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 19th October, 2019 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk website: www.stscholasticas.co.uk

Lectionary for Mass

Today’s readings offer two examples of people whose lives were transformed through miraculous healings and return to give thanks. In the First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17), the leper, Naaman, is an army commander who was healed of his disease. Despite his initial reluctance, he followed the Prophet Elisha’s instructions and bathed in the River Jordan seven times. Instead of returning home, he first sought out Elisha to thank him and offer him a reward. Elisha declined his gift but allowed Naaman to take home some earth to build a shrine to the God of Israel. Naaman found faith as well as healing.

In a similar way, in the Gospel (Luke 7:11-19), Jesus heals ten lepers (nine Israelites and one Samaritan) but only one returns to give Jesus thanks, “Were not all ten made clean? The other nine where are they? It seems that no one has come back to praise to God, except this foreigner?” In both readings, a foreigner returns to give thanks. In both readings their healing lead to thankfulness that generates faith. Their physical healing is an external manifestation of their spiritual healing. Jesus deliberately drew attention to the faith of this Samaritan to illustrate that faith and salvation in Jesus Christ extend beyond the borders of Israel to all people. As Paul states in the Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13), “they cannot chain up God’s news.” Faith, salvation, thanksgiving, all are intimately connected in today’s readings as they are in the Eucharist that we celebrate.

Liturgy and Life

(1) Has an event ever caused you to re-examine your relationship with God? (2) What does it mean to you to die to self and live in Christ? (3) When has something extraordinary happened to you that you later realised was from God?

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the **Royal Festival Hall** on **Tuesday 5 November** on the theme **Magic of Italian Opera** with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessun Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2020: The Chiltern Pastoral Area, which includes our parish invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting to review the Pastoral Area confirmation programme and registration on **Monday, 14 October at St Joseph’s Parish Hall (SL9 8RY) starting at 7:30pm.** We invite prospective candidates to hand write a letter to their parish priest as to why they wish to be confirmed.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Five of our children have registered for the preparation for these Sacraments. Their books have been ordered and after they arrive we will enrol them during Sunday Mass.

Money Matters

Last Sunday’s Offertory Collection - £310.49
CAFOD Family Fast Day - £198.81

**SECOND COLLECTION – Today:
PRISONERS’ SUNDAY**
Next Week – **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
Thank you for your generosity

The October 2019 edition of The Vine
The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. It’s free of charge!

Are you new to the parish?
If so, you are very welcome! Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.