

WORSHIP THE LORD

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10:30 am Parish Mass.
Celebrant Fr. S Boyd
Followed by refreshments

Monday St Johns Clevedon

6:00 pm Mass

Tuesday All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass.

Wednesday St Saviours Hall

11:00 am Coffee Church.

6:00 pm St Johns Clevedon Mass

Thursday All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass

Friday St Johns Clevedon

10:00 am BCP Mass

Saturday All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass

Next Sunday is 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Parish Mass.

Pray for Gods People

Those who are in need, including: Enid, Eunice, Gary, Carol, Paula, Angela, Mike, Alan, Pam, Emma, Keith, Suzanne, Deirdre, Sarah, Nichola, John, Andy, Shelley, Kimberley, Christine, Julie, Maria, Val, Brian.

All who mourn the death of a loved one all who are lonely.

Those who have died recently. And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time including: John Hayles (24th), Mary Parkinson (26th), Alfred Crockford-Hawley.

Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Calendar and Events

This year's Harvest Festival will be next Sunday 1st of October. We shall be collecting **Non Perishable** items for the Foodbank during September. If you need to know the items most needed there is a list with the collection box at the back of Church.

During Covid we had to reduce the involvement of the congregation in the Liturgy. Now we would like to reintroduce members of the congregation offering the intercessions at our Sunday Mass. If you feel you can offer this particular ministry please talk with Fr Brendan

We have many social groups using our halls and maybe there is something to interest you, check the list in the Autumn News Booklet. On Tuesday 3rd October a new Whist Drive starts at St Saviours Hall at 10 am-12 Noon.

Coffee Church is in full swing again and we welcome all. Maybe you know someone who might enjoy this short informal service with hymns and refreshments as well.

Our next concert is on Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm, when Trinity Singers and Costanzi Consort join forces to present 'An English Serenade', with works by Vaughan Williams, Byrd and Purcell. Tickets £15 on the door, but please ask Jude if you'd like to buy a ticket online.

Please do stay for refreshments after Mass today

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2023

Our Worship today

There are many divisions in the world today, not least between rich and poor, between those who have a daily struggle to make ends meet and those who are comparatively well off. The Gospel tells us that our God is generous, and has a special care for those most in need

Our Hymns Today

Procession 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Offertory 401 Light's abode, celestial Salem
Communion 276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed
Recession 368 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

The Word of the Lord

Reading 1

Isaiah 55:6-9

God is nearby and can be found

Reading 2

Philippians 1:20-24.27

Christ is in our living and dying, present to us beyond the grave and for all eternity.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The landowner practised positive discrimination towards late comers and less able workers.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.

PSALM Psalm 144

RESPONSE: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. 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. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St 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!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

Or

*I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.