

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

“Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, “Never will I forget a single thing you have done.”

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: Praise the Lord,
 who raises the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
 May the name of the Lord be blessed
 both now and for evermore! **R/**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
 above the heavens his glory.
 Who is like the Lord, our God,
 who has risen on high to his throne
 yet stoops from the heights to look down,
 to look down upon heaven and earth? **R/**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
 from the dungheap he raises the poor
 to set him in the company of princes,
 yes, with the princes of his people. **R/**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone — petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving — and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and — I am telling the truth and no lie — a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.’ Then the steward said to himself, ‘Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.’

“Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘One hundred measures of oil’ was the reply. The Steward said, ‘Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.’ To another he said, ‘And you, sir, how much do you owe?’ ‘One hundred measures of wheat’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond and write eighty.’


“The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

“And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

“No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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YEAR C – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd^h September 2019 – Psalter Week I

Sat 21st	25th SUNDAY IN	5.00pm	Tom & Louise Huston	St. Mary’s
Sun 22nd	ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Pauline Elizabeth Roberjot	St. Paul’s
		11.00am	Donna Manning	St. Mary’s
		Baptism 12.30	Lena Maria Pudo	St. Mary’s
Mon 23 rd	St. Padre Pio	9.30am	Word & Communion	St. Mary’s
Tues 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham	7.00pm	Mass followed by SVP District meeting	St. Mary’s (in Church)
Wed 25th		12.00pm	Jeasie Bolger	St. Paul’s
		12.30pm	Funeral- Hugh McCallum - Shrewsbury Crematorium	
Thurs 26th	SS. Cosmos & Damien	9.30am	Thanksgiving	St. Mary’s
Fri 27th	St. Vincent de Paul	9.30am	Vern Lyle	St. Mary’s
Sat 28 th	26 th SUNDAY IN	5.00pm	Parishioners	St. Mary’s
Sun 29 th	ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Maureen & Jonathon Cooper	St. Paul’s
	Bishop’s Visitation to Parish	11.00am	Jason Jones	St. Mary’s



Newsletter Contributions to St Mary’s Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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LAVENDER SALE – LAST WEEKEND

Many thanks for your incredible generosity.
£450.15
was raised for Church funds.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially, Ann Howells, Brian McSweeney, Rev. Rosemary Freeman, Catherine Godbert, Kath Fullerton, Ossie Bishop, Margaret Craig and Wayne Stansfield.

We remember all those who have died recently especially: Jeasie Bolger, Leon Cullinan, Hugh McCallum Patricia Higgins, Vern Lyle (Sandra Portillo's Father) and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, esp. Pauline Roberjot, Margaret Leeper, & Mary Whittard.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory: £1048.28
250 Club: £172.60
Winner: Anne Malcolm
Many thanks for your generosity.

BISHOPS VISITATION

You will already be aware that Bishop Mark is coming on Visitation. It is 5 years since he was here, and he is visiting our deanery in the weeks ahead.

POOR CLARE CONVENT

Retreat Day on Saturday, 28th Sept. 10.15am-3pm. Though organised for the SVP it is open for to all to attend. The price is £12.00 per head. Bring a packed lunch. Further details on notice in porch.

BAPTISED AND SENT

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and the Columban Missionaries are holding a day of reflection on 12th October 10am-5pm at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull.
Pope Francis has declared October 2019 a "Extraordinary Missionary Month"

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES; 5TH OCTOBER, 2019.

The day will be led by Bishop Richard Moth, who is responsible to the Bishops' Conference for the ministry to those with mental health issues.

The day will be held at St Columba's, Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA from 11am to 5pm and will include Mass and the anointing of the sick.

Tea and coffee will be served from 10.30 am and at lunchtime. Please bring your own lunch.

"SHARING OUR FAITH"



Rueben Purchase and Dr. Caroline Farey, from the Diocesan Mission for Catechists team, led a day for lay ministers and catechists last Saturday. Many thanks to those who attended.

FAMILY FAST DAY 4TH OCTOBER

The theme of this year's Autumn Family Fast day is "No child should be attacked getting water to drink". Cafod.org.uk/harvest

Cafod statistics:

43,000 The number of people in Kerala, India that our local experts reached with water, food, clothes, blankets, hygiene kits and training in sanitation to prevent the spread of disease following the floods in July 2018

311 -This is the number of children in South Sudan that can now continue their studies thanks to the construction of 8 classrooms stocked with teaching materials.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROTA

A new rota has now been compiled and is on the notice board at the back of the Church.

CUAN HOUSE RESCUE CENTRE MUCH WENLOCK

Weekend 28th / 29th September
(St. Francis Feast Day – October 4th)

To mark this day, we have been asked by the Worrell family to support the work of Cuan House in looking after rescue animals.



You can help by donating essential items that the centre needs.

Please see wish list below which indicates what is required and leave the donations in the box provided

Wish list

Robin Mix	Black Bags
Royal Canin Jack Russell Biscuits	
British Finch Seed	Newspapers
Chopped Peanuts	Boxed Tissues
Puppy Meat	Kitchen Towel/roll
Sunflower Hearts	Dried Mealworms
Non-Fishy Cat Meat Tinned/Pouches	
I Love Hedgehog Biscuits	Toilet Roll
Different Sized Kitten Biscuits (NOT Go Cat)	

INVITATION

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols,
Archbishop of Westminster
President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference
of England and Wales
warmly invites you
**to a service of Solemn Vespers
to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal
John Henry Newman** at the Metropolitan
Cathedral of the Precious Blood, Westminster
on Saturday 19th October 2019 at 3.30 pm
Preacher: The Most Reverend and
Right Honourable Justin Welby,
Archbishop of Canterbury

AUTUMN SCHEDULE

The Autumn brings with it many activities which I hope all parishioners will make an effort to attend. Please don't leave it to others!!

As you can see from the schedule there are many collections for good causes. Please do not feel you have to give to everything, if you are not able.

Thank you for your generosity all year round. We will not accept any further requests for assistance until next year!!

Fr. Michael

AUTUMN SCHEDULE

September

28/29 Bishop's Visitation

October

4 Funeral Patricia Higgins

5/6 Cafod envelopes collected
(Family Fast 4th)

12/13 Prisoners Sunday

19/20 World Mission Sunday-
International Mass

26/27 Priests Training Fund
Christmas Cards for sale
Baptism: Chris Alemonai

November

2/3 Parish Remembrance- for those
who died over the past year
(11.00am)

10th Remembrance Sunday

16/17 Cafod Christmas gifts weekend!

24th SVP Christmas Fayre & coffee
morning after 11.00am mass

December

1st Advent Holy Hour 2-3pm

8th Carol Concert in aid of Hospice
3.00pm. Supported by local
churches.

15th Parish Christmas Dinner 1.00pm