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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Intention of Jerry Gilligan
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	John Davidson RIP
Monday	23 rd	9.30 am	Ray Hosier RIP
Tuesday	24 th	9.30 am	Peggy Gallagher RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	25 th	9.30 am	Frederick McGinn RIP
Thursday	26 th	9.30 am	John Davidson RIP
		1.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR PEGGY GALLAGHER RIP
Friday	27 th	9.30 am	Jenny Grogan RIP
		11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR ORAZIO CASTRO RIP
Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Helena Fernades & Family RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Teresa Boyle
		3.00 pm	HARVEST CELEBRATION



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 22:20-26, St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

COLLECTIONS: Church: £405 Digital Collection: £59 Thank you for your generosity
This weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday (Missio)
PLEASE USE MISSIO GIFT AID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Philip Jenkins, Sarah Johnstone, Brian Dunne, Ian Follett, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan. John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **JOHN McCOY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely, Constance Clark, Kathleen Hope, Giuseppina Pryke, Jean Murphy, Tony Sassi.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. MISSIO: Today is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 02078 219755 (Office Hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: mission.org.uk

4. 'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD OF HARVEST AND CREATION'. On Sunday 29th October from 3pm, we are having a musical celebration with hymns and readings. This will be followed by refreshments in the Barn. There will be a voluntary collection for Turning Tides, Worthing's charity that works with homeless people. Please put the date into your diary and be sure to be there!

5. AN ADVENT JOURNEY: Focus on some of the key moments of the life of Christ as we Journey through to Christmas. Starting on Tuesday 7th November at 10am for 7 weeks. We will focus on the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary with a short film shot in the Holy Land followed by a time for prayer and conversation. For more information contact Dermot 07999488326 or Jane Anne 07765403883

6. BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Deacon Mark (from St Michael's Parish) is planning to bless graves in Durrington Cemetery, Worthing on the Feast of the Holy Souls on 2nd November from 10.30am. If you would like a grave of a loved one in that cemetery blessed please either let Deacon Mark know the person and where it is in the cemetery, or join him at Mill Lane entrance nearest to St Michael's on the Arundel Road at 10.30am. His contact details are Tel: 01903 877801 or email: mark.woods@abdiocese.org.uk

7. SPUC CREAM TEA will take place on Sunday 12th November at 3pm in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Tickets will be on sale next weekend £6 each. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

8. EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH is a course aimed at those who are interested in exploring our faith in a relaxed informal setting with the aim to join or rejoin our Catholic family. Please phone the Parish Office on 01903 242624 or email Dermot: dermot36@gmail.com

9. THE DEANERY READERS' COURSE will take place here at English Martyrs Church on Saturday 18th November from 10.30 till 12.00 noon. The Course will be led by Deacon Mark Woods and it is hoped that **all** readers will attend.

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES HARVEST WISH LIST is appealing for the many items that they need in their Harvest4Homeless Wish List. Copies of the complete List are available in both porches. Some of the items on the list are: Coffee, Long-life Milk, Sugar, Carton juice – large/small, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Cereals (not Oats), Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Custard, Rice Pudding, Cooking Sauces, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving Gels, Razors, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Washing up liquid. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: This October's Synod proceedings will come to an end in a week's time. The work of the Synod will continue until the end of October next year and the results of the exercise will become more apparent in early 2025, which will be the start of the Holy Year. This is a significant milestone in the life of the Church. A gathering such as this would have been unthinkable ten years ago. What has been happening in Rome is the result of countless meetings at parish level throughout the world, in the past three years. The issues that were identified at local level as crucial for the future health and vitality of the Church have all been put on the table.

A totally new way has been followed at this gathering of the Church. This is the 16th Synod to have taken place since Pope Paul VI set Synodality in motion over fifty years ago. Never before has a Synod seen Cardinals, bishops, laymen and women sit down together at round tables to discuss and listen to one another and consider what the Church throughout the world decided they should discuss and enact for the future life of the Church. At this Synod Pope Francis is seated at one of those round tables – rather than addressing the participants from a raised platform. This illustrates what a Synod is – a shared journey where the participants prayerfully seek to discern together where the Holy Spirit wishes the Church to go.

There are 365 delegates taking part in the Synod, including 54 women. This is the first time women have ever voted in a Synod. There are 10 president-delegates who in turn have been leading this Synod on Synodality. Three of these are women. The first woman to preside was Sister Gomez. Significantly, the Mexican sister's presiding role came as the Synod began its work on the topic of 'Co-responsibility in mission'. This included a focus on the role of women in the Church. One of the questions under consideration at that stage of the Synod is the possibility of admitting women to the diaconate. Sr. Gomez described the involvement of women in the Synod as a new way of living for the Church: 'A way of life for ever, journeying together with a permanent and ongoing dialogue'. The topic of the possibility of admitting women to the diaconate is not, however, dominating the discussion. Sr. Gomez described the participation of women in the Synod as 'setting the stage for future changes'.

Over a quarter of the voting members of the Synod are not bishops. Any reports of Synod votes will not include any kind of differentiation between bishops and non-bishops. Another of the president-delegates, Cardinal Ruffini explained: 'We are part of the same communion and the same Synodal Assembly. Common baptismal priesthood, which unites us all, is the basis for participation in the Synod'. The October 2023 stage of the Synod will eventually produce a document which will form the basis of further discussions, before the final stage involving the same participants a year from now. In the meantime, a series of Commissions will be established to prepare the path for a fruitful outcome.

This Synod has been unfamiliar territory for the participants and it seems to be working more smoothly than anticipated. Pope Francis requested that the participants should refrain from giving interviews to the media so as not to disrupt the prayerful and considered course of the discussions and this seems to have been the case. The morning sessions have been running from 8.45am to 12.30 pm and the afternoon sessions from 4.00 pm to 7.15 pm, six days a week. Pope Francis has strongly encouraged the participants to listen carefully to one another and to speak 'with candour'. 'Everyone needs to express themselves freely. The protagonist of the Synod isn't us but the Holy Spirit'. If everyone in the room were to agree, it would mean that the Holy Spirit had been 'left outside' he said.

The Synod in Rome began on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi – the day that Pope Francis published his latest letter to the peoples of the world on the environment, entitled 'Laudate Deum'. It draws its title from the message of St Francis: 'Praise God for all his creatures'. At the end of this stage of the Synod we have a special celebration of praise, next Sunday at 3.00 pm. We hope that many will take part.