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29th September 2024 is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading, from the Book of Numbers, God sends His spirit down on the seventy elders, who are appointed to help Moses, as well as on two others; Moses, rather than wanting to rebuke the two spirit filled men in the camp, wishes that all God's people were recipients of His spirit and prophets. In the second reading, Saint James rebukes the rich, not just for being rich, but for practicing injustice and persecuting the less fortunate. He points out that earthly riches are of passing, not eternal, value. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus says the disciples are not to stop a non-disciple working miracles in Jesus's name, and that 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.' This raises for us today the important question of the relationship between revealed faith, other religions, and people of no faith at all.

This Sunday we shall be hearing a brief appeal at all Masses for **Cafod. The Harvest Family Fast Day is this Friday.**

Please consider fasting on this day and donating the money you save to Cafod for its important work. This is not just a collection, but rather a chance for you to be involved by feeling hunger on behalf of those in Africa, many of whom have no access to the luxury foods we habitually consume, such as alcohol, sweets, meat and so on. Doing a family fast is an effective way of helping the young understand the issues of global poverty and inequality.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of September, dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. October, which is soon to begin, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of prayer for the missions. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate either a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin or the Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Monday is the feast of Saint Jerome (circa 347- 420), priest and doctor of the Church. He was a great scholar and dedicated himself to Biblical studies and translated the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin. This version of the Bible is known as the Vulgate. He also wrote many letters to various correspondents in many parts of the Roman Empire, dispensing religious advice, which are an important source of historical insight to the Church of his day.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux (1873 – 1897), doctor of the Church. A nun who died at an early age, Therese is one of the most influential saints of our time. Her writings became famous after her death, and she is an exemplar of how to seek holiness through the challenges of daily life. She is patroness of the missions.

Wednesday is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.

Thursday is the feast of the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex. They were ten in number and died for the faith in penal times. Their names are: John Ruge, Thomas Percy, Thomas Pylcher, Henry Webley, Edward Shelley, Ralph Crockett, Edward James, George Gervase, Thomas Bullaker, William Howard. The first was a victim of Henry VIII, and the last was a victim of the Popish plot of Titus Oates in the time of Charles II.

Friday is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) . Francis is among the most revered and loved of Catholic saints.

Thank you from Fr Graham

It was great to be with you on Sunday 15th September. I would like to thank you sincerely for the great welcome back and for your very generous gift and wonderful card recalling moments of my priesthood – 49 years – 31 years with you (40% of my life). Happy times shared with so many good friends. It was a privilege to be your Parish Priest. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all those who organised, prepared for, baked, supervised and cleaned up afterwards, making our Macmillan Coffee morning the success it was. The cake was wonderful, and it was so nice to see so many people there. We raised £600 altogether for this very worthy cause. If you weren't able to come, it is not too late to donate, either by using the QR code to scan with your mobile phone in the narthex, or you can pay by typing in this link <https://www.justgiving.com/CM24032767> into your address bar Also, would Alvin David, Mr O'Reilly and Eileen Murray please collect their raffle prizes next Sunday after 8.30 Mass. Any questions, please ask Ann Hannan.

Children in Non Catholic Schools

If your child is in a non Catholic school, you have the total responsibility for their religious education. The parish has a programme of worksheets to help in this task. For more information please contact Pauline Groves 0208 394 0169

Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Appeal

We have collected a shedload (almost 20 kilos) of foreign coins for Mary's Meals, which have been weighed and sent off to the charity. We will hear back from them in due course just how much our coins and notes have raised. Many thanks to all who contributed!

We have heard the sad news of the death of **Mary Josephine Jones**, which happened on September 5th 2024 at Epsom Beaumont Care Home. She was eighty years old. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Friday 11th October at 1.30pm, to be followed by burial at St Mary the Virgin Church in Ewell. (This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.) Let us continue to pray for the repose of Mary's soul, and the comfort of her family at this difficult and sad time for them. Do please note the date and come of you can to the Mass.

Father Alexander recently met up with the **St Anthony's Group**, which is our parish group that looks after the sick and housebound. We are now building up a list of parishioners at home who would like to be visited by a member of the parish. If you think this is something you could do, please get in contact with a member of the group. Ministry to the sick and housebound is very important. If you know of a parishioner who is at home permanently, please mention their name and details to Fr Alexander. At present we do not have that many on our list, so there must be plenty of people we do not know about.

Father Alexander has met up with representatives of the **Guides and the Scouts**. One thing that was discussed was the upkeep of the hall. More important by far, though, was the matter of developing and strengthening the ties between the parish and our uniformed groups. To this end both will be taking part in the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 10th November, which is Remembrance Sunday.

The Core Group, otherwise the Transition Group, met last week. We considered how the things we wanted to put in place by September have now been put in place: daily Mass (except Tuesdays), the offertory procession, the collection, and Holy Communion under both kinds. We talked about the work to be done on the Hall in half term, namely the refurbishment of the kitchen and the flat roof above the entrance. We also talked about the transition to one parish with the rest of the deanery and how that was going.

The results of the count last week are as follows: 6pm-72; 8.30am-76; 10.30am-143. The total Sunday attendance was 291. Many thanks for allowing yourselves to be counted, and to the clickers for counting you!
This will be done again on the next three Sundays.

Don't forget: Saturday 5th October, 10.30am-1pm: refresher day for Readers. Have we got anyone else who wants to be a reader? If so, please come.

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest). During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

World Mission Sunday

Could all parishioners who have a red Missio box, please return it to the Sacristy. The contents of all the boxes will be counted & the boxes returned as soon as possible. World Mission Sunday is the 20th October. There will be a 2nd collection for Missio & the contactless machines will be set up with a tab for a Missio collection too. If any parishioners now donate using direct debit rather than a red box please let me know via email and I will amend my records. Fionaperks2@gmail.com

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray or just visit. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.



Key Holders

If you are a Key Holder to any of the rooms, property, cupboards or anything that belongs to the Parish of St Clement's, please could you email ewell@abdiocese.org.uk so that Julie can bring our records up to date please.



Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.



Thank you

We have a letter of thanks from the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank thanking us for our "wonderful donation of £263.35. We couldn't do what we do without support like yours." The full letter can be read on the noticeboard. We have also sent a further donation of £50 to the foodbank from funds raised via the 8:30am Coffee after Mass.

The September winners for the 200 Club are:-

Ashleigh Okonkwo	No.47	£30
Ahu Guray	No.109	£20

Dates For Your Diary

30 Sept	Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm
4 Oct	CAFOD Family Fast Day
5 Oct	FHC session one. 11am-12pm
5 Oct	Refresher day for Proclaimers 10.30am- 1pm
6 Oct	FHC Celebration Mass 10:30am
7 Oct	Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm.
19 Oct	Meeting of the Finance Committee.
19 Oct	FHC Session 2. 11am-12pm:
19 Oct	Parish Quiz Night
9 Nov	FHC Session 3. 11am-12pm: # Catechists 12pm-1pm
16 Nov	FHC Session 4. 11am-12pm
23 Nov	FHC Reconciliation Services 11am-1pm
24 Nov	Winter Fair
30 Nov	Polish Culture Evening - bring desserts to share
7 Dec	St Clement's School Christmas Fair 12pm-3pm

Mass Intentions September/ October 2024

Sat 28	6pm	Vigil Mass	Recovery of Sally Mason
Sun 29	8:30am	26th Sunday in OT	Carmelina & Carmen Vella RIP
Sun 29	10:30am	26th Sunday in the year	People of the Parish
Mon 30	10am	St Jerome	Available
Wed 2	10am	The Holy Guardian Angels	Available
Thu 3	7pm	Blessed Martyrs of Sussex	Available
Fri 4	10am	St Francis of Assisi	Available
Sat 5	6pm	Vigil Mass	Available
Sun 6	8:30am	27th Sunday in OT	Carmelina & Carmen Vella RIP
Sun 6	10:30am	27th Sunday in OT	Available