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Newsletter for Sunday 20 September 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 1

Envy

Today we hear Our Lord tell the **Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**, (Matt 20:1-16) in which the workers fail to understand why those who worked just one hour received the same wages as those who had worked all day. In other words they were envious.

Envy is one of the **Seven Deadly Sins** - deadly because it can cause many other vices such as calumny, slander and even murder. Very often, due to **Original Sin**, we want what someone else has even though we don't really need it. The example in today's Gospel can be quite hard for us to accept because it does seem unfair that the workers who arrived for the last hour should get the same pay as those who had worked hard all day in the hot sun. And the landowner asked the question, "*Why be envious because I am generous?*"

Basically God's ways are not our ways. Sometimes we might think, "*Why does God allow someone who doesn't need the money to win the lottery even though I need it much more?*" Perhaps God knows it wouldn't be good for us and could cause us to lose our soul. "*For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?*" (Mark 8:36). In the end we simply have to admit that God gives some people more goods than others and that this is in His Providence.

St John Vianney (1786-1859) said that whoever is envious is proud, because when we desire something God has given to someone else and not to us, we are saying we know better than God. So we have to try and remain humble seeking God's glory and not our own. St John Vianney also suggests, "*if we are tempted to thoughts of envy against our neighbour, far from letting him see it by our cold manner, we must go out of our way to be friendly and do him any service that lies in our power.*" The words of Our Lord spring to mind, "*Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you*" (Matthew 6:33). Desiring the things of this world can lead us into sin, so let us cultivate a desire for the things of Heaven, because this is the only thing that will bring us eternal joy.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

FROM THE SAINTS: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God. Because His servant could conquer envy by rejoicing in the merits of others, God will be praised" (*St John Chrysostom, ca. 347-407*).

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	19th	6.00pm	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	20th	<u>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Holy Souls – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	21st	<u>St Matthew, Apostle (Feast)</u>	
		9.15am	Patricia Johnston RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Tues	22nd	9.15am	Intention for the living
Weds	23rd	<u>St Pio of Pietrelcina (Memoria)</u>	
		6.30pm	Conway & Margaret Pinchbeck RIP – PUBLIC MASS (Latin old rite)
Thurs	24th	<u>Our Lady of Walsingham (Memoria)</u>	
		9.15am	Intention for the living
Fri	25th	6.30pm	Sylvia Alborough RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sat	26th	9.15am	Holy Souls
		10.30am-	Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
		12.30pm	Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am
		2.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
		6.00pm	Bridget Fay RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	27th	<u>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Moira Webb RIP – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

MASS INTENTIONS: Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the **PRIVATE** Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

**NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR),
we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased
in the online edition of the newsletter.**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Sylvia Alborough and Janet Edwards **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Borzacchiolo, Beniamino Coviello, Leontina Brida, Umberto Fabricatore, Sami Batatio, Doris Couzens, John Mucklow, Margaret Warren, Andrew Mitchell, Joseph Sheen, Sarah James, Giuseppina diCosmo and Margaret Kuzniar

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will recommence on **Saturday 3rd October** in the Hall, 10am-11am. Parents should have received an emailed letter about this.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS: The World Day for Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on **27th September 2020**.

BISHOP-ELECT ERIK VARDEN: Many will like to know that the Episcopal Consecration of the former Abbot of Mount St Bernard's, Erik Varden, will now take place on **Saturday 3rd October** in Trondheim, Norway. It was due to have taken place in January but was postponed due to his ill health. He has now fully recovered, but we keep him in our prayers.

FATIMA: A new film has just been released on the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917 and is getting very good reviews. There has apparently been a bit of artistic licence taken but it is basically faithful to the events as they really happened. You can watch it now for free on YouTube.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham, **27th September**. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV or at the Basilica live stream: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>. Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00 noon. Full details are on the website, including the programme for the day: www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

CONFESSIONS: A reminder that there is a priest hearing Confessions in the church on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30am, and by appointment.

TOILETS DURING MASS: Please note you will need to exit the church by the Lady Altar and use the outside entrance to the hall, and then re-enter the church by the main double doors. All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

OPEN EVENING (TALK & TOUR) AT DE LISLE COLLEGE: **28th, 29th, 30th September** – 5.00-6.30pm or 6.00-7.30pm. To book, visit www.delisle.org.uk

JOHN STORER HOUSE are looking for 2/3 volunteers to work in the Foodbank on a Monday or Tuesday. This is a temporary opportunity. For more information, email gemma.skevington@thebridge-eastmidlands.org.uk.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: **Friday 25th September**, 10.00am-1.00pm, in the garden of Jean Lopez Lopez (email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk for the address). Socially distanced, six at a time OR drop by to pick up a cake or cookies to take home.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

LEADER: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

ALL: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

LEADER: Bless our families. Bless our children.

ALL: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

LEADER: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

ALL: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY AGAINST DISEASE

Priest: The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. That very Star is now worthy to encompass the world, whose wars cut down the people with the sore of dreaded death.

All: O glorious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honours Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

PRE-BOOKING PLACES FOR MASS: Numbers have increased so much at the weekend Masses **it is now essential that you book your place in advance.** Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at <https://massbooking.uk> Telephone bookings can be made by calling 0115 648 1474, Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm. Due to the high demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that **the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week instead** to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

Fr Paul