

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
God has called each of us by name.

Responsorial Psalm

95: 1,3-5,7-10
Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Paul tells his Thessalonian congregation that he prays constantly for them.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21
Jesus' enemies tried to trap him with a question about whether or not to pay taxes. Whichever answer he gave could catch him out and lead to his ultimate downfall

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Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michaels)	17 Oct	5.30pm	Celia & Terry Gillott RIP
Sunday (St Michaels)	18 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	18 Oct	11.00am	Barry Cooper RIP
Tuesday	20 Oct	12.00pm	Eric Woolands RIP
Wednesday	21 Oct	12.00pm	Gordon English RIP
Thursday	22 Oct	9.00am	Maura Fry RIP
Thursday (St Helen`s)	22 Oct	11.00am	Funeral Service for Vera Blacker
Friday	23 Oct	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	24 Oct	12.00pm	Private intention
Saturday(St Michaels)	24 Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michaels)	25 Oct	9.00am	Gordon English RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	25 Oct	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:

<https://m.facebook.com/CorpusChristiValley/videos/>

Sunday 18th October 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year A

Weekday Cycle II

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

John was critically ill. His parents, Titus and Blessing, unable to prevent a dog biting him, recognised that he needed urgent medical help and walked for two days to the hospital, carrying John on their backs for the entire distance. People saw John's symptoms of rabies and avoided the family in the isolated African fishing villages through which they trekked. In their limited medical knowledge, the villagers blamed evil spirits and were frightened of the consequences of approaching the suffering family.

Many mission hospitals cannot afford to keep anti-rabies vaccine on standby in case of need. It's expensive and must be kept cool, a real problem in places with uncertain or non-existent electricity. The Sisters at the hospital tried to contact other medical facilities within a range of several hundred miles. Some could only be reached via a walkie-talkie radio. There was no Internet connection in the area and telephones rarely worked. With John's condition rapidly deteriorating, the situation was increasingly desperate. At last, a distant Salvation Army hospital responded via the radio. They would give John their only dose of vaccine. To send it by road would take at least eight hours. Instead, they had contacted a Lutheran volunteer pilot with Mission Medic-Air. He would fly the vaccine to the mission hospital's grass landing strip if someone could meet the six-seater plane in two hours' time. Blessing sat, ignoring the risks to herself, with John on her knee, refusing to let go of her child. Sadly, it was too late and John died even as one of the Sisters prepared the injection which, a few hours earlier, might have saved his life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' enemies tried to trap him with a clever question about whether or not to pay taxes. Whichever answer he gave could lead to his ultimate downfall. Despite the flattery with which they tried to ensnare Jesus, the Pharisees saw themselves as the religious elite to which he could never belong. How dare an uneducated carpenter from Galilee tell *them* how to live!

The Pharisees and Herodians were not concerned about the legitimacy of taxation: they just wanted to get rid of Jesus, who was "not one of us". Likewise, they saw the Romans as "them" and not "us": foreigners with a different language, way of life and

religious beliefs. There was an unbridgeable divide: "they" could never be the same as "us". True, the Romans had occupied Israel and had created their own "them and us" situation which fostered hatred and dissent rather than respect and unity, but Jesus' questioners had no intention of healing the divisions between the two peoples. They only wanted to trap him and did not look for a sincere answer to their question. They were unprepared for Jesus' suggestion that the only conflict of interests lay in their own hearts.

Today is World Mission Sunday, when Catholics across the world unite in praying for and supporting the Church in countries where it is new or young. "Mission" is not about a "them and us" situation. That Saturday afternoon, as Catholic Sisters tried to obtain anti-rabies vaccine for a sick child, the Salvation Army willingly donated all they had; the Lutheran pilot gave up his day off to fly several hundred miles. Three Christian denominations and people of several nationalities did all that they could to help one little boy. Ignoring their many differences, everyone concerned was "us" – including a family whom neither the pilot nor the Salvation Army team would ever know.

Pope Francis told a true story: "It happened here in Rome that a homeless man had an abdominal pain... he went to a priest, the priest saw him and was moved. He said: 'I'll take you to the hospital but I want you to do me a favour. When I start explaining what you have, act like you're fainting'... He did well because it was peritonitis. This man had been discarded. If he had gone alone, he would have been discarded, and he would have died." World Mission Sunday is about forgetting differences and, instead, coming together. Jesus' challengers could not look beyond "them and us". The Pharisees discarded the Romans and Jesus because they were "them" and not "us". Jesus reminds us to look inside our hearts. World Mission Sunday tells us that, as Christians, there is no such thing as "them and us". We discard nobody.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Annette Cheetham, Margaret Lily Watson and Vera Blacker who died recently.

Please remember that numbers of mourners are restricted to 30.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations for this latest appeal. So far, together with the coins from the Coppers Jars from each church, we have just over £360 to send to CAFOD.

Message from St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Since the start of the pandemic the society has continued its work, praying for you all, befriending parishioners (by telephone) and making generous hardship donations to needy individuals and families.

Unfortunately we have not had our usual sources of income this year but the need to reach out to those most vulnerable has increased, to continue this vital work we would very much welcome direct donations of any amount, whatever you can give will be appreciated and used to help needy people during this very difficult time. Donations can be made to our bank account: 60-60-04 a/c no. 46087583 or you can text the number below if you wish to donate in another way. Any requests for assistance can be made by **text message to 07873 407866**, additionally we welcome enquires from any volunteers wishing to join in our work.

For assistance please send name and contact details to the number above and we aim to get back to you within 24/48 hours. More details on the assistance SVP offer and volunteering opportunities can be found at <https://www.svp.org.uk>.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

'Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish'.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne

Pray for us

Blessed Robert Ludlam

Pray for us

Blessed Nicholas Garlick

Pray for us

Blessed William Richardson

Pray for us

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for us