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Exposition of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT or ADORATION



In this service we celebrate the presence of Our Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar.

The Host, consecrated at Mass, is placed in the monstrance so that we can see it. There are hymns and prayers in honour of the wonderful truth that God, in Christ, remains among us always under the form of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament. The service ends with the blessing - Benediction -and we know the warmth of God's blessing in our lives.

This is a time of silent corporate prayer; we should undertake no activity in church other than prayer. When the bell rings we should stop what we are doing, and if we are able kneel until the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. We should remain silent at the end of exposition in preparation for the Mass if one follows.

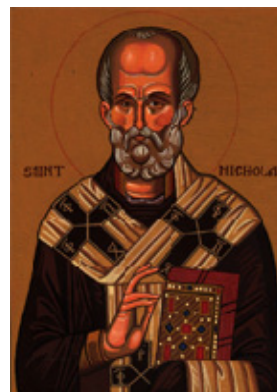
Welcome to our Church today, after the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of Church. Please join us and make yourself known to one of the clergy.

This ancient church has been a place of Christian worship of Almighty God for well over 1,000 years; as we enter the third millennium of our salvation it is salutary to remember that Christians have gather here on this spot since the first millennium.

If you would like to pray, the Lady Chapel is set aside as a place of quiet, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or you might like to light a candle at one of the many shrines around church.

THE PARISH AND ANCIENT CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS, PLUMSTEAD

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION TODAY



Induction loop fitted Sound reinforcement



Ramp available for access

A Forward in Faith parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham, during the vacancy in See The Right Reverend Peter Wheatley, we are a Eucharistic community who is worshipping in the present, upon the Apostolic Truths of the past, in the hope of finding our future salvation in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

The Mass is offered daily

Sunday	8:00am
	11:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm
Saturday	10:00am



Exposition of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT or ADORATION
 half an hour before Mass every day except Sunday.

The ROSARY of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said after Mass on Friday and Saturday

Confessions:

Monday 7:30-8:00pm. Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm, Thursday 6:30-7:00pm, or by appointment.

Please turn off



all mobile 'phones

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

now read on . . .

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

One only needs to read the papers for a little while to detect our cultural craving for "justice", which is only a euphemism for revenge. We see the continual cry for the "pound of flesh" from those we feel have wronged us. In God's economy, though, justice is quite a different concept.

God calls us into a different understanding of justice, one rooted in grace and mercy. God loves us enough to forgive us and bestow on us more than we have merited. Consequently, we are called to extend that mercy to others. In today's first reading, we hear the call to forgive those who have done us wrong because we have a God who has done the same for us. This is the basis for Our Lord's instruction to pray that we may be forgiven as we forgive others.

Resentment and anger are certainly foul things, which can have a debilitating effect on the individual. As difficult as it may be, our calling is to rise above the tendencies of the world which can so easily consume us. May we learn to walk in the way of the one who forgave, even at the point of his greatest suffering.

Holy Cross Day - 4th September

On 14th September, the Church celebrates a feast day which, unusually, isn't commemorating a person or an event, but a thing – the Cross on which Christ died. The feast is often referred to as Holy Cross Day, or the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

The feast has its origins in 335, when a church was dedicated in Jerusalem by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre in which Christ's body had been laid. During the excavations in preparation for the building of the Church, St Helena, the mother of Constantine, found the three crosses used at the crucifixion. She then had these relics enshrined in the new Church, and a feast in honour of the Cross gradually spread throughout the Church on 14th September.

The feast itself, however, isn't just the commemoration of the finding of a lump of wood. Rather, it is a celebration of the power of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. For Christians, the Cross becomes a sign of hope and triumph, and this feast day gives us an opportunity to glory in its strength to save.

It is important, of course, to pray on 14th September for all priest members of the Society of the Holy Cross, who try to model their ministry on the saving mystery of the Cross, impressed inwardly on their lives and shown outwardly in their work.

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11th September 2011

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day

If you are reading this in Church you are a good way towards keeping the third commandment! Keeping



the Sabbath holy is a critical part of our Christian life. God in creation works for six days and rests on the seventh. We are too called to follow that divinely set rhythm and live our lives accordingly. Of course it is not always possible not to work on a Sunday - there are plenty of people who must work - not least your Parish Priest. But who ever they are and what ever they do they are still obliged to find the time to be at Mass on

a Sunday. We are called, in the words of the campaign from many years ago, to 'keep Sunday special', and not because it is a day off, or a day when we get to see the family, all of which it might be, but because we follow God's example and rest on the Sabbath.

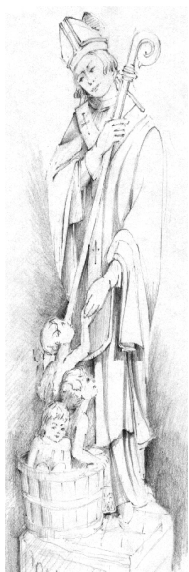
How then are we to remember the 'Lord's Day'. Well firstly by attending the Eucharist. Perhaps if your Church has an evening service you might make the effort to be there too. Secondly, by not doing things that are unnecessary. It can be all too tempting these days to go to the local shopping centre on a Sunday afternoon and to yet further expand the credit card debt. Is this what God wants in the third commandment? A 'holy day' is a day centred on God and given for Him. In doing this we will obey this commandment.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever . Amen

S. NICHOLAS CHURCH**FLOODLIGHT: LIGHT THE CHURCH**

We all realise how important it is to support our Church, more so in these days of rising costs; well here is a good way of supporting it and enjoying it personally.

Floodlight the building by day £2.25 or by the week £14.50, for that personal event: a birth, Baptism, Birthday, an Anniversary, Wedding or Years Mind of a loved one, in doing this you will remember and at the same time help pay the electricity bill. The price is reasonable and shows this building in all its glory after sunset, it does enhance this fine building. Reg holds the diary, to be sure there are no double bookings, it is yours for the day or week.

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis

All-powerful God,
you made
Saint Nicholas
a bishop and leader
of the Church
to inspire your people
with his teaching
and example.
May we give fitting
honour to his memory
and always have the
assistance of his prayers
We ask this
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Christus, Heri, Hodie, Semper**A PRAYER FOR THESE DIFFICULT DAYS**

Heavenly Father, who called us in the body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation.

We bring before you the events of recent days and pray for peace on the streets of our cities.

For the victims of violent behaviour.

For those who have been hurt or harmed in anyway.

Help us to work for the healing of our communities, that justice, peace, trust and freedom from fear may rule in our hearts.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

If you are celebrating
a BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY
and would like to share it with your Church Family
A £15 DONATION
covers the cost of Sherry
(You may if you wish provide wine of your own choice)
to be enjoyed at the back of church after Mass
Please see Gwen or Christina Agin!

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Angelus will be sung at the
Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	381
Gradual:	NEH	376
Offertory:	NEH	373
Communion:	NEH	296
Post Communion:	NEH	427

PALM CROSSES:

Jessica Roberts in thanksgiving

THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Flavia Kisambira in thanksgiving for Theo & Otto

THE SEVEN DAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Jessica Roberts: In thanksgiving

THE SANCTUARY:

Geraldine & Godwin: God's blessing & Thanksgiving

OUR LADY BY THE LADY CHAPEL:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: In thanksgiving

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM:

Fr Charles; Prayers fir Robert sometime

Chorister at S. Nicholas

OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

Murray Smallbone: For the repose

of the soul of John Beck 30-7-1937 - 8-10-2008

S. NICHOLAS:**THE SUNDAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER****OUR LADY BY THE TOWER:**

Gwen Pearce:

for Bill, family & friends

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Fr Andrew: for the Spiritual life of the Parish

S. JOSEPH:

Paul Pangrace

FLOODLIGHTING

11th Fr Charles: Darcey's birthday

Doreen & Reg:

In thanksgiving for the lives of Dorothy & Fred Martin

INTRODUCTION

Whether we are alive or dead, St Paul tells us, we belong to the Lord. We gather today as a sign of our belonging, so that, as God's holy Church, we may sing the praises of the Lord and give thanks for all our blessings.

Today's Readings

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Only by offering forgiveness can we hope to receive it from the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Christ is the Lord of all – living and dead.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

To withhold forgiveness from others is to deny it to ourselves.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord's kindness and compassion know no limits. With thankfulness, we bring our needs to our heavenly Father.

For the Church: that she may be an instrument of mercy and a channel of peace and reconciliation in our world. Lord, hear us.

For those who police our laws and those who administer justice: that they may do so with fairness and with impartiality, always respecting the dignity of every person. Lord, hear us.

For those who simply cannot forgive: that they may be conscious of their own need for forgiveness, and that the Lord will set them free. Lord, hear us.

For those who have died: that the Lord will forgive all their guilt and redeem their life from the grave. Lord, hear us.

Father, you forgive us our sins and restore us to life. May we grow in generosity of heart, so that we may be freed to love and to serve, through Christ our Lord.



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Olivia Grace Kintu Barbara Brunt Jack Brunt
Victor Boyce Murray Smallbone
Fr Gerald Lane Sarah Catherine Namutebi
Fr Charles Ada Smith Ernie Maty
Amina Chaudhury Joe Moss Chucks Owilbo
Colin Jones Daphne Langford Bhupendra Pattini
Anita Johnson Lisa Bowden Geoff McCarthy
Mary Cook Sue Yurik Wayne Yurik
Josephine Bampton Marie Borland Alison Mules
Christina Agin Douglas Boyce Madeleine Barrelo
Heath (10 month old baby) Marjorie Unwin Meghan Belcher
Phylis Knight Lesley Loftus Ruby Arthurs Diane
Brian Goulding Issa Olarewaju Lawal Doreen Cleaver
Mandy McWhinnie Courtney Louise Puddefoot
Brian Marshall Carol Bohurjak Tommy Bohurjak
Jim Webb Pam Webb John David Cook Fr Timnothy Raphael
Tom Bohurjak Susan Jahans Sarah Burton Beverley Goering
Paul Rice Stanley Lewis Ebere Collins Ofojebe
Pat Wenham Liz O'Sullivan Val Marshall Bill Russell
Kay Nelson Connie Guntrip Diane Fulbrook Colin Cresswell
Teresa Agin Rodney Warrenner Ian Mackie
Robert McEwan Kay Etherington Joan Gosling
Stephen Jahans Diane Kot Danny Bell Vic Clark Jill Pearson
Howard Weston-Smart Roy Richards Juliet Skinner
Nicky Thomas Stephen May Dorothy Crook Dorian Joseph
Joan Cosgrove Colin Bendall Pete Gray
Keiran (18 month old baby)

IN THANKSGIVING

Laura Farmer Olive Verrall
Jack Bowden Rhiana Williams

Manna Day Centre

Harvest Festival List

Needs in order of priority



FOOD

**Sugar
**Powdered milk
** Tomatoes (Tinned)
~ Pasta sauces

Tinned Food:

Meat
Fish
Vegetables
Baked beans
Spaghetti
Soup
Hot dogs
Fruit
Rice pudding
Custard
Corned beef
Chopped ham
Luncheon meats
Stewed steak

Non-Tinned Food

Rice
Curry sauces
Breakfast cereals
Porridge oats
Pasta & Spaghetti
Tomato sauce
Jelly
Cooking Oil
Biscuits

DRINKS

Coffee

Tea

Dilutable drinks



Manna Day Centre

6 Melior Street

London

SE1 3QP

Tel: 020 7357 9363

Offering help to 150-200 homeless & needy people everyday (seven days a week).

Including a breakfast & lunch everyday.

If possible, please deliver your Harvest gifts. If this is not possible, please ring 020 7357 9363 to arrange a collection.

TOILETRIES

Deodorants
Shaving foam
Disposable razors
Toothpastes
Shampoo
Hand soap
Toilet rolls

BEDDING

Blankets
Sleeping Bags

SUNDRIES

(Men & Women's clothing)
Trainers
Jeans
Underwear
Jumpers

Kindly display this poster, where appropriate, to remind people of our Harvest needs.

FOR YOUR DAILY INTERCESSION
SEPTEMBER General Intention:

For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.

Missionary Intention:

That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of the faith.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

THE DEPARTED

Rose Howell
Jonathan Timko
Ronald Diss *Priest*
Colin Thomas
Pam Webb

YEARS MIND

11th Bert Stroud
11th Lois Cynthia Redwood
11th Brian Evans
13th Lesley Cockburn
16th Lorraine Venables
17th Frederick Martin
17th Edith McCoy
17th Dorothy Martin

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED:

Sunday 14th August 2011:
Emanuel Isheanesu Madondo

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Sunday 9th October 2011:
Tia-Amber Gardener

THOSE NEWLY MARRIED

Saturday 14th August 2010 at 3:00pm
Ian Clive John Brooks & Tessa Amelia Hawkins

THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

BIRTHDAY

11th Susan Kaddu
11th Jack Brunt
13th Anna Abrafi Acheampong
14th Stephen May
15th Patrick Barker
15th Elizabeth Crawley
15th Christiana Adegoke
16th Alex Davies

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 1
Psalter Week 4

SEPTEMBER 2011

✠	11	Su	G	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CWCL:12th Sunday after Trinity–Proper 19) DO1(4) MP:50(227) EP:51(253) Mass pr, Gl, LI 699, Cr, Sunday Pref R1: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Psalm 102:1-4,9-12 R2: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 Today is Racial Justice Day: No special Mass permitted. The intention should be included in the Prayer of the Faithful.
	12	M	(G)	FERIA OF 24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME DO5(4) MP:52(228) EP:58(254) Mass of feria, LII 312 or: (W) Most Holy Name of Mary, Mem DO4(4) MP:215(309) EP:213(310) Mass from Com of BVM, LII 312, Pref BVM I 'as we honour' or II
	13	T	W	S John Chrysostom BDr, Mem DO4(4) MP:189(325) EP:188(325) Mass from Com of Pastors: for Bishops or Com of Doctors of the Church, LII 314
	14	W	R	THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS, Fest DO3(4) MP:96(437) EP:94(437) Mass pr, Gl, LI 996 or LII 1186 (two readings only – choice of first reading from OT or NT), Pref pr or Pref Passion I R1: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 77:1-2,34-38 or Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: John 3:13-17.
	15	Th	W	Our Lady of Sorrows, Mem DO4(4) MP:115vv1-4(309) EP:115vv1-4(306) Mass pr, NWL LII 1189, Seq <i>ad lib</i> , Pref BVM I 'on this feast' or II
	16	F	R	Ss Cornelius P and Cyprian B Mrr, Mem DO4(4) MP:188(321) EP:188(321) Mass from Com of Martyrs or Com of Pastors: for Bishops, LII 320
	17	S	(G)	FERIA OF 24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME DO5(4) MP:57(233) Mass of feria, LII 322

SEPTEMBER	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions
Sunday 4 th †	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	B. Scott
Sunday 11 th	B. Stroud	E. Buhi	R. Martin
Sunday 18 th	E. Crawley	P. Alexander	A. Davies
Sunday 25 nd	G. Agin	R. Barzey	S. Jahans
OCTOBER			
Sunday 2 nd	D. Stevens	Y. Stevens	J. Jahans
Sunday 9 th	K. Beacham	S. Jahans	B. Scott
Sunday 16 th	B. Scott	S. Obubo	R. Martin
Sunday 23 rd	P. Channer	T. Agin	G. Agin
Sunday 30 th	J. Jahans	R. Martin	T. Agin
NOVEMBER			
Sunday 6 th	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	A. Davies

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
our creator and guide,
may we serve you with all our heart
and know your forgiveness in our lives.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 102

RESPONSE: *The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times."
"And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owned ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. 'Give me time,' he said, 'and I will pay the whole sum.' And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. 'Pay what you owe me,' he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, 'Give me time and I will pay you.' But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, hear the prayers of your people
and receive our gifts.
May the worship of each one here
bring salvation to all.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can
gather under your protection.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may the eucharist you have given us
influence our thoughts and actions.
May your Spirit guide and direct us in your way.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.