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**THE ICON OF CHRIST RAISING
 ADAM AND EVE FROM THE TOMBS**



HolyPascha

Many indeed are the wonders of that time: God crucified; the sun darkened and again rekindled, for created things also had to suffer with the Creator; the veil split; blood and water pouring from His side, the first as human, the second as above the human; the earth shaken, rocks broken in pieces for the sake of the Rock; dead people raised to bring faith in the completion of the universal resurrection; the signs at the tomb and after the tomb. Who can adequately sing their praise? Yet none is like the wonder of my salvation: a few drops of blood recreate the whole world and become for all human beings like a curdling agent for milk, binding and drawing us together into one.

But, O Pascha, great and holy and purifier of all the world, I will speak to you as to a living being. O Word of God and light and life and wisdom and power! For I rejoice in all your names. O offspring and movement and imprint of the Great Mind! Apprehended as Word and contemplated as human, you uphold all things, bidding them by the word of your power! Accept now this discourse, not as first fruits but perhaps as a completion of the fruit we offer, as a thank-offering and at the same time a supplication, that we may suffer nothing beyond the necessary and sacred things pertaining to us; and stop the body's tyranny over us - you see, Lord, how great it is and burdensome; or what you decree, if we are to be purified by you. But if we are to be released worthily as we desire, and received in the heavenly tabernacle, perhaps also there we will make acceptable offerings to you on your holy altar, O Father and Word and Holy Spirit, for to you belong all glory, honor and sovereignty to the age of ages. Amen.

St. Gregory the Theologian

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 gathered 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



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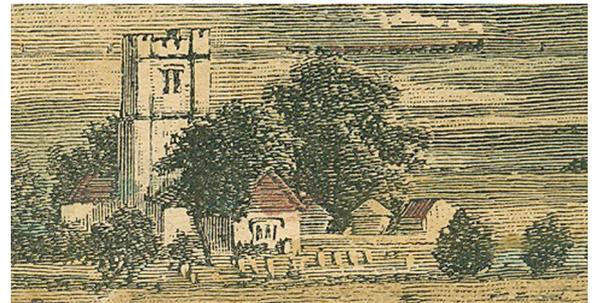


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A Forward in Faith parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham, during the vacancy in See
The Right Reverend Peter Wheatley, we are a Eucharistic community who is worshipping in the present, upon the Apostolic Truths of the past, in the 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 LET FR. ANDREW KNOW OF ILLNESS OR OTHER NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

The word of the Lord

Genesis 2. 18-24

In today's Old Testament reading, we hear from the story of creation. Even at the time of the creation of the first man, it was clear that humans were not to be solitary creatures. We can sense the exhilaration when the man beholds the woman.

Not only is she to be a helper, but she will provide company, support and love. In the uniting of the man and the woman, we see the hope for new life and future generations.

We understand that life-giving relationship in marriage to be a reflection of the relationship between Christ and the Church. We are not to simply coexist, we are called to become one.

As we live our lives as Christians, we are to seek that shared existence, and we too should exclaim our joy and exhilaration at the prospect of a life united to our Redeemer.

Prayer Matters

Living a public Christian life

The model for daily outward Christian living is the little simple saint of Lisieux, St Therese. Her 'Little Way' asks that we are a fire of love for Christ wherever we are, within the family, at a grumpy PCC, at work surrounded by those who have no faith, in every context we are called to reflect Jesus himself.



If we are known to be members of the Church then the Church will be judged by our words and our conduct. The rule is simple, 'treat others as you would wish them to treat you'. This applies to our language, our behavior and our manners.

There can be a far greater witness to Christ in simplicity, modesty and a warm humanity than in a blizzard of biblical texts.

When we have the chance to talk about our faith it is always best to speak simply about the gift of prayer, the love found within the Eucharistic gathering.

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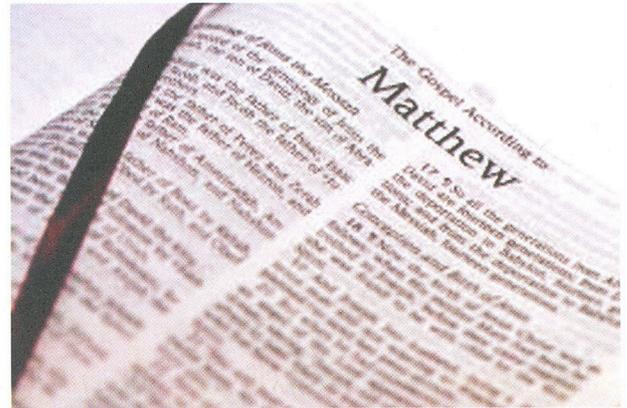
Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

7th October 2012

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th after Trinity

St Matthew's Gospel



St Matthew's Gospel is the first book to appear in our copies of the New Testament. However, it is highly likely that it wasn't the first of the gospels to be written, and most scholars of the Bible think St Mark's is probably the oldest. Matthew's gospel could well have been written around 80AD.

There are lots of bits of St Matthew's gospel which are so similar to St Mark's gospel that Matthew in all probability had a copy of St Mark, and used big chunks of it when he wrote his gospel. Matthew, therefore, added lots of extra stories, which are not present in Mark, such as many of the birth narratives we hear read at Christmas, the Sermon on the Mount, and things such as his own account of how Jesus rose from the dead.

Matthew's gospel is frequently said to be very interested in a much more "Jewish" understanding of the significance of Jesus' ministry. He is frequently presented like one of the great figures of the Hebrew scriptures such as Moses. Matthew points to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises to his people Israel in the Old Testament, and his teaching as the confirmation and perfecting of the Ancient Law.

Prayer to St Matthew

God, You chose St. Matthew the Publican to become an Apostle. By following his example and benefiting by his prayers, may we always follow and abide by Your will. Amen.

God of mercy, You chose a tax collector, St. Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles. By his example and prayers, help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in Your service. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



THE YEAR OF FAITH

1. The “door of faith” (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.

It begins with baptism (cf. Rom 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. Jn 17:22).

To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8): the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord’s glorious return.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Angelus will be sung at the Shrine of Our Lady by the Tower

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	424
Gradual:	NEH	366
Offertory:	NEH	353
Communion:	NEH	282
Post Communion:	NEH	410

PALM CROSSES:

Jessica Roberts in thanksgiving for the life of her Father

THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Flavia Kisambira in thanksgiving to God for his Greatness and Mercy

THE SEVEN DAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

The Blessed Sacrament:

Babs & Bill Scott:

In thanksgiving for the life of Colin Jones

The Sanctuary:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady by the Lady Chapel:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: In thanksgiving

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady of Fatima:

Murray Smallbone: For the repose of the soul of John Beck 30-7-1937 - 8-10-2008

S. Nicholas:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

S. Francis:

Betty Stroud: in celebration of S. Francis, co-patron of the Parish

THE SUNDAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

Our Lady by the Tower:

Gwen Pearce

the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Henry Aguh

Our Lady of Sorrows:

Christina Agin: In memory of Jean Barnes

S. Joseph

Paul Pangrace

THE SUNDAY RELIQUE LIGHTS FOR SOCTOBER

S. Nicholas, Patron of the Parish

The Okeze family give thanks for

Mike’s continued good health

FLOODLIGHTING

INTRODUCTION

This world is of God's creation and design. Our human nature is made in God's image, and that image can be seen most clearly in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

At the summit of all creation God forms man and woman.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

God not only created us but, in his Son, took on our human nature.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

The Lord teaches us the equality of woman with man, and the true greatness of children.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God is love, and our life is a journey into love. Let us ask the Lord to bless us and to hear our prayers.

For the Pope and the bishops of the Church: that they may be wise leaders and good teachers of the faith.
Lord, hear us.

For the people of our own country and society: that human dignity may be respected in every person and in every place.
Lord, hear us.

For family life in this land: that violence may cease, and that children may know the joy of a happy home.
Lord, hear us.

For all who find themselves on the margins of life: that we may have the energy and will to bring them home.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, we bless your name and desire to walk in your ways. Hear our prayers and gather us all into your love, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Queen's Jubilee Year

Almighty God, we pray that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at least into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Sunday 7th October 2012:

Emmanuel Oluwatimlehin Adetinka Adeyokunbo

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Sunday 19th August 2012:

Michael Thomas Erridge

THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 24th August 2013 at 4:00pm:

Scott Edward Parker and Maria Betsy Side

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Sunday of March +2 2013

Francis Biggin & Chritine Donna Martin

THE DEPARTED

Allen Henry Blair Colin Jones
Seymour Brown Carlo Curley
Michael Bondor Margaret Rusnyk
Malcolm Hall Eve Webb
Josephine Alghali

YEARS MIND

8th John Beck
13th Stanley Verrell
13th Hansley Migare

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!

The Rota for Reading and Intercessing

SEPTEMBER			
Sunday 2 ND	D. Stevens	Y. Stevens	G. Agin
Sunday 9 th	R Barzey	S. Jahans	A. Davies
Sunday 16 th	B. Stroud	P. Channer	J. Jahans
Sunday 23 rd	T. May	G. Agin	S. Jahans
Sunday 30 th	T. Agin	J. Jahans	B. Scott

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.

**FOR YOUR DAILY INTERCESSION OCTOBER
General Intention:**

That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.

Missionary Intention:

That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelization with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

BIRTHDAY

7th Stephen Obuba
12th James Senyonga
13th Alfred Senyonga

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Barbara Brunt Jack Brunt
Murray Smallbone Russell Sabat
Fr Charles Ada Smith
Daphne Langford Andreas Poplopdous
Bhupendra Pattini Sue Yurik
Christina Agin Victor Boyce
Ruby Arthurs David Jahans
Carol Bohurjak Tommy Bohurjak
John David Cook Fr Timothy Raphael
Stanley Lewis Pat Wenham
Connie Guntrip Colin Cresswell
Hazel Clark Val Marshall
Joseph Rusnyk
Inge Hansen Mogens Hansen
Mike Okeze John Gant
Cloe Gibson
Mary Cook Roy Richards
Anita Johnson Beverley Goering
Brian Goulding
Dorothy Crook Walter Mann
Eve Cocklin Annette Horridge
Christian Vincent Helen Thorpe
Ruth Kabeba Stephen Katu
Pauline Alexander Eric Buhl
Kirsty Forrester Alf Sewell
Raj Kalsi
Terry Hayward Pat Hayward
Molly Wakeman Derek Wakeman
Janet Hole John Hole
Kathy Fincham John Vorell
Bill Baker James Bampton
Iris Agin Fr James Ryerson
Shirley Bristow Jennifer Fairweather
Emma Clifford John Burrell
Sonia Vorell Heidi Farmer
Daphne Carey Brian Joseph
Norman Small

IN THANKSGIVING

Meghan Belcher Murial Taylor
Jude Gray Sue Mott
Marie Borland Tom Bohurjak
Jean Roberts Doreen Waldron
Eve Cocklin Mike Okeze

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Psalter Week 3

OCTOBER 2012

Day	Month	Year	Feast	Prayers
7	Su	G	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(CWCL: 18th Sunday after Trinity-Proper 22)</i>	DO1(3) <i>MP:50(220) EP:51(246)</i> Mass pr, Gl, LI 807 (shorter form of Gospel), Cr, Sunday Pref R1: Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 127 R2: Hebrews 2:9-11 Gospel Mark 10:2-26 or Mark 10:2-12
<i>CWCL: In Churches where Date of Consecration is not known: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church (see page A4)</i>				
8	M	(G)	FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:52(221) EP:58(247)</i> Mass of feria, LII 801
9	T	(G)	<i>England:</i> FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:53(222) EP:59(248)</i> Mass of feria, LII 804
10	W	(G)	FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:54(223) EP:60(249)</i> Mass of feria, LII 806
11	Th	(G)	FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:55(224) EP:61(250)</i> Mass of feria, LII 808
12	F	(G)	FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:56(225) EP:62(251)</i> Mass of feria, LII 810
13	S	(G)	FERIA OF 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(3) <i>MP:57(226)</i> Mass of feria, LII 812

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 andreigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Christus, Heri, Hodie, Semper

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.
The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone.
I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God
fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he
brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was
to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to
all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But
no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God
made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took
one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib
he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the
man. The man exclaimed:

"This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man."

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself
to his wife, and they become one body.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 127

RESPONSE: *May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than
the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because
he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience
death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into
glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and

through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through
suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For
the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are the
same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

(For shorter form read between > <)

> Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against
the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him.
He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses
allowed us", they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to
divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so
unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from
the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This
is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become
one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So
then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the
house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said
to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another
is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her
husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too." <

People were bringing little children to him for him to touch them.
The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was
indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do
not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God
belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the
kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put
his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his
blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.*

Or

*Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.