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THE ICON OF THE CURE OF
THE TEN LEPERS



Faith, Cleansing and Gratitude

Once, as Jesus was passing through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem, ten lepers met Him. They stood afar off and cried: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Jesus saw them and said: "Go, show yourselves to the priest." So in this case He did not touch them. Instead, He tested their faith to see whether they would obey and go to the priests to get a certificate of healing even before they had been healed. They obeyed and were healed.

And one of them returned and with a loud voice glorified God and fell at His feet, giving Him thanks. He was a Samaritan. And Jesus said: "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Were there not any found to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him: "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." The Samaritans accepted Christ as the Messiah and became Christians, while the Jews rejected Him.

The Fathers of the Church see a lesson in this for us. The ten lepers signify mankind. We are all leprous, but only one in ten give thanks to God for the salvation He has brought to us. In the same way, only some of the seed sown by God (in the Parable of the Sower) brings forth good fruit. We can all be cleansed by Him, but if we do not return to Him in gratitude and to glorify Him, we cannot be saved.

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



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 LET FR. ANDREW KNOW OF ILLNESS OR OTHER NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

The word of the Lord

Hebrews 4. 14-16

These verses come from a letter which was probably addressed to Jewish Christians who had accepted Jesus as the Messiah but were still influenced by the complexities of the Jewish Law. They are part of an extended exposition of the new divine priesthood which has superseded the traditional High Priesthood of the Temple cult. For Christians through all the ages the message goes to the heart of the Gospel, needing no knowledge of ancient history.

Part of our joy in faith is that we can reverently say that God knows us as we are, not just by divine omniscience but by having been here, walked this earth, by experience of every aspect of the human situation even to death. He has even known temptation, and overcome it in perfect humanity, willingly taken. There is no longer need for propitiatory sacrifice; our Lord has redeemed us 'by his one oblation of himself once offered'. We come to God with a righteousness that is not our own, claiming that love outpoured for us.

The Ritual Reason Why Vestments

Vestments can be very ornate and they can be very simple and plain. They come in many different shapes and designs. They are worn as a sign not only of the office of the person wearing them but also as a sign that the worship of the Church is something special, it is set aside.

You wouldn't wear your best clothes to do the gardening, would you? And so it is the same when the priest says Mass he puts on symbolic clothing, a sign that he puts on Christ, he become Christ at the altar. The two most common vestments you will see a priest wearing are a stole (a thin piece of cloth he wears around his neck) and the chasuble (a large garment that looks a little like a poncho).

In addition to this a deacon will wear a dalmatic (a sort of tabard). There is a rich symbolism in vestments going back to the worship in the temple in Jerusalem. The patterns and colours of vestments will relate to the season of the churches year or the particular feast. If you aren't sure about what a vestment is for or why it is a certain colour why not ask your priest to explain it to you; when we understand these small things more fully we can come to appreciate our time at Mass all the more.

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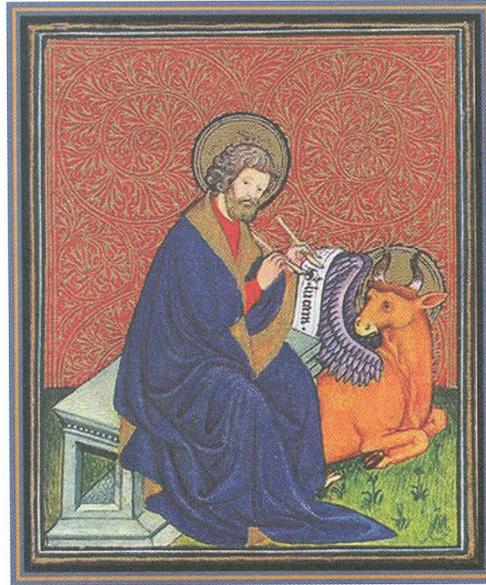
Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

21st October 2012

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th after Trinity

St Luke's Gospel



When St Luke came to write his gospel, others had got there before him and had written one already. He admits as much in his opening paragraphs, Luke 1.1-4. However, Luke claimed to be drawing up a special version of his own for someone who was probably a wealthy patron,

called Theophilus. Luke adds some details not found in the other gospels such as further stories associated with Christ's birth, and a number of the most famous parables, like the Prodigal Son, and the Good Samaritan.

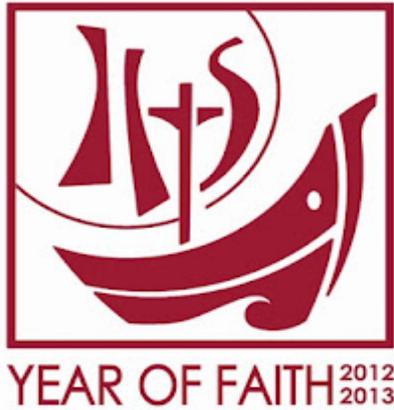
Theophilus, Luke's patron, is a Greek name, and we see in Luke's writing an attempt to describe the Gospel in a way which was more understandable for the Greek-speaking world. He sets the story of Jesus of Nazareth not just in the context of the history of the people of Israel, but also within the context of the history of the whole of humankind, seeing Christ's birth as significant for the whole known world. He also writes a follow-up volume to the gospel, the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts how the Church grew

as Jesus promised it would. We read how the Church spreads and eventually reaches the heart of the most powerful empire in the world, when Paul arrives in Rome, the city he will ultimately be martyred in.

Never hesitate

Since then He Himself has declared and said of the Bread, This is My Body, who shall dare to doubt any longer? And since He has affirmed and said, This is My Blood, who shall ever hesitate, saying, that it is not His blood?

Cyril of Jerusalem (Catechetical Lectures 22:1 [A.D. 350])



APOSTOLIC LETTER
"MOTU PROPRIO DATA"
PORTA FIDEI
vatican city, 16 october 2011

4. In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II,[3] with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. This document, an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council, was requested by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 as an instrument at the service of catechesis[4] and it was produced in collaboration with all the bishops of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the theme of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that I have convoked for October 2012 is "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith".

This will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. It is not the first time that the Church has been called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor the Servant of God Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make "an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith"; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was "individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank".[5] He thought that in this way the whole Church could reappropriate "exact knowledge of the faith, so as to reinvigorate it, purify it, confirm it, and confess it".[6] The great upheavals of that year made even more evident the need for a celebration of this kind. It concluded with the Credo of the People of God,[7] intended to show how much the essential content that for centuries has formed the heritage of all believers needs to be confirmed, understood and explored ever anew, so as to bear consistent witness in historical circumstances very different from those of the past.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	335
Gradual:	NEH	490
Offertory:	NEH	377
Communion:	NEH	286
Post Communion:	NEH	394

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

Gwen Pearce: 16th Bill's Years Mind

18th in memory of Miriam Morgan

INTRODUCTION

Today's readings show us that true greatness lies in the generous service of others. Those who try to promote themselves in the eyes of the world do not achieve prominence in the eyes of God.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

Those who suffer on behalf of others do not do so in vain, even if they die in the process. God will reach out through their pain and touch the hearts of many people.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Through Jesus' life on earth, he knows exactly how difficult it can be to overcome our weaknesses. We can, therefore, be confident of his mercy.

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

James and John looked for preferential treatment. Jesus, however, told them that greatness is achieved through service, not through self-aggrandisement.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he offered his life on earth on our behalf. We confidently offer him our prayers, knowing that he hears even our unspoken needs.

We pray for the Pope, the "Servant of the servants of God": that God will guide him with wisdom and love. Lord, hear us.

We pray for all those in positions of authority: that their words and actions may be guided by gentleness, understanding and compassion. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have lost their way in life: that, through the good example of others, they may find faith, hope and love. Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves: that, through the ups and downs of daily life, our faith may grow strong and beautiful. Lord, hear us.

Lord, we offer you our spoken and unspoken prayers. Take them to yourself and grant them in accordance with your love.

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.

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Sunday 7th October 2012:

Emmanuel Oluwatimlehin Adeyinka Adetokunbo

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

Seymour Brown Carlo Curley

Michael Bondor Margaret Rusynyk

Malcolm Hall Eve Webb

Josephine Alghali Margaret Wakeman

David Sanger Norma Simpson

John Vorell

YEARS MIND

23rd Rosemary Osodo

23rd Rose Palmer

The Rota for Reading and Intercessing Rota

OCTOBER	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions
Sunday 7 th	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	G. Agin
Sunday 14 th	S. Obubo	Stephanie O	R. Martin
Sunday 21 st	B. Scott	E. Buhl	T. Agin
Sunday 28 th	P. Alexander	E. Crawley	A. Davies
NOVEMBER			
Friday 2 nd All Souls	B. Scott	J. Jahans	N/A
Sunday 4 th	D. Stevens	Y. Stevens	S. Jahans
Sunday 11 th Remembrance Day	G. Agin	E. Crawley	B. Scott
Sunday 18 th	B. Stroud	S. Jahans	G. Agin
Sunday 25 th	R. Barzey	T. May	J. Jahans
DECEMBER			
Sunday 2 nd	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	R. Martin
Saturday 8 th Feast of S. Nicholas	T. Agin	Deacon	Visiting Clergy
Sunday 9 th	Stephanie O	S. Obubo	T. Agin

We are getting quite low on people for intercessions please speak to Fr Andrew if you feel you would like to join this group.

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!

**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

- 23rd Alan Turner
- 23rd Kisakye Namulondo Nanambi
- 23rd John Gant
- 25th Nathan Ibe
- 26th Afolashade Lawal

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 Rusyntyk
- Inge Hansen Mogens Hansen 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
- 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 Ron Crawley
- Fr Grahame Stephens

IN THANKSGIVING

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

OCTOBER 2012

Day	Month	Year	Feast	Readings
20	SU	G	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CWCL:20th Sunday after Trinity- Proper 24)	DO1(1) MP:50(220) EP:51(246) Mass pr. Gl, LI 814 (ad lib: shorter form of Gospel), Cr, Sunday Pref R1: Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22 R2: Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 or Mark 10:42-45
22	M	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:52(221) EP:58(247) Mass of feria, LII 826
23	T	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:53(222) EP:59(248) Mass of feria, LII 828
24	W	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:54(223) EP:60(249) Mass of feria, LII 830
25	Th	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:55(224) EP:61(250) Mass of feria, LII 832
26	F	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:56(225) EP:62(251) Mass of feria, LII 834
27	S	(G)	FERIA OF 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(1) MP:57(226) Mass of feria, LII 836

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Psalter Week 1

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 32

RESPONSE: *May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest
who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let
go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a
high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us;
but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are,
though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching
the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find
grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

(For shorter form read between > <)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus.
"Master," they said to him, "we want you to do us a favour." He
said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said
to him, "Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at
your left in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking"
Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or
be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?"
They replied, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I must
drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be
baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand
or my left, these are not mine to grant: they belong to those to
whom they have been allotted."

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with
James and John, so > Jesus called them to him and said to them,
"You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it
over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is
not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become
great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants
to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man
himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life
as a ransom for many." <

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*

Or

*The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.