



20 September 2020

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

Faith in Focus

Jack-In-The-Box God

As she sat in the doctor's waiting room Mabel was telling Gladys about how God had told her not to get the number 63 bus that morning but to wait for the 42. The 63 had in fact broken down and if she hadn't listened to what God had been telling her, she would have been late for her appointment.

Meanwhile Tom was ensconced in his favourite chair at home, watching the TV news. More tragic pictures of innocent civilian victims of the war on terror, followed by harrowing images of the latest African famine. Yes, he believed in God, but he didn't expect God to do anything about it. After all God lived miles away and was more concerned with cosmic issues.

Mabel's God was constantly intervening, whereas Tom's was a distant God who had created the world but left us to get on with things.

We all have different images of God. For some of us God is like a grandparent, old and kindly. For others he's more of a wizard who challenges us to get to know more and more about him. Many people's idea of God is that of a mother: God gives us birth,

nourishes us and then spends her time patching us up when we take the knocks that life gives us.



You have to admire the closeness of relationship that Mabel has with God, even if we may be a bit sceptical about his travel advice. And you can't help thinking that Tom is trying to avoid making God into some sort of Super-Fixit character with little concern for human free-will.

Whatever image of God we have, it's tempting to make him into a Jack-in-the-Box God: calling on him to act just as we think he ought to and whenever we need him, and then putting him away again until the next time he is required. Today's scriptures remind us that God is infinitely greater than we can ever imagine, and we cannot control or even predict how God will act. God tends not to behave in the way we would behave, for, as he says, his ways are not our ways and his thoughts are above ours.

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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to
5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Please
see Father John or Father Thomas at
weekend Masses.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Currently
suspended.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box or with weekly collection.
Please also specify the reason for the
intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request
early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Currently closed.

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Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

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Parish website

www.holynamestphilomenas.wordpress.com

Additions this week include:

- New prayer resources from the Archdiocese of Liverpool:
 - Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download
 - Readings for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - September activity/reminisce ideas from the Alzheimer's Society
 - Information regarding the Catholic Mental Health Project
- All can be accessed/downloaded at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/
- The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (20th September) E-Missalettes

Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend for Home Mission. Please use the green collection buckets.

Thank you to Father Thomas

The parishioners of Our Lady & St Philomena would like to thank Father Thomas for a beautiful and moving Mass last Sunday, and the joyful and welcoming way that Claire Campbell was Baptised, Confirmed and made her First Holy Communion. Unfortunately these heartfelt thanks cannot be given in person given the current restrictions.

First Holy Communion

Father John and Father Thomas have met with Anne Radford to discuss the best way forward and details will be announced in next week's newsletter. This will involve the moving of some church benches.

Red Mission boxes

The next collection at Our Lady & St Philomena is now due. Can you please bring in your boxes/donations at your convenience.

School Open Evening

An open evening for De La Salle Catholic Academy, takes place at Carr Lane East, Croxteth, L11 4SG on Thursday 24th September from 5pm to 7pm. Further details at www.de-la-salle.co.uk/

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Conference scheduled for this month has been cancelled given the present Covid 19 restrictions. The Safeguarding Department are hosting a Zoom briefing session on 9th October from 10am to 1pm, at which two topics will be explored - Substance abuse and Domestic Violence. The sessions are

open to Clergy, staff and volunteers and Commission members.

To register a place please email the Safeguarding Department at safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk with your name & role & the email address you wish the link to be sent to.

Once registered a link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you.

Restored Lives – Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12th October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past.

Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk

Theology Study

Join the 'Theology Of the Body Network' online study group and rediscover the beauty of the Church's teaching on human sexuality.

Group meets Tuesdays at 8pm, every 2 weeks, starting 15th September (unfortunately received too late for last week's newsletter). The study book is "Called to Love: Approaching John Paul II's Theology of the Body" by Carl Anderson and Jose Granados.

Required is a copy of the text, a commitment to reading a chapter every two weeks, no prior knowledge necessary and open to all.

To register/questions please email tobnetworkuk@gmail.com

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 19 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	John Walsh (7 th year anniversary)
Sunday 20 th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Joey Edwards
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Monday 21 st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Veronica Bullen (lately dead)
Tuesday 22 nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Brenda Johnson
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Siobhan Clinton
Wednesday 23 rd	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Stephen Kennedy (60 th birthday)
Thursday 24 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Liz Somers
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Teresa M ^c Intyer
Friday 25 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Tommy Little (Birthday)
	10.30 am	St Philomena	Funeral service: John Michael Banks, RIP
Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 26 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 27 th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Megan Morrey
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Mary O'Dowd
COVID-19 Guidance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn. • The number of attendees at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend. 			
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: John Michael Banks, Joseph Thomas Vincent Edwards, Timothy Cowell, Carol Braithwaite, Veronica Smith, Tony Brennan, Dennis Menezes, Joseph Furmedge, Frances McPartland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May they rest in peace</p>			
Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26			



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