**Sunday 27th September 2015**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Hymns: ***Celebration Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Messe Breve - Gounod*

Motet: *O Salutaris - Gounod*

Entrance Hymn: *45* Offertory Hymn: *738*

Communion Hymns: *663 & 452* Recessional Hymn: *606*

Voluntary: *Introduction and passacaglia in G minor – Alcock.*

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The departed: Judi Boorman, Louis Corbin, Percy Miller (Priest), Henry Richardson and Maud Wibberley.



*‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you*

*belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most*

*certainly not lose his reward. Mark 9.43*

Every one in need has a claim on us because they are dear

to God who created them in his own image and likeness

(Genesis 1:26-27). God created us in love for love. We are

most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbour also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is.

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**Psalter Week 2**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

S Jerome, Priest, Doctor

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

S Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

09.00 Mattins

The Holy Guardian Angels

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time

No Services

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

28 September

Tuesday

29 September

Wednesday

30 September

Thursday

01 October

Friday

02 October

Saturday

03 October

**Sunday**

**04 October**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

TUESDAY 29th Sept: Pub Night at the usual venue after 18.00 Mass.

Wednesday 30th Sept: Fr Bob Simmonds Induction at Holy Trinity 19.30. Please do support this event and Fr Bob in his new ministry.

Thursday 1st Oct: No Evening Prayer on this day.

Bible Study has resumed on Fridays at 11.30.

Saturday 3rd Oct: No services on this day.

**Bed for a Night volunteers needed!** Once again this year we will be helping with sheltering the homeless in Reading during the coldest period of winter. If you are able to help one night a week with food and other assistance, please talk to the clergy. A training night for volunteers will be held on Saturday 17 October (more information to come).

**For your calendar... the next Sinners and Saints will be on Thursday, 22 October.** Fr John O'Shea (from St James's Church) and Lindsay and John

Mullaney will speak about the connection between St James and the town of Reading (St James is the patron of Reading, and our Abbey).

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement,***

***for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.***

***But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Numbers 11: 25-29)

*A reading from the book of Numbers.*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though

they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, "Look," he said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!"

Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 18

**Response:** ***The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.***

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (James 5: 1-6)

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated

them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they

offered you no resistance.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

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

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 9: 38-43; 45; 47-48)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward, "But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does

not die nor their fire go out."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you

and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.***

***or***

***By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

***Amen.***