



Holy Family, Millbrook

Fr Ephraim writes...

Today we join the Holy Father Pope Leo in praying for missions.

We are all called to be missionaries by virtue of our baptism. In baptism we are co-heirs with Christ called to bring The Good News to our broken world. By proclaiming the Gospel by words and deeds, our broken world is made whole again, and this is God's will for us.

As a missionary priest, my first journey away from my home, was to proclaim the Good News in India. I had never been to India before and did not know what awaited me. People I was sent to spoke a language I did not know or understand, their culture was different from mine and I was totally lost.

I however discovered that the language of God united us. This is the language of LOVE. When I felt loved and returned the same love, all was well. Through this language of love, I became one with the community I was sent to serve. It was like being "incarnated" into a new life.

As missionaries we identify with the abandoned and those on the existential margins of the society. We associate with the downtrodden giving them a meaning in life. Most of the people whose lives we touched were able to move out of the dungeons of poverty with their dignities restored.

From India I journeyed to South Africa with the purpose of mission on reconciliation after the apartheid era. We are one family of God and why so many walls? So many barriers? The architectures of apartheid divided the human race into "us" and "them" with separate development agenda. One community was downtrodden by another community. Association was by colour and the division was clear. Families were broken down and human suffering was great under apartheid. Many deaths were recorded and songs associated with death were composed by the suffering black community. But also, music crying out for reconciliation was composed, "different colours one people." The language that brought about unity was the language of LOVE. The post-apartheid president Nelson Mandela spoke in these words; "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

As missionaries we are called to love by prayer and action. On this World Mission Sunday we send our love to our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves. We pray for those missionaries who have left their homes and natural surroundings to go and preach the Gospel to mission countries.

God bless you this Sunday and always

October is the Month of The Most Holy Rosary

We pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood; and for the Holy Catholic Church.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4.30pm

St Joseph Devotions Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

Holy Rosary Tuesdays after St Joseph Devotions

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

First Reading	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
‘I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.’ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ‘For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.’	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b
Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.	
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
‘Remembering your faith, love and hope.’ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.	
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21
‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, ‘Whose likeness and inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’	

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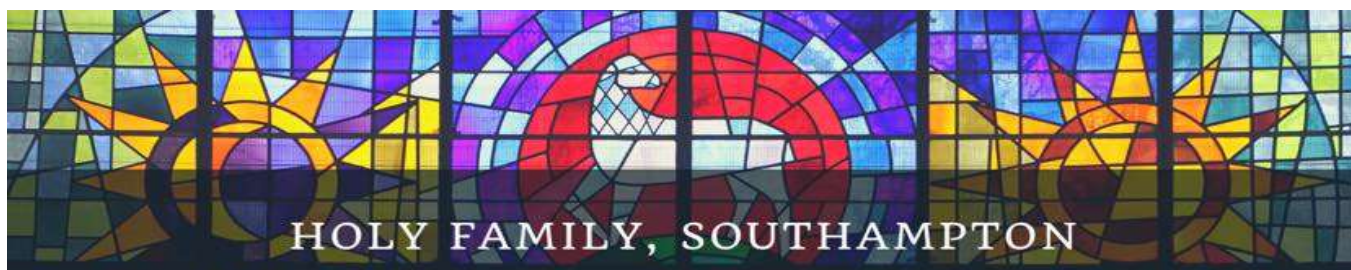
**SECOND COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER
17TH MISSIO - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
24TH CHURCH BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE**

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OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

During the month of the Most Holy Rosary, please make every effort to pray the Holy Rosary each day. Perhaps make a special effort to come to Rosary and Benediction on Sunday evenings at 4.30pm. The Rosary will also be prayed after Tuesday morning Mass after St Joseph Devotions.

We are privileged to have for veneration a small fragment from a vestment of Our Lady of the Rosary of Granada, accompanied by its certificate of authenticity. The historic image of the Virgin was carried to the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 aboard the galley La Loba of Don Alvaro de Bazan. The fragment will be placed on Our Lady's side altar where the faithful may venerate it and pray the Holy Rosary.

RCIA

RCIA meets on Monday evenings 7pm (until 9pm) in the Louis Suite. If you or any of your friends would like to learn more about our beautiful Faith you are very welcome to join this very rewarding group. This group is also suitable for those **adults** who have perhaps been baptised Catholic as a child but have yet to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Everybody welcome.

CATECHISTS

We are incredibly grateful to our stalwart Catechists who are steadfast in passing on the Faith to our young (and slightly older!) people. We **URGENTLY NEED more people to help with First Confession and First Holy Communion Preparation and for Confirmation Preparation.**

Please give prayerful consideration to training in this vital area or speak to Fr Ephraim or Angela ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk for guidance.

Our beloved Sisters in Christ, the Dominican Sisters at Sway have an online catechetical training session which may be of interest [Essential Training for Catechists | Light of Truth](#)

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

November Memorial Candles are now available in the repository and in the office. We are keeping these at £5 each so as to make them affordable to everybody. If you wish and are able to make an additional donation please feel free to do so!

We have spaces for Sanctuary Lamp intentions until the end of the year. Again, by keeping the cost at £10 each we hope this will make them affordable for everyone.

FINANCES

As a spiritually rich but financially "less so" Parish we are trying to increase the Parish income whilst causing as little as possible strain on parishioner's pockets. If you very generously put money in the collection plate each week – thank you enormously. **IF** you are a **taxpayer** and rather than putting your donation "in the plate", you register for **Gift Aid** and put your donation in a numbered envelope in the plate, the Parish can reclaim from the Government the tax that you have already paid on your donation. This means that for each £1 you give, the Parish can claim an extra 25p. It all adds up, at no extra cost to you. If you can afford to increase your offering, even by only £1 per week, please do. Please, if you would like to know more about GIFT AID, ask in the office and we'll certainly do our best to help!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION - POPE LEO (HEALTH)

17 Oct	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday	9.15am (OF)	Margaret Barrett (RIP)
		In anticipation of	6.30pm (OF)	People of the Parish
18 Oct	Sun	TWENTY FIRST AFTER PENTECOST	9.00am (EF)	Bea Carreno (RIP)
	Sun	TWENTY NINTH ORDINARY	10.30am (OF)	T.P.Thresiamma Paul Jose RIP
19 Oct	Mon	feria	7.30 pm (OF)	Phero
20 Oct	Tue	feria	9.15 am (OF)	Peter Vong Van Le & Maria Nguyen Thi Siu
22 Oct	Thu	feria	7.30 pm (EF)	Brenda Theobald (RIP)
23 Oct	Fri	feria	9.15am (OF)	Brenda Theobald (RPI)(Anniv)
24 Oct	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday	9.15am (OF)	T.P.Thresiamma Paul Jose RIP
		in anticipation of	6.30pm (OF)	People of the Parish
25 Oct	Sun	CHRIST THE KING	9.00am (EF)	Rachel (thanksgiving)
		THIIRTIETH ORDINARY	10.30 am (OF)	Monto Lobo (RIP)(Anniv)

Please place Mass intentions in the collection basket. Whilst there is no obligation to make an offering for a Mass intention, the offering does make up a considerable part of a priest's income. Thank you

Confessions (when there is Mass)

Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm

Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm

Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations

Sunday: 4.30 pm

St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass

Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

RCIA - Mondays at 7.00pm

Parish Prayers* Last Tuesdays 7.00-8.00pm

Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

Sewing Group - Fridays at 10.00am

Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:

Next Lunch :

Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

*This group prays for the intentions in the Holy Family Prayer book and for all additional intentions brought to the group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER	
October – Veneration of Relic – Altar of Our Blessed Lady 17th Formation Day for Readers 17th Rosary Rally, London 24th Rosary Rally, Portsmouth	2027 JAN 9th Parish Ceilidh

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