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✧ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✧

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| Reading 1 | <u>Wis 2:12, 17-20</u> | <i>Let us condemn him to a shameful death.</i> |
| Psalm | <u>Ps 53: 3-6. 8 r.6</u> | <i>The Lord upholds my life.</i> |
| Reading 2 | <u>Jas 3:16—4:3</u> | <i>Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation | <u>John 8:12</u> | <i>I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.</i> |
| Gospel | <u>Mark 9:30-37</u> | <i>The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.</i> |

Readers this week; 6.30pm Gabriel Conception/Yolanda Danday
9.30am Samuel Robson/Tania Jackson 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Joan Aruma
6.30pm Ugoche Uche/Maureen O-Krakue

Readers next week; 6:30pm Princy Manuel/Josmy Manuel 9.30am Ann Williams/ChiamakaEke 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Rowvena Benoy 6.30pm Chidubem/Amcy Kumar

- ✧ Please pray for the all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✧ April Larkin, Alice Burley, Valerie Gent, Margaret Sims, Joan Keohane, Robert (Paddy) Plummer, Linda Stroud, Catherine Keane, Martin McDonagh, Karla Benakova, Michael Kiernan, Bjorn Borg, Peter Smith, Margaret Baxter, John McGargle, Margaret Huddout, Alice Zerafa & Maria Josefa Musse.
- ✧ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections; This week's collection amounted to £638.62 of which £101 95 was Gift Aided. The second collection amounted to £90.46 and Football parking amounted to £270.00..

Thank you.

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PARISH NOTICES

FIRST MASS COUNT TODAY- every year the diocese requires each parish to submit mass attendance figures over four consecutive weeks at this time of the year. **It is very important.** Please could marshals (or a volunteer) at each Mass count the numbers for the next four weeks and record them on the form pinned on the noticeboard in the sacristy.

OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY- We congratulate our youth for representing our parish in the Youth Concert over the weekend at St Mellitus in London. Also, the **Diocesan Youth Retreat** for 13 – 16 years old, has been scheduled on Saturday 12th October at St John Fisher school, Rochester. We shall start the registration next weekend.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 110th WORLD PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. The theme of Pope Francis' message is 'God walks with His people'. In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven.

NEXT SATURDAY 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. The Government are due to allow a free vote on assisted dying. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10) Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025- Application forms for next year's programme are now available from Pennie after any Mass. We are accepting applications for children in Year 4 to 6. Children in Years 7 and above there is a separate arrangement. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office with all supporting information. You may post the form through the presbytery letterbox and the form will be collected from there. Spaces are limited to 30. Late applications will not be considered but will be added to next year's programme.

LEGION OF MARY We are all invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish. The Legionaries hold weekly meetings in the Parish Presbytery on Sundays after 9.30 am mass and carry out apostolic work in the Spirit of faith and in union with Mary. We participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the lonely, the housebound, the sick - both in their homes and in hospitals. We help with every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. There are 2 forms of Legion membership active and auxiliary membership. Why not come along to a meeting and be part of our father's service?

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday 21st September

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Lee Family intentions &
Nicky Croft's birthday intentions

Sunday 22nd 9.30am

11.30am Repose of the soul of Rita Bannister

6.30pm Pro Populo

Monday 23rd

St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)

- 10.00am Repose of the soul of Stephen Knee

Tuesday 24th

Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Repose of the souls of Linda Stroud &
Bernard Gallagher

Wednesday 25th

10.00am Repose of the souls of Michael Kiernan &
Chacko Kuriakose

Thursday 26th

SS Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs

-10.00am _ Mary Nash RIP

Friday 27th

St. Vincent de Paul

10.00am Elizabeth Hooper RIP

7.30pm ___ Jimmy Brown RIP

Saturday 28th

St Wenceslaus, Martyr

10.00am Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition and Confessions

1pm Filipino Mass

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

HARVEST TIME FOR THE FOOD BANK

September is Harvest Time so SVP would welcome shopping donations for the Food Bank. A list of suggestions is in the porch. There is also an SVP box in church for cash donations which we use to buy extra provisions for the Food Bank. There are so many families in our community who rely on the extra food donated.

THOUGHTS FOR THE SOUL RELATIONSHIP

In life, you will fall out with the people that you never thought you would, get betrayed by people you trusted with all your heart. And get used by the people you would do anything for. But life also has a beautiful side to it. You will get loved by someone you never thought you would have. Form new friendships with people that will establish more meaningful and stronger relationships. And overcome things you never thought you would get over. We all have chapters that end with people at some point in life. But take pride in knowing that the very best part of your book is still being written.

By Unknown Author

AFRICAN EDUCATION SYSTEMS

African Educational systems have surprising outcomes. The smartest students pass with first class and get admissions to medical and engineering schools. The second-class students get MBAs and LLBs to manage the first-class students. The third-class students enter politics and rule both the first and second-class students. The failures enter the underworld of crime and control the politicians and the businesses. And best of all are those who didn't attend school, they become prophets and everyone follows them.

By Bishop Hassan Kukah