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✱ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✱

<b>Reading 1</b>	Gen 2:18-24	<i>They become one body.</i>
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 127 r.5	<i>May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.</i>
<b>Reading 2</b>	Heb 2:9-11	<i>The one who sacrifices, and the ones who are sanctified, are they of the same stock.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf. John 17:17	<i>Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.</i>
	1 John 4:12	<i>As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 10:2-16	<i>What God has united, man must not divide.</i>

**Readers this week;** 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Kieran Shannon

9.30am Sharon Chinwuba/Nnamdi Eke 11.30am Sinachi Uhuoma/Chelsea Atoe  
6.30pm Stanley O-Krakue/Ugochi Uche

**Readers next week:** 6.30pm Benedict Kenechukwu/Augustine Eghomare

9.30am Ifeoma Uhuegbu/Amarachi Uhuegbu 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Dinah Kansiiime  
6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Bridget Iwu

- ✱ Please pray for David Keating† and Christine Goodwin† who have recently died and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✱ Peter Picot, Patrick Donovan, William Moran, Josephine Banerji, Joseph Zammit, Jose Fernandes, Edward Florey, Alessandro Tizzano, Pier Cappelletti & Maria Fantetti..
- ✱ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

**Collections;** This week's collection amounted to £668.18 of which £100.00 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £215.00.

Thank you.

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## PARISH NOTICES

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY** – The Rosary is recited every week day at 9.30am. Please make a special effort this month to recite the Rosary and pray for peace in the Middle East especially tomorrow being the first anniversary of the Israeli/Gaza conflict.

**October is also Black History** month to acknowledge and honour over 150 years of Caribbean emancipation from slavery and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of African Unity emancipation from African slavery.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY** - please put your donation in a Cafod envelope today and be as generous as you can so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. The envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**TOMORROW** - You may be aware already that the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem had called for **Monday 7 October 2024 to be a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land** amidst the ongoing violence and hatred. As Monday will mark the first anniversary of the commencement of present hostilities, the Holy Father has joined with the Patriarch in commending this day of prayer to all Christians.

**THIRD 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 and record them on the form pinned on the noticeboard in the sacristy.

**OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY**- A reminder about the **Diocesan Youth Retreat** for 13 – 17 years old next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at St John Fisher School, Rochester starting at 10.00am. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church OR you can register online at <https://forms.gle/QDiHWrB4DdVJQYi7> Parents/guardians whose children fall within that age bracket we ask your ~~co-operation~~ co-operation to encourage children to participate, especially those who are due for ~~confirmation~~ Confirmation and ~~first holy communion~~ First Holy Communion.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY AT 9.30 MASS** – we welcome all those children who haven't make their First Holy Communion.

**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 Years 4 to 6 and who attend Mass regularly For . 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.

**Archdiocese of Southwark 2024 Annual Assembly** hosted by the **Justice and Peace Commission** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ. Preceded by Mass at 10.00am  
**Principal Celebrant** Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. **Registration** 11am. See poster at the back of the church for details.

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

**Vigil Mass** 6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Repose of the soul of Ernesto Caira &

The Immaculate Heart praesidium Legion of Mary thanks God for the new born baby Treasure Kamsi Okechukwu. We pray for Divine blessings, guidance and protection for her and her family. Amen.

11.30am Repose of the soul of John Bose

6.30pm Mr & Mrs Healey's intentions

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

10.00am Repose of the soul of Saju Jose & 35<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding anniversary of Madeleine & Emmanuel

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Feria

10.00am Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

**St John Henry Newman, Priest**

10.00am Repose of the soul of Bryony Walker &  
Joseph Cottam's birthday

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

**St Paulinus of York, Bishop**

10.00am \_Elizabeth Sebastian RIP

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

**St. John XX111, Pope**

10.00am Elaine Keating's intentions  
7.30pm Holy souls

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

**St Wilfred, Bishop**

10.00am Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio

**Followed by Exposition and Confessions**

**Vigil Mass**

6.30pm Holy Souls

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER**

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL**

A woman climbed up into the bus and sat down close to a man, hitting him with her heavy and dirty bag. Surprisingly the man neither complained nor showed ill feelings. When the man remained silent, the woman asked him why did he not complain when she hit him with her bags. The man replied with a smile, "There is no need to be upset about something so insignificant as our journey together is so short, because I am getting off at the next stop."

Everybody in the bus was stunned by the man's response and I think there is a big lesson for everyone. Each of us must understand our time in this world is so short, that filling it with useless arguments, jealousy, not forgiving others, discontentment and bad attitudes are a ridiculous waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Stay calm because the trip is too short to disturb yourself into depression.

Did someone betray, intimidate, cheat or humiliate you? Relax do not be unduly stressed, because the trip is too short.

Did somebody insult you without reason? Stay calm, ignore it. The trip is too short.

Did someone make a comment that you didn't like? Stay calm, ignore, forgive and don't stop loving them, because the trip is too short.

The truth about this life is whatever the problem someone brings to us, it is a problem only if we think it is. But rather than seeing it as a problem always remember that our journey together is too short.

Unfortunately, no one knows the length of the trip together. Nobody knows when she or he will arrive at his or her own stop.

Therefore, the only true reality is our trip together is too short. Let us appreciate friends and family, keep them in good humour and respect them. Let us be respectful, kind, loving and forgiving so that we can be filled with gratitude and joy. After all our trip together is very short. If we all can love, accommodate and appreciate each other, this world would have been a better place to live in. The anger, hatred, undue manipulation and taking advantage of people's ignorance is really not necessary because our journey together is too short.