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**Newsletter for the week commencing 19th/20th October 2019**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13** An attack by the Amalekites leads to a battle between them and the Israelites. Once again, the staff of God in the hands of Moses plays a role in giving the Israelites their victory.

**Psalm 120 Response:**  Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2** In this passage we have a clear mention of the divine inspiration of the Bible. Paul tells Timothy that all Scripture is inspired by God and can be used profitably for teaching and correction.

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8** The gospel of today gives the parable of the dishonest judge. The judge neither fears God nor cares about human beings but the woman’s persistence compels him to grant her request.

**Father John writes:**

When I was a boy at a Catholic school the teachers often talked about holy men and women who were missionaries in far distant countries, and of the dangers and risks they faced in order to make the good news of Christianity come alive to those who had never heard of it. These stories left a big impression on us. Today is Mission Sunday. Pope Francis reminds us that we are all missionaries by the very fact that we were baptised. Jesus said to his followers, after His Resurrection from the dead, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world” (John 20.-19-23, Matthew 28. 16-20)

I am sorry to tell you that Archbishop Michael Bowen died on Thursday morning. Many of you will have fond memories of him, and I am sure you will all pray for him.  Our 10.30 am Mass next Sunday at St Andrews (27th October) will be a special Mass for the repose of his soul.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased.**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams (in hospital), Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton (in hospital) and Josie Payne.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Joe Cerullo, Norah Culley,Gladys & Frederick Hodges, John Williams, Ian D’Arts, Kathleen Collison, Geoffrey Porter, Sam Liles, Kieran Corcoran, Gerry Raffe and Sheila Hoskyns.

**This week’s events**

There is a **second collection** this weekend for **Missio**.

There is a meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** this **Monday** ,21st October, **at 7.00pm** in the Parish Room.

There is **no choir practice** this week. Back to normal next week!

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** At a time when humanity’s relationship with the created world has never been more fractured, the soaring prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, ‘The Canticle of the Creatures’, rings down seven centuries and calls us to ecological conversion. Listen to it at: [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie) .

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | None this week |

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 19th October | Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 20th October | Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass *People of the parish*  10:30am Mass *Tom & Breda Barton*  12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |
| Monday | 21st October | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Deceased clergy* |
| Tuesday | 22nd October | St John Paul II, Pope | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 23rd October | St John of Capistrano, Priest | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 24th October | St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 25th October | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 26th October | Sts Chad & Cedd, Bishops | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 27th October | Thirtieth Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *The health of Neil Burrows* |

**Next week’s responsibilities (26th/27th October)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger S | Nick C | Maria P |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Maria Milton | Chris Leahy  Lorraine Sharp |
| **Flowers** | Frances L | **Cleaners** | Susan & Alexander |

**Forthcoming events**

**The Big Wrap & Foodbank Appeal 2019**

**What We Do**

We support families in the community who may be experiencing difficult times to have an enjoyable Christmas by providing gifts, festive items and food vouchers.

**Fundraising**

This is very much **a community appeal** as we fundraise in collaboration with St Mildred’s and other local churches to provide food vouchers and ask for donations of gifts for children up to the age of 19, and foodbank donations including festive treats. A list of suggested items is on the notice board in the porch

Our fundraising is over several events held locally as well as the Tesco Bags of Help and Waitrose Community Scheme. Donations can be made directly to PayPal on our website [www.thebigwrap.co.uk](http://www.thebigwrap.co.uk)

We will collate all gifts and Food Bank donations and welcome any further donations on the day to be brought to Highbury Hall from 11am on Saturday 7th December

The Highbury Hall Café will be open if you wish to stop for refreshments

We thank you in advance for your help and support in making this Christmas a happy one for all!

**Remembrance**

The Tenterden annual Service of Remembrance will take place in the High Street at 10.45am on Sunday, 10th November. There will be a Service of Remembrance at Homewood School on Monday 11th November. Anyone wishing to go must be at the school by 10.30am.

You are all invited to the rededication of the Tenterden Methodist Church World War One Memorial Organ on Wednesday 13th November at 3pm. Contact for more info is Elva Bains (elvabains@yahoo.co.uk).

The **next Christian Breakfast Meeting** will be held at the **Zion Baptist Church** on **16th November** (8.30 – 10.30 am; £10 including a full breakfast). The speaker will be Mike Stephens of the Tenterden Community Hub and he will be talking about **Domenica Pecoraro – Refugee Support**.