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Sunday 8th September, 2024 This Sunday is the Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading, from the prophecy of Isaiah, the people of Israel are exhorted to have courage and to have hope in their future and faith that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the second reading, Saint James writes that we should not try to combine faith in Christ with making distinctions between classes of people. He illustrates this with examples of the sort of behaviour that must have been common in his day. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus cures a deaf and dumb man; this teaches us that Jesus has come to restore our hearing and our ability to speak: our way of hearing what really matters and our ability to proclaim the Word of God to the world, in other words, how we communicate.

All three readings have something important to say to us today.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of September, dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, the feast day of which falls on the 15th of this month, which this year is a Sunday.

On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

Monday is the feast of Saint Peter Claver, priest (1580 – 1654). He spent his life ministering to enslaved people in Cartagena, New Spain, now Colombia, looking after their physical needs and leading many of them to faith in Christ. It is estimated he baptised around 300,000 people and typically heard 5,000 confessions a year. In old age he was cruelly neglected by those who should have looked after him. After his death he was rapidly regarded as a saint, and when canonised became the patron of Colombia, as well as the patron of ministry to Africans.

He is one of the saints who is recognised as a champion of what we nowadays call human rights.

Thursday is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

Friday is the feast of Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church (347-407). He was Archbishop of Constantinople, who criticised those who exercised misrule in the world, and was sent into exile for it.

He was famous for his eloquence and his writings and dubbed 'the Golden-Mouthed'.

Holy Communion can be received 'under both kinds' at every Mass. We will be able to evaluate how this is going, and see what can be improved, when we hold the refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers

Last Sunday, Rod spoke at all Masses about the various works in the parish, such as the renewal of the felt for the roofs and raising funds for these works. If you want to donate to this, we would be very happy. Any cheque/sum can be placed directly in the collection in an envelope marked for this purpose. Abundant thanks to all who helped with the Hall repainting, which has greatly improved the Hall's appearance, and attracted favourable comment.

We are looking at ways of making the Hall pay for itself, by securing new hirings and rentals.

Father Graham's B B Q

Next Sunday, Fr Graham's farewell BBQ takes place after the 10.30am Mass. All are invited, all are welcome. It would be great if as many parishioners as possible could come and say goodbye to Fr Graham and thank him for his many years of faithful service in our parish. There is no charge to attend or partake in the delicious food, but you are asked to bring a food contribution to our little party. The parish will be supplying the sausages, burgers, etc. If you would like to contribute any food, especially desserts or party type nibbles or accompanying salads. Please sign the list in the narthex and bring your contributions before 10.30am Mass on that day. Many thanks and see you all there.

Father Graham has been invited to celebrate the 10.30am Mass, and has accepted.

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

In case you missed it: Father Graham's Leaving Presentation

When a priest leaves a parish, it is usual to make a presentation to him, to mark his years of service and as a sign of gratitude. This is particularly the case when a priest is retiring from active ministry. Father Graham was at St Clement's for 32 years (something of a record in the diocese) and is retiring, so we wish to make a collection for him, and present him with a cheque when he comes for his farewell BBQ, which is scheduled for the 15th September. You are invited to contribute in one of the following ways: Via a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 8th September. By putting your donation, in cash or in a cheque, in an envelope clearly marked 'Fr Graham', through the letter box in the presbytery front door, at any time. Cheques should be made payable to the parish. You can also donate via one of the machines at the back of the church using your card. In addition, you can make a payment to the parish via BACS, but please make sure you say what it is for. Parish bank account details: RCD A&B ST CLEMENT EWELL, SORT CODE:40-05-20. ACCOUNT NUMBER:61076280. As "reference" for the single payment FATHER GRAHAM.

We will then bank all the donations on the 11th September, and round the sum up and present it to Fr Graham.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).

During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

With only 1 week to go before **Mary's Meals** foreign currency collection please have another good look in the cupboard you never open, under the bed etc. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

We are outlining the **proposed new Baptism course**, which is over several sessions (mostly on Zoom, for the convenience of parents with small children) and which needs the involvement of a team of parishioners. The third session, via Zoom, is entitled 'What does it mean to belong?' Evidence suggests that there are certain things done at home which will nurture the faith of children and adolescents. Actions that are motivated by faith and explained as such will be remembered and absorbed, for example, when we say sorry and explain this as living out the repentance/forgiveness teaching of Jesus. But we do not live out the faith in isolation but as part of a community, in the Church, united under the Pope, the Bishops, with a love of the Mass, the angels, the Blessed Virgin and all the saints. One cannot do this by NOT going to Mass, just as you cannot be a good family member without actually seeing your relatives or phoning them up from time to time. The course then looks at why we go to Mass and how we can help children go to Mass easily. The course also has some practical hints for parents. One is aware that parents are bombarded with advice from all sides, but here it goes:

Read the Bible with your children, using a children's Bible, the world's best story book.

Pray with your children, and encourage them to pray on their own. Introduce children to devotions suitable to their age, such as Baby Jesus, the Guardian Angel, saying the Rosary, etc

Say grace before meals.

Speak about faith. And don't forget charity, and hope. What are we going to do for those less fortunate than ourselves, and what do we hope for in the future?

Celebrate Advent, Christmas, Easter and other feasts.

Obvious ways to do this: Advent wreaths, Christmas Crib, Easter Gardens, etc

Keep your child's name day as well as birthday. (This is not done in the UK, but done elsewhere; the name day is the feast of the saint you are named after: if you are called Mary, it is 8th September; if you are called Emmanuel, it is 25th December, and so on. If you are called Kylie or Darren, that is fine, but do choose a patron saint.

Baptism of Roseel Annabelle Sunny

This Sunday, during the 10:30am Mass we welcome our newest member to join the body of the church, Baby Roseel Annabella Sunny daughter of Sunny and Sonum, who will be Baptised. Please remember Roseel, her family and her Godparent in your prayers.

We have two leaflets at the back of the Church

One is about planning funerals, which may be interesting, as we will all have a funeral one day, and it is wise to think of these things in advance. The other is the Novena (that is, a set of prayers lasting seven days) to the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonised as a saint next year. Do help yourself.

Dates For Your Diary

- 10 Sept FHC Catechists Meeting. **7pm**
- 12 Sept School Mass **2:15pm**
- 15 Sept Thankyou BBQ for Fr Graham
- 19 Sept Core Group meeting **7.30pm**
- 22 Sept Macmillan coffee morning
- 25 Sept FHC Parents Introduction Meeting. Church **7pm**
- 28 Sept Refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers **10.30am-1pm**
- 30 Sept Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm**
- 5 Oct FHC session one. 11am-12pm
- 5 Oct Refresher day for Proclaimers **10.30am- 1pm**
- 6 Oct FHC Celebration Mass 10:30am
- 7 Oct Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm.**
- 19 Oct Meeting of the Finance Committee.
- 19 Oct FHC Session 2. 11am-12pm:
- 19 Oct Parish Quiz Night

CAFOD Family Fast Day 4th October

Jean Marshall & Dave Campbell RIP

Many thanks to all those who helped with the funeral Mass of **Jean Marshall RIP**. This attracted positive comment from visitors. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy, and a great way for a parish to exercise Christian charity and solidarity. Let us keep Jean in our prayers and also Dave Campbell, whose funeral was on Monday last.

Sign up for Father Graham

Please be sure to sign up for the BBQ on 15th, if you want to come and complete a 'sticky note' if you wish, to be included on the giant card.

Mass Intentions September 2024

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| Sat | 7 | 6pm | Vigil Mass | P J Daly RIP |
| Sun | 8 | 8:30am | 23rd Sunday in OT | People of the Parish |
| Sun | 8 | 10:30am | 23rd Sunday in OT | Available |
| Mon | 9 | 10am | St Peter Claver | Available |
| Wed | 11 | 10am | Votive Mass | Available |
| Thu | 12 | 7pm | Votive Mass | Available |
| Fri | 13 | 10am | St John Chrysostom | Available |
| Sat | 14 | 6pm | Vigil Mass | Peter Farrel RIP 2nd Anniversary |
| Sun | 15 | 8:30am | 24th Sunday in OT | All Members of the Walker Family RIP |
| Sun | 15 | 10:30am | 24th Sunday in OT | People of the Parish |

10:30am Coffee After Mass for September

- 8 Parish Funds **Ann & Robin Hannan, Pat Russell**
- 15 **Parish B-B-Q**
- 22 Macmillan Coffee AM **Social Committee**
- 29 Brownies: **Elaine Briggs**

Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for:

Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm,

Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.

