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Sunday 1st September, 2024 This Sunday is the Twenty Second Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people of Israel that the law they have received from God is to be valued and cherished. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus makes clear that the law of God, which is moral and directed at the human heart has been obscured by the customs that have grown up around it which deal with purely physical things. He reminds us of the sins which we must most avoid, listing them as follows: 'fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.'

This Sunday, Rod is going to speak at all Masses about the various works in the parish & raising funds for these works.

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. What are the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Our Lady? They are all found or implied in the Gospels, namely:

The Prophecy of Simeon 'A sword shall pierce your own heart' in Luke 2;

The Flight into Egypt in Matthew 2;

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, in Luke 2;

Mary meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the fourth station of the Cross;

The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19;

Jesus's Descent from the Cross in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19;

The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.

This Sunday, and every Sunday, Holy Communion can be received 'under both kinds'.

The priest will be at the centre administering the Host: you are asked to approach in two lines. Then, after receiving the Sacred Host in the usual manner, you can receive from the chalice either at the left or the right-hand side of the sanctuary, returning to your place in the usual way. When Holy Communion is over, the ministers should bring the chalices back to the altar for purification.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Gregory the Great (540 – 604), pope and Doctor of the Church, apostle of England.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Cuthbert (634 – 687).

Thursday is the feast of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa.

Friday is the first Friday of the month, when it is customary to celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart.

Please remember that this week, **Owen Roe RIP** is being buried at Epsom Cemetery at noon on Monday. On the same day, **Dave Campbell RIP's** funeral is at Randall's Park at 2.45pm. On Tuesday at 10.30am, we are celebrating the funeral Mass of **Jean Marshall RIP**. Jean's coffin will be committed for cremation at the Church door. After the Mass there will be tea, coffee and cake in the Hall organised by our social committee.

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.
This week there is also Mass on Tuesday at 10.30am, it being Jean Marshall's funeral

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 on the weekends of 1st and 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 St Clement's 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 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.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In two weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds children in over 17 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

A few weeks ago we were 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 second session, via Zoom, is entitled 'What do you ask?' and focusses on two things: what families think baptism means, and what God intends for us through baptism, the sacrament which is the beginning of our transformation in Christ, or becoming our best possible selves. In other words, Baptism is not simply a naming ceremony, but the beginning of a lifelong relationship with God, the Church, and our vocation to be the people He calls us to be.

We are all baptised, but how do we live out the vocation we received at baptism?

There are numerous ways, but here are three, one more than last week: By welcoming others into the church, by word, action, demeanour. This could mean helping with the Baptism course.

* By proclaiming the Word out loud, that is, by reading in church. Any more takers?

* By being conscious that in our baptism we have received a vocation to be our best selves, to be transformed in Christ, and this vocation lasts out entire lifetime.

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

We have been straightening the benches in Church. This is still a work in progress, and will continue next Wednesday. You may note that some of the 'extra' chairs have been repositioned. Watch this space.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised at St Clement's Church, please pick up an Application form from the Narthex entitled 'Sacrament of Baptism'. Please complete & return the form to the parish secretary. The next Baptismal preparation course runs on Monday 30th September & 7th October, at 8pm in the Tivey room. Please have your Applications forms in by then. **Baptismal Certificates** to the end of June 2024 can be collected from Fr Alexander.

Extraordinary Ministers' Day

On Saturday 28th September, at 10.30am to 1pm at the latest, we shall have a Refresher Day for Extraordinary Ministers. The 'day' will be divided into three parts: spiritual, with a time for prayer; a reflexion on why Holy Communion under both kinds is important, and then a question and answer session. Please take this as your invitation to attend. We will meet in the Church.

Proclaimers' Day

On Saturday 5th October, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we plan to have a Refresher Day for Proclaimers. The 'day' will be practical and spiritual in nature, looking at how the proclamation of the Scriptures is an integral part of the Liturgy and how proclaiming is part of our baptismal vocation. Would any members of our congregation like to consider this ministry? If so, please get in touch. The only qualification is to be baptised and to have made your First Holy Communion, and to be able to read.

Dates For Your Diary

- 1 Sept Appeal for funds by Rod Artiss, **All Masses**
- 2 Sept Burial of Owen Roe RIP, Epsom cemetery **12noon**
- 2 Sept Funeral of Dave Campbell RIP, **2.45pm** Randall's Park.
- 3 Sept Funeral Mass of Jean Marshall RIP **10.30am**
- 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**
- 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 Refresher day for Proclaimers **10.30am- 1pm**
- 7 Oct Baptism Course, Tivey Room, **8pm.**

Holy Bookstall

The bookstall will be open at all Masses next weekend 7th/8th September, with books for all ages. As soon as details are available, we shall take orders for Missals with the new scripture translations. This is expected to be in October or November.

10:30am Coffee After Mass for September

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

Mass Intentions September 2024

Sat	31	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	1	8:30am	22nd Sunday in OT	Private Intention
Sun	1	10:30am	22nd Sunday in OT	Josephine Webster RIP
Mon	2	10am	M: Fr Arthur Woolmer	Available
Weds	4	10am	St Cuthbert	Available
Thu	5	7pm	St Teresa of Calcutta	Available
Fri	6	10am	VM of the Sacred Heart	Available
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

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Mary Jones,
Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing,
Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane,
Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft
Rui De Norbrega and Sally Mason.