

HOMILY ON 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear brothers and sisters

In today's Gospel and in the First Reading, we see the cleansing of two persons from leprosy. Both Naaman at the time of Elisha and the Samaritan man in the Gospel were non-Jews. And their faith in God is praiseworthy because they did not know clearly about Yahweh or Jesus Christ, Son of God still their faith is greater than those who have real knowledge of God. We see this happen in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." and these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

FR. KURIAKOSE THADATHIL

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil Email: kthadathil61@gmail.com

PARISH DEACON Rev Terry Charles

(Retired)

PARISH SECRETARY

Payal Gordhan

PARISH SCHOOLS Holy Name School

Head Teacher Mr A. Neenan 0121 357 3216

St Mark's School

Head Teacher Mrs D. Linley 0121 357 9892

Stuart Bathurst

Mr. H Koryl Head Teacher 0121 556 1488

Marist Convent

0121 357 6341

Safeguarding Officers

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember, Margaret Hughes, Jane Gordan, John Robinson, Richard Nellist, Wyn Darling, Mona Graham, Thomas Odgard, Joanna Whitehouse, Mary Collins, Michael Freeman, Johanna Cleary and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

St, Mark's School would like to invite all parishioners back to weekly Mass on a Thursday at 9am. If you could come to the school office for 9am, you will be shown into the school hall to celebrate with the children. We'd love to see you there. By Freya and Taisa, Y6.

CHILDREN LITURGY

St. Mark's School will also lead a separate Liturgy for young Children to be held in the Parish office next Sunday at 10:30am

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT OSCOTT CEMETERY

This will take place on Saturday 5th November ²at 3pm. For more information, please see the poster in the church.

This Week Saturday 8th October - Sunday 16th October (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 8th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Kathleen Lannon	12:00pm Confession
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER TWENTY—EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30 am Holy Mass for the Parish 10:30 am George Hampson R.I.P	
Monday 10th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Andrew Watson R.I.P	
Tuesday 11th October Feria in Ordinary Time	Private Mass Gladys Tolley R.I.P	
Wednesday 12th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Mass in (HN School) Sr Genevieve R.I.P 11:00am Rosary 11:30am Mass in Church Bridie Madden R.I.P	
Thursday 13th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am (Mass at St. Mark's School) Evelyn Doherty	
Friday 14th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Ints of Sr. Bridget	7:00pm Christmas Fayre open Meeting
Saturday 15th October Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	12:30pm Tom Conway R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER TWENTY—NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30 am John Santy R.I.P 10:30 am Mick Clarke R.I.P (St Mark's Family Mass and Children's Liturgy)	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by (St. Mark's School)

Last Week's Offertory Collection: £343.28

Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 169.10

> Church Maintenance: £162.48

Standing Order for the Month of August: £1770.50

Mass Attendance Last Sunday:273

Thank you for supporting your Parish.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; Ps120; 2 Timothy 3:14– 4:2; Luke 18:1-8 Page 78

PLEASE SAVE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Our Volunteers' Mass of thanksgiving and celebration takes place on Saturday 3rd December 2022, with Mass at 12:30pm an evening get together with food and drink at 6:00pm in the Centre.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 19th November 2022 after 12:30pm Mass. There will also be a planning meeting on Friday 14th October at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. Fr. Kuriakose would like to invite the volunteers for the meeting. Please make a note in your diary. We welcome parishioners to support this important social and fund raising event in the Parish. All are very welcome. Payal Gordhan.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens party to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10th December 2022. please take the letter with you from the Church Porch after Mass and fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office by 1st of December 2022.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING ROTA

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the Sunday coffee morning. We can now make a rota for this. Please collect a copy of the rota from the Church porch. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS & CLOTHING

As temperatures fall and we experience the cold mornings and evenings moving into winter, the SVP confirm that we are able to provide financial assistance with the purchase of winter coats and clothing. If you, or someone you know, would like some help, before you buy, please contact the Parish Office with your details and a member of the SVP will be in touch.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the macmillan coffee morning last week. Through your very generous donations and contribution the sum of £863.81 was raised. It was a very successful and enjoyable event.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks from Mary Harding and family for all the support offered during Arthur's long illness and since his death. They would especially like to thank you for your Mass intentions, sympathy cards and for attending the funeral. Your kindness is much appreciated.