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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th September 2020

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Sunday Reflection: “Thank God, our God is Generous” – Through the Prophet Isaiah today God states, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways...” This is clearly illustrated in the Gospel passage about the landowner and his vineyard workers. The landowner goes out early morning to hire labourer’s and agrees to pay the average daily wage. He hires others at nine, noon, mid-afternoon and late in the evening. The fun starts when it comes to pay time. The late comers are paid first and receive a full days’ pay. Those who worked from dawn to sunset also receive a day’s payment as agreed in the morning. This all happened in the days before “bonuses” were in fashion! The unions would not have been happy either with this arrangement! The landowner’s generosity to the latecomers aggravates the early morning starters, even though they are paid the agreed wage, and they demand a meeting to re-negotiate their terms. The landowner confronts them with the pertinent question, “Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” According to our way of thinking, late comers do not deserve the same reward as those who have laboured all day in the vineyard. This is Matthew’s equivalent parable to Luke’s ‘Prodigal’s Son’. It is originally aimed at the Pharisees and all self-righteous and legally minded people. Jesus befriended sinners and outcasts and treated them with compassion. Here again we are invited to reflect on the generosity of God, a generosity that seems to us unthinkable and transcends our human generosity. Maybe we should just allow God to operate His way! Let us rejoice that he shows mercy to whomsoever he pleases, sinners and outcasts alike, and more than likely we too will benefit from his mercy at some time in our lives!!

Celebration of Masses: Precautions are in place. Please follow the guidance.

Volunteer Stewards – If you would like to volunteer to become a steward, please contact the Parish office or a Priest. Stewards need to be between 18 and 70years and not clinically vulnerable. The more volunteers we have the more our Church can open.

Spanish Mass: Will be held on Sundays at 12.30pm.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: On Sunday 27th September at 3pm.

St Peregrine Mass: Will be held on Wednesday 30th September at 6.30pm.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programme 2019/2020 – Re the completion of these programmes, once it has been decided how/when to complete them, Candidates and Families will be contacted.

Baptismal Certificate Copies – Please email fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk if you request a copy of a Baptismal Certificate. There is a fee of £5.

Catholic Proficiency Forms – Will be signed by our Priests on Monday 5th to Friday 9th October from 3am to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print your forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance – Admissions: Certificate of Catholic Practice

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Mon 21st – St Matthew

Wed 23rd – St Pius of
Pietrelcina

Thurs 24th – Our Lady of
Walsingham

Sat 26th – Ss Cosmas &
Damian

Safeguarding

Representatives – We Welcome Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter who are our Safeguarding Representatives. For Safeguarding concerns, please contact them in confidence on their contact details which is on our website and in the Colonnade.



Recently Died – of

Chad Solomon who recently died. May he rest in peace.