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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 29th September 2019

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Mass

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Every Thursday at 11am

Saints Days

Mon 30th – St Jerome
Tue 1st – St Therese of the
Child Jesus
Fri 4th – St Francis of Assisi
Harvest Fast day

Parish Council Meeting:

Will be held on Tuesday 15th
October at 7.15pm in the
Founders Room.

Sunday Reflection – The division between rich and poor, which featured strongly last week, looms large again in this week's Gospel. Luke presents us with the familiar parable of the rich man and Lazarus. These two men lived in different worlds: Dives (the rich man) dressed in purple lined robes, Lazarus dressed in rags; Dives feasted splendidly each day, Lazarus survived on scraps. Dives lived in a palace while Lazarus lived on the streets. They lived not so much in different worlds as in opposite worlds. The greatest fault of Dives was that he failed to notice the plight of his fellow human being at his gate. So enclosed in his own world, he was blind to the needs of his brother Lazarus. Transposed to eternity we find a reversal of fortunes. Now Lazarus reclines in heavenly bliss while Dives is in agony in the flames of Hades. These are refining flames awakening compassion for his five brothers in Dives, who wants someone to go and warn them about the torment he is enduring in the afterlife. However, Abraham tells him, they have "Moses and the prophets" to advise them. This parable brings us all back to reality! We too have the teachings of Scripture, we too have the poor at our gates, we too have someone who rose from the dead and can tell us how to avoid eternal death by accepting the self-giving love of God. All gifts are freely given, not for hoarding, but for sharing. That is the only way to bring Dives and Lazarus into the same world. In the meantime, we ask ourselves: who is relying on a scrap from our surplus for mere survival? The gap between Dives and Lazarus is growing into a gigantic abyss in our modern world. The teachings of Amos and the Gospel of Jesus can help us bridge that gap.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: Is on this Sunday, September 29th at 3pm with a Feast Celebration after Mass.

Sr. Clementina has moved away from our Parish and will be living near Euston. She thanks you for your Love and Support. She continues to work in a nearby hospital and will visit us from time to time.

First Holy Communion – Parent & Communion Team Meeting will be held on Sunday 6th October at 9am in the School Hall.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 4th October – CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Fabiano, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to your kind donations, CAFOD has made sure Fabiano and his neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water as a solar powered water pump has been installed. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church this week and give what you can at the 2nd collection next Sunday.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) A course will be held for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Application forms for this programme are now available from the Parish Office.