25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 22nd September 2019

Mass Times

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

Parish Office Opening Hrs
Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession
Mon - Fri   6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday   6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Returns on Monday 2nd Sept.

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 23rd – St Pius of
            Pietrelcina
Tue 24th – Our Lady of
            Walsingham
Thu 26th – Ss Cosmas &
            Damian
Fri 27th – St Vincent de Paul
Sat 28th – St Wenceslaus &
            St Lawrence Ruiz

Sunday Reflection – In the year 760 B.C., a sheep farmer called Amos, hears a call from God which asks him to go and speak some home-truths in the Northern Kingdom of Israel about the deep division between rich and poor in that society. The prophet is a spokesperson for God, who doesn't mince his words and tells it as it is. He is not welcome because he is critical of a people who religiously allows injustice to flourish in their midst. He confronts them with supposedly loving God in worship while ignoring the neighbours' needs. In the Gospel we meet the prophet Jesus also speaking about the effect's money can have on human beings. Endless accumulating of money enslaves the heart and leads to greed and possessiveness. He too is frank and clear: "You cannot be slave both of God and of money". Jesus goes on to say that if 'you cannot manage money well, then you cannot manage genuine riches and values of the kingdom'. He tells a parable which on first hearing may appear to support dishonesty, but on a deeper level we see that the steward is commended for his astuteness and not for his dishonesty. With an uncertain future looming before him, the steward takes firm action to secure his future by making friends for himself. Both Amos and Jesus emphasize the twin commands of the Covenant of love of God and love of neighbour. Worship of God should always shape and influence our behavior. When money speaks it should not speak of "endless accumulating" but of love, justice and sharing.

Mass Times this week – Masses on Monday 23rd + Tuesday 24th will be at 6.30pm. On Wednesday 25th at 10am + 6.30pm. On Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th at 6.30pm.

St. Peregrine Mass of Healing – Is on this Wednesday 28th August at 6.30pm. All are Welcome.

First Holy Communion – The closing date for submitting registration forms is on this Sunday 22nd of September. Parents of children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their First Holy Communion this academic year should collect an application form from the Parish Office. This must be submitted with a Baptismal Certificate (if not baptised in our Parish). To accompany these, a £20 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: Is on September 29th at 3pm with a Feast Celebration after Mass. The Novena will be from 20th to 28th September, every evening at 7.30pm except Sunday 22nd which will be on at 6pm.

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.

GLASSDOOR Sleepout – Will be held at the Duke of York Square on Friday 4th October 2019. Find out more at GLASSDOOR.ORG.UK

Harvest – Today we are reminded 'to give thanks' to God for the fruits of the Harvest. We pray that the Harvest will be shared justly with all.