



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON
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THE 28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
& OUR 'THIRD' SUNDAY
(YEAR A)

15 OCTOBER 2017

The Church's year is drawing to a close, for in just a few weeks we shall be thinking very clearly about the end of time (known as the *Parousia*

in Classical Greek). To-day, we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: *Just who is going to be saved?*) and the looking forward to the end-times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our 'invites' to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom and to-day points out to the Chosen People that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the message of that same parable does not apply to us.

WELCOME to any visitors to All Saints' this morning. Please come across to the Hall for refreshment and fellowship after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist, even if you cannot stay for very long.

HYMNS TO-DAY AT 1000 (NEH & *NHWS)

Procession:	*161
Gloria:	<u>Metrical version</u> (See OofS.)
Offertory:	457
Communion:	*136
Post-Communion:	*51
Recessional:	393



Introit: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

Collect: Let us pray (*that God will help us to love one another*): Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-10): *The Lord will prepare a banquet and will wipe away tears from every cheek,*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping

all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

At 8 o'clock only, the response in the Psalm (22/23) is: *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

A reading from letter of S Paul to the Philippians (4:12-14 & 19-20): *There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:1-14): *Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was



filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord of life & love:

All: grant us the joy of your kingdom.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray: for our parish and for its needs; for doctors (in the Hillingdon Deanery); for orphans and those caring for them; for artists; for the Church in North Africa; for persecuted Christians (in our own day).

We commend to God our Father:

the sick, the housebound & others in any kind of trouble or need: Mary Coleman, Karol Schlachter & Rob Scoates.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: Maudie Cole, Margaret Cullett, Betty Fordham, Maureen Clare Hargreaves, Walter Hunt, Marion Lane, Frances Longley, Douglas Mason, Sheila Morris, Archibald Russell & Eric Wright.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Luke (the Apostle), S Ignatius of Antioch, S Paul (of the Cross) & all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. Tuesday, 17 October; 1400: Ryefield School Harvest Festival Service. *All are welcome.*

2. Tuesday, 17 October; 1930: Open Meeting of the Hillingdon Deanery Synod at S John's, Hillingdon Hill, when the subject will be *Grave Talk*. *All are welcome.*

3. The Eucharist at All Saints' this week:

a. Wednesday, 18 October; 1000(as usual): S Luke, *physician, apostle of Jesus & evangelist; +AD84 at Thebes, Greece.*

b. Thursday, 19 October; 1845: *Feria* in Ordinary Time

4. The next Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee will take place at 1930 on Thursday, 19 October.

5. Friday, 20 October; 0845: *Feria* in Ordinary Time; Morning Prayer

6. NEXT SUNDAY, 22 October; the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

a. 0800: Said Eucharist

b. 1000: Sung Parish Eucharist

7. Saturday, 28 October, 1930: *Voices in Accord*; an autumn concert at S Jerome's, Dawley UB8 3JU. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for charity. *All are welcome.*

8. Remember that the clocks go *back* by one hour on the evening of Saturday, 28 October, when British Summer Time ends for another year.

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

- a. Father Bernard Dagnall has been in touch from S Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, to ask me to pass on his thanks for the very warm welcome he received when he was here in my stead on 1 October.
- b. Copies of the October edition of *Saints Alive!* are available this morning. We ran out last Sunday, so I have had some further copies run off. There is a really pleasing range of interesting articles to be read this time, so make sure you get yours.
- c. Items for the November edition of *Saints Alive!* need to be received by next Sunday, 22 October, please *and they need to be submitted in the format requested in this month's Magazine; this reduces considerably the work for the editorial team. Thank you.*
- d. Thank you again for your Harvest offerings this year. As previously announced, they will go to a local foodbank. They have not yet got there, but will this coming week!
- e. We are actively looking for one or two more people to join our parish choir, which greatly enhances our worship on Sundays. *Could this be you?* Please have a word with Jane Turnbull or me.
- f. **Thought for the week:** *The service of God does not require good words and good desires, but efficient workmanship, fervour and courage.* Saint Paul of the Cross (1694-1775), whose Feast Day falls on 19 October.



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