



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 18th October 2020

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear of a man called Cyrus being referred to as the Lord's anointed? Who is Cyrus and what did he do to deserve the title of Anointed one?

Cyrus or Cyrus the Great (600-530 BC) is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) as a patron and deliverer of the Jewish people. The deportation of the Jews to Babylon (the Exile) began under King Nebuchadnezzar. Cyrus was the King of Persia under whom the Babylonian captivity ended. In his first year as king he became close to the leaders of the Jewish community. He was then prompted by God to decree that the Temple in Jerusalem should be rebuilt after its destruction by King Nebuchadnezzar. He allowed those Jews who wanted to return to Jerusalem to begin the rebuilding with supplies provided by the Persian Empire. Cyrus then issued the Decree of Liberation allowing all the Jewish people to return home.

God bless,

Fr Morrough

MASS TIMES	St William of York	St Ethelbert's
Monday 19 th October	9.30am	
Tuesday 20 th October		9.30am
Wednesday 21 st October	7pm (Confession 6.15pm-6.50pm)	
Thursday 22 nd October	No Mass	No Mass
Friday 23 rd October		9.30am
Saturday 24 th October		12 noon (Confession 11.15am-11.50am)
Sunday 25 th October	9.30am.	11.30am, 7pm.

Mass Intentions: Des McKenna (LD), Suzanne Leigh, Christina Stephen (16th birthday), Mariam Joseph (A), Kathleen Grainger (A)

LD: Lately dead, A: Anniversary, BA: Birthday Anniversary, B: Birthday, S: Sick, M: Memorial, WA: Wedding Anniversary.

Lately dead: Audrey Gerrick.

Sacramental Programme

Last Wednesday in church, I and Fr Andrew Pastore conducted a service of First Reconciliation for the St Ethelbert school children. This now allows them to proceed to making their First Holy Communion. The St Bernard's children will make their First Reconciliation in school in the week after Half-Term and make their First Holy Communion as well.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions both schools will make their First Holy Communion on different days. Fr Andrew will also assist me in these celebrations.

I have decided that both of these celebrations (for family only) will take place on consecutive Saturdays in November (14th & 21st). Consequently there will be none of the usual Saturday services or Mass on those days. St William's children managed to make their First Reconciliation just before 'Lockdown' and their date for First Holy Communion has still to be decided but will hopefully also be in November or early December at the latest. I wish to express my thanks firstly to Fr Andrew for his continued help with this and also to the members of staff of all our three primary schools for their dedication to our children and their support in bringing our children to the sacraments.

Fr Morrough.



Last week our parish is marked CAFOD's Family Fast Day. 'Let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world **survive, rebuild and heal**'. Thank you for £142.10 in the envelopes.

Missio: This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, the autumn edition of 'Mission Today' is available at the back of Church with full details of how you can donate. If you have one of the Missio Red Boxes you may wish to bring it in to be emptied and counted.

Parish Cotswold Holiday: As I'm sure you are aware by now the holiday has had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. The plan for refunding your deposits is as follows.

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The Travel Company are going to send a cheque for the full amount to the Parish of Christ the Redeemer. As soon as this cheque arrives I will make out individual parish cheques to each of you for your deposit.

Piety stall: We are unable to open our piety stalls because of current restrictions. If however you require Mass cards or have any general piety requirements, please speak to Father or Gemma Pendlebury.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: Offertory collection from both churches was £605.72. The bank statement at the end of September showed that there have been £751.00 in Gift Aided donations and £1500.00 in other donations. Thank you for your generosity.