

REFLECTION SISTER DEATH

"I long to be freed from this life and to be with Christ, for that is the far better thing." —Philippians 1:23

Paul faced "death every day" (1 Cor 15:31). He was on "death-row" on more than one occasion. Paul faced death and smiled at it. He even taunted death when he proclaimed: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) Paul said: "Dying is so much gain" (Phil 1:21). He said that he felt as strongly attracted to dying as living (Phil 1:23), although he considered dying "the far better thing" (Phil 1:23).

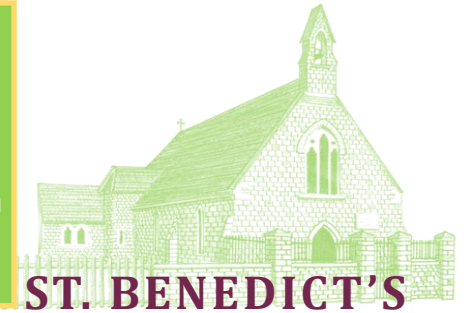
Paul was freed from slavery to the fear of death (see Heb 2:15) because to him, life meant Christ (Phil 1:21). When we totally give our lives to Christ, we believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life (Jn 11:25), Who has put death to death by His death on the cross (see Heb 2:14). When we give our lives to Jesus, we give our deaths to Jesus, Who holds "the keys of death and the nether world" (Rv 1:18). In Christ, there is no condemnation (Rm 8:1). In Christ, slavery to the fear of death is swallowed up in victory (1 Cor 15:54).

On this and every Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Today, give all to Jesus, smile in the face of death, and live life freely and to the full (see Jn 10:10).

Jesus offers a different life perspective!



THE TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 19th September
Vigil Mass 4 pm. Sunday 20th
September 9.30am 2020



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- Saturday 19th **The 23rd** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*
- Sunday 20th **of Ordinary Time** Mass 9.30 am *those still shielding be cause of Covid-19*
- Monday 21st St. Matthew Ap. NO MASS
- Tuesday 22nd Feria No MASS
- Wednesday 23rd St. Pio of Pietrelcina Mass 10 am
- Thursday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham **Mass 12 noon**
(School Mass at 9.30 am in school)
- Friday 25th Feria Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction at 10 am
- Saturday 26th NO MASS MORNING.
- 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners**
- Sunday 27th **Mass 9.30 am John Dennison RIP anniv**

Next Week : THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26th September 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 27th September 9.30am

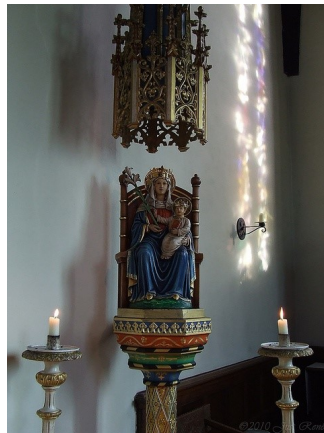
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IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY TELEPHONE – 07973239942 OR E MAIL Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk

COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

Feast this week— OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is in Norfolk. It was founded by the Lady de Richeldis in 1061 and was destroyed in 1538 by Henry VIII. The shrine has had an eventful history across nearly a thousand years. This medieval place of pilgrimage rivalled Canterbury as a destination, and was visited by thousands of pilgrims from all over Britain and Europe. It became known as ‘England’s Nazareth’ because of the nature of the vision that the Lady Richeldis experienced. Today after 350 years of Post Reformation neglect, the past 95 years have witnessed the dramatic restoration of pilgrimage to Walsingham. There are both a Catholic & Anglican Shrines. The Catholic Shrine is based at the Slipper Chapel a mile outside the village. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham is on Thursday this week (24th September). Maybe after the Pandemic is over we can have a parish pilgrimage to Walsingham ? What do you think? Would you be interested? Let Fr. Paul know if you would want to be involved.



THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. **Please telephone to let me know your coming 07973239942.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer,



The Confirmation had to be postponed earlier this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Bishop has given me permission to Confirm our candidates on Thursday 8th October. There will be five children and three adults being confirmed. As we still have to socially distance we have to limit the number at Mass. It also means it has to be by invitation only. Please pray for the confirmands as they prepare for this sacrament.