

**REFLECTION** Which of the two did the Father's will?



How often do we mislead others by talk or appearances? We have many proverbs that caution us against such susceptibility. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." "Handsome is as handsome does." Nevertheless, we are still easily hoodwinked by glossy presentation or weasel words.

How do we prevent ourselves from being drawn into a world of false appearances? How do we ensure we always practise what we preach? It is easy to start out with the best intentions, but we soon fall into selling the glossy image of ourselves.

It is as though Jesus recognises this difficulty by being uncompromising in his own words and practice. His way of ensuring an integrity of word and deed is to empty himself of any claim to power or position. When we empty ourselves of power, we have no means of pretence any more, and, perhaps ironically, we now have a great freedom to adhere to the truth. For we are no longer bound by that complex world of expectations that comes with the world of propaganda. We are free to do what we say we will do.



YOU KNOW, NEITHER OF THESE SONS IS ANY GOOD. ONE IS DISRESPECTFUL AND THE OTHER IS A SLACKER!



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YES, AND REPENTANCE IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

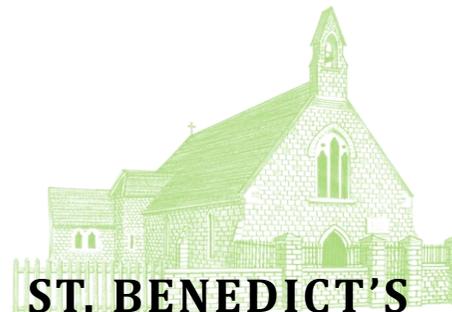


OH, RIGHT! I'M SORRY THAT I SAID THAT.



MATTHEW 21:23-32

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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 Saturday 26th September Vigil Mass 4 pm.  
 Sunday 27th September Mass 9.30am

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 Sunday 27th **of Ordinary Time** Mass 9.30 am *John Dennison RIP aniv*  
 Monday 28th Feria NO MASS  
 Tuesday 29th Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Mass 10 am  
 Wednesday 30th S. Jerome Mass 10 am *Holy Souls*  
 Thursday 1st S. Therese of the Child Jesus Mass 10 am  
 Friday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels Mass *Sick of the parish*  
 followed by Exposition & Benediction at 10 am  
**Saturday 3rd** NO MASS MORNING.  
**27th Sunday Ordinary Time** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*  
**Sunday 4th** Mass 9.30 am *Lawranzina George & family*

**Next Week : THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 3rd October 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.  
 Sunday 4th October 2020 Mass 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.**



**On Friday we honour our glorious Guardian Angels! They are treasures and helpers beyond what we could imagine.**

On Tuesday we honour the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. There is hierarchy of celestial beings created by God. Though the Guardian Angels are on the bottom of that list, they are no less glorious and magnificent than the host of other celestial beings.

Guardian Angels are traditionally said to have been created for the sole purpose of serving us in our needs. Yes, God could have chosen to care for us directly without the use of angels, but He didn't. He chose to create angels as mediators of His grace and care.

It's fair to say that our Guardian Angels love us with a perfect love. They know us, care for us and desire deeply that we become holy. Their primary purpose is to get us to Heaven and to draw us into the heights of sanctity. How do they do this?

They do it by mediating God's grace to us. The word "angel" means messenger. Thus, our angels play a central role in communicating to us the will and mind of God. They can speak all that God wants to say to us. They are also protectors in that they bring grace from God to particular situations in life to fight against evil and to help us do good.

Reflect, today, upon the gift of your own guardian angel. This celestial being was created for the sole purpose of caring for you and getting you to Heaven. Speak to your angel, today. Rely upon your angel's intercession and allow this holy angel to communicate to you God's abundant grace.

***Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen. Angels of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.***

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 are 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 now decided he will come himself 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, this means it has to be by invitation only. **Please pray for the confirmands as they prepare for this sacrament.**