

Reflection In the month of October I lost both my parents, my mum, Joan in 2015 and my dad, Roy in 2017, So I've been thinking of my parents and one of the comments my mum used was - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall etc etc. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs.



So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics and shifts things further. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus - where do we belong?

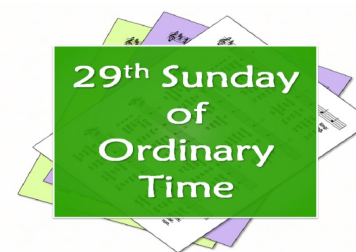
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Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled, or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. However for Jesus - it's the belonging of love, not of power and control.

It may feel like that - life and death, love, creation - many things are not in our control. We are born at God's time and die the same.

This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, We come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community is that we are God's. God doesn't want to control us but to love us, but there's a snag - belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. Give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Our work for hunger, education, etc, is not a charity for people; it is justice. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice.

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- Saturday 17th **The 29th** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*
- Sunday 18th **of Ordinary Time** Mass 9.30 am *Missionaries throughout the world*
- Monday 19th Feria NO MASS
- Tuesday 20th Feria Mass 10 am The NHs & frontline workers
- Wednesday 21st Feria Mass 10 am *Holy Souls*
- Thursday 22nd S. John Paul II, Mass 10am *Pope Francis*
- Friday 23rd Feria Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction at 10 am
- Saturday 24th** NO MORNING MASS
- 30th Sunday Ordinary Time** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*
- Sunday 25th** Mass 9.30 am

Next Week : THE 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 Saturday 24th October 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.
 Sunday 25th October 2020 Mass 9.30am



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2020 is on Sunday 1st. November at 12 noon stream live from St. Chad's Cathedral, Celebrant Bishop David Evans.

Website <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk>

MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

5/6-26. & 29	12/13-14 & 23
19/20-14 & 12	26/27-19 & 19

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

St. Benedict's Primary School needs your help. We need two people to volunteer to become school governors. Please contact the school if interested. Ask to speak to Mrs. Sargeant .

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



18 October 2020

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. This cause is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominately impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. World Mission is one of the three Papal collections especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world. Please give generously next week. Go to their website missio.org.uk to see more about their work overseas.

- 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,

