# AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD COMPLETELY

Jesus expects us to trust Him completely. Many of us are not quite so sure that we can trust Him, even though we want to trust Him. The widow in the first reading shows us how a person can trust completely, even to the point of giving up the little one has for another person. The Gospel of Mark today repeats that message with the story of the poor widow who gave all she had, trusting in the Lord. The challenge today: Will I trust? Will I give up what I have because I trust in the Lord?

The first reading is from the First Book of Kings and gives us stories about the Prophet Elijah. Elijah is a wonderful person in the Old Testament. Elijah trusts so completely that he always does what God asks of him, even when it puts his own life in danger. Elijah can complain to God because Elijah has such a close relationship with God and thus shares everything with God. This is part of the challenge for us today: trust and become close! When God does not give us what we think we need, we are free to tell God that we still need what we are asking for. We must have confidence will always give us what we truly need.

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Hebrews. The author continues to compare Jesus Christ to the High Priest of the Jewish faith. The author always wants us to know that there is more in the world of the sacred than just the High Priest. Jesus is a new expression of what it means to be a High Priest. You and I are invited to be priests also, sharing in the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ. We need to embrace our human condition and bring all that is truly human to the Lord. We are invited to share in Christ and with Christ.

The Gospel of Mark brings us back to the theme of giving all that we have to the Lord. Perhaps many of us are more practical and give to the Lord what we may have in excess of what we need. The Lord wants more! The Lord wants all that we have and all that we are. The Lord invites us and waits for us. Many of us are fearful that if we give all, we shall have nothing left. Think again of the widow in the first reading. She had practically nothing and was preparing to share the little she had with her son—and then die. The Prophet comes and asks her to give to him the small amount she had. This is the kind of experience that we may have. We seem to lack everything that we need in this life and especially we may lack the means to obtain what we believe we need. Then God asks us to give up even the little we have. Can we do that? Are we able to trust so much in God that we will give up even what we believe is necessary? God is asking you and I. What will be your reply?

# **READINGS**

**FIRST READING** 

1 KINGS 17:10-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

PSALM 145(146):7-10

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 9:24-28

GOSPEL

MARK 12:38-44

# **REFLECTION**

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**CCC 678** 



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS - CAMBERWELL

# **Archdiocese of Southwark** Thirty-Second Sunday in ordinary time - Year B

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#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

6:00pm (Sat) 10:00am 12:00 Noon \* 6:00pm \* with Children's Liturgy 3:00pm (KCH chapel)

#### **CONFESSION:**

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am 5.00pm - 5.45pm **Eucharistic Adoration:** Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

Monday - Friday 8:45am Saturday 9:45am

#### **ROSARY**

After weekday Masses

#### PRAYER GROUPS

**Sacred Heart Association:** Friday: 6.00pm

1st Friday 7:30pm **Our Lady & Divine Mercy:** 

Thursday 5:30 pm

**Legion of Mary Seniors:** Thursday 7.00pm

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal** Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers Tuesdays 5.30pm

**Adult Altar Servers** Sunday after 11.30am Mass

#### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER** THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSING ON 6.00PM

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN. YOMI SYLVESTER KOLEOSHO, RIP

AND FOR SAFE DELIVERY OF HIS WIFE. PETER ANWURI SALAMI, RIP.

10.00AM MR. HIGGINS, RIP

**12.NOON** ELIZABETH JUANITA, JANET WIREKO-BROBBY AND DEPARTED

> MEMBERS OF ST. THERESA SOCIETY PEOPLE OF THE PARISH. SOFRONIO, RIP

MONDAY 8TH NOV. **FERIA** 

9.00 AM 7.00PM

REGINA CHIEMEKE, RIP

TUESDAY 9TH NOV.

9.00AM 7.00PM

6.00PM

FEAST OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

**HOLY SOULS** 

WEDNESDAY 10TH NOV.

9.00AM

7.00PM

7.00PM **HOLY SOULS** 

THURSDAY 11TH NOV.

9.00AM

MEMORIAL ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

**MEMORIAL ST. LEO OF GREAT** 

DEC EASED PARISHIONERS. DECEASED RELATIVES OF BENN &

ASARE FAMILIES & EMMANUEL EZUKWO, RIP

FR. TOM HENNEGHAN, RIP. FODAY FOFANA, 50TH BIRTHDAY

**THANKSGIVING** 

FRIDAY 12TH NOV.

9.00AM

**MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSAPHAT** 

MARIS STELLA ZABAT, BIRTHDAY THANKS

7.00PM PETER & PATRICIA UBA, RIP

SATURDAY 13TH NOV.

10.00 AM 6.00PM

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR

**CHILDREN** 

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

**Rev Fr Victor Darlington.** 

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**PSALM 87: 3** 

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

#### FIRST READINGS

1 KINGS 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord— Thanks be to God

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 145(146):7-10

#### R. My soul, give praise to the Lord

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free *R*.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. . **R.** 

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age . *R*.

### **SECOND READING**

**HEBREWS 9:24-28** 

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself

Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord— Thanks be to God

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**REVELATION 2:10** 

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord -**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ** 

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

# PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account: Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.

**Sort Code:** 60-50-01 **Account Number:** 79102409

### PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £360.13

Gift Aid amounted to £197 not including standing orders.

Second collection

#### **GIFT AID & OFFERING**

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

#### FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

#### **GIFT AID USERS**

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

#### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Our second collection for today is for the needs of the parish. Next weekend our second collection will be for the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration.

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

#### **LEGION OF MARY—JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM**

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Sunday after 12noon mass, at our Lady's chapel.

#### **RCIA**

The RCIA programme holds every Wednesday at 7pm in the hall. The enquiry period is still open for those who want to deepen their Catholic faith.

#### **UCM MONTHLY MEETING**

The union of Catholic Mothers meeting will take place after the 12noon Mass in the Church hall.



#### **SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION**

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.

# FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

Dear Parents, we shall begin our preparation for First Confession and first Holy Communion in January 2022. If you would like your child to join the group, please attend the compulsory meeting on 20th November after the 10am Mass. During this meeting your child will be enrolled, and the course and expectations explained.

If your child is over 5 years old but not yet Baptised, they should also attend this meeting to register. All children should know how to make the sign of the cross, and say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers before starting the programme.

#### **PEW REFURBISHMENT**

A big thank you to all those who continue to donate towards the ongoing pew refurbishment. More donors are still needed for the back pews, anyone interested please speak to Fr Victor. Thank you for your generosity. For those who have pledged to support the pew refurbishment, kindly start redeeming your pledges.

#### **MASS BOOKINGS**

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE PARISH SURVEY**

OUR PARISH HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTAKE IN THIS SURVEY: PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE & COMPLTE THE SURVEY

### NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### **OUR LADY'S CHAPEL**

Our lady's chapel is now properly cleaned and refurbished and open for our use. The burning of candles at the side of the statue will no longer be permitted, this created a smoke effect that affected the entire roof which has now been replaced with a new roof.

We have also replaced the lighting at our lady's chapel for a brighter effect on our lady's statue and her entire sanctuary has also been properly cleaned up. Please parishioners are encouraged not to touch the statue anymore. You can stand around it and pray and light only the candles on the ground stand. Flowers can also only be laid at the base of the altar. Henceforth we can now only use electronic candles on our lady's altar in line with safety and safeguarding rules. Thank

# THE COMMISSION FOR PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

The Commission for Promoting Racial justice and Inclusion in our Archdiocese, have selected our parish among others, to take part in a survey the commission is piloting on racism as it affects parishioners. Earlier this year, all priests and deacons were invited to participate in a similar survey. That survey found out that some of our priests had suffered racial discrimination from their parishioners and from the wider community. We encourage every parishioner to take part in this survey by clicking on the web link in our parish WhatsApp page and in the parish website or use the QR code provided in the parish website/ parish WhatsApp group/ at the two entrances of the Church. Finally for those who are not use to the internet, please pick a hardcopy of the survey at the two entrance doors and return them after filling them to any of the priests or seminarian. Kindly note that the deadline for completing the survey is the 30th of November. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### NOVEMBER - THE MONTH FOR PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

November is that special month we pray for our loved ones who have passed on. As usual we shall place a box in front of the sanctuary for your mass intentions for the holy souls. In addition we shall display our picture board in memory of all our loved ones.

This last two years we have seen so many people passed on, they all shall be in our prayers. For those who wish to submit photographs of their loved ones who have died please pass them on to any of the priests or to our seminarian mark.

### **FUNERAL**

The funeral Mass for the Rev. Canon Richard Hearn, lately Dean of the Cathedral and Vicar General, will take place on Friday 12th November at 12.30pm in the Cathedral Church of St. George. May his soul rest in peace.

Amen.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church "Tap to Donate" Online



Please be informed that the parish have started using the two devices for our contactless method of donation which are now located at the two entrances of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.





# Donation by Credit/debit card

We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- · for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

#### **CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING**

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm.

For sacred heart school forms please show your baptism and first communion certificates to the priest or seminarian after mass and submit the form. You will then have to follow up to submit copies of same to the school along with the supplementary form.

For other school forms, please submit same way to the priests or seminarian and pick them up from the parish office during the week for submission to the school concerned yourselves.

For any other consultations please email <a href="mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk">camberwell@rcaos.org.uk</a> or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 - 19 year olds from the whole community, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Roman Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year (full Board and minimum one sub-committee). The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk). Website: sfx.ac.uk

#### **NHS TEST AND TRACE APP**

For those who have registered with this app yu don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Do you have skills to offer as a Governor or Trustee in the Catholic schools in Southwark?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark.

The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts.

Could you spare a few hours a month?

These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: <u>DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf</u>

(rcaoseducation.org.uk)

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

<u>Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (reaoseducation.org.uk)</u>

Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish Whatspp forum or on the parish website

# **SYNOD RESOURCES - 1**

# **About the Synod - Helping people walk the Synodal Way**

#### Introduction

Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a synod. It involves everyone in the Church - clergy, religious, and lay Catholics, each participating according to the gifts and charisms of their vocation. The word 'synod' comes from two Greek words 'sun' meaning together and 'hodos' meaning way. The English word synod therefore mean making our way tougher, journeying together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod. Each local parish is asked to host a meeting, or series of meetings, where conversations about the Church's mission in the life of the parish and the diocese can be prayerfully examined; and where the will of the Lord can be discerned, as we seek to gowin faith and number.

Coming together in this way, we place ourselves in the presence of the Lord, and oneanother, to hear His voice more clearly. All of this is done to help us to witness more effectively as missionary disciples in our parish and diocese as the Local Church.

To help with this phase of the process, we offer some meeting templates, together with prayer resources for parish meetings. These are to assist everyone who gathers to both listen and hear what the Lord is saying to his Church.

We would like every parish to have two delegates to enable this process. We also, therefore, offer guidance about how you might approach the selection of your parish delegates.

Every person matters to the Lord and his Church, every voice matters and every story is important.

To help in gathering together people from across the life of your parish and community, we have also included some commonly asked questions to help explain the Synodal Way and to encourage people to enter into this vital period of discernment.

#### **Next Steps?**

The Archbishop is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Synod which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join.

Our parish delegates are Madeleine Merrifield and Anthony Asagba they will support the process in our parish and will attend the diocesan meetings on our behalf in the diocese. They will help to collect and co-ordinate our parish response in this process. We are very grateful for both of them for doing this on our behalf.

For more information, see below;

Websites: rcaos.org.uk/synod (from 18 October 2021)

aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod (from 11 October 2021)

# **Prayer cards for the Synod**

Please pick up prayer cards for your family and friends at the entrance and exit doors as we all pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit towards a successful Synod.