

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries, including appointments, and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 10am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed Wednesdays). Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 28th	St Augustine, Bishop, Memorial
9.30am	Mabel Patrick RIP
6.30pm	James & Katies Howard & Family
Sunday 29th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am	Baby Aerith Sky RIP
6.30pm	Audrey Swallow RIP
Monday 30th	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs, Memorial
9.30am	Intentions of Sue and Monty
Tuesday 31st	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 1st	
9.30am	Viola O'Connor RIP
Thursday 2nd	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Friday 3rd	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Memorial
9.30am	Hannah Ruth Mennis RIP
Saturday 4th	
9.30am	Bernard Fenton RIP
6.30pm	Viola O'Connor RIP

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday 5th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Welfare of Rev Fr Anthony Oleh
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan
Monday 6th	
9.30am	Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Tuesday 7th	
9.30am	Anne Laing RIP
Wednesday 8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser & Mavis Hatchman
Thursday 9th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 10th	
9.30am	Seamus Dooley RIP
Saturday 11th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Anthony Oleh
6.30pm	Miguel & Josephine Straccialano RIP

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

PARISH CLERGY CHANGES

Dear Parishioners, we would like to inform you that due to health reasons, the MSP Regional Superior has transferred Fr Anthony to the regional headquarters to rest and recuperate. Fr Eugene has been appointed as Parish Administrator and Fr Francis Ayogu, MSP, will join us as the assistant parish priest. These changes have taken immediate effect. We would like to wish Fr Anthony all the very best...

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 30th August 2021, returning on Tuesday 7th September 2021, therefore the parish office will be closed. Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk Please wait for when the office re-opens for anything else. Many thanks for your co-operation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva.
Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

LET US REMEMBER

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ellen O'Connor, Marguerite Guest, Mary Metochis, Ernest Woodhams, Thomas Turnbull, Zofia Jaroszynska, Margaret Boyden, John Fenton, Barry Hodges, Stephen O'Dwyer, Clara Dracas, Herbert Duckett, Charles Cutmore, Louisa Strong, Montague Davis-Brown, Mary Ann Keenan, Marie Louise Rogerson, Rachel Liddy, Antonio Amor, Cesare Orindi, Bernard Fenton, Ellen Mary Cook, Patrick Francis Sheehy, Antoinette Osborne, Maureen Garrow-Fisher, Walter Williams, Jane Thompson, William Dracas, John Patrick Hanrahan, James Ryan, Robert Strong, Francis Rorke, Joseph Connolly, Bill Carr, Charles Forey, Bernardo Martini, Thomas Kearns, Anne Doherty, Monica Lamb, Mabel Dickinson, Anna McDonagh, Vincent McNulty, Beatrice Barker, Andrew Marshall, Guilhermina Fernandes, Tullie Di Vito, Bridget Breen, Emily Ellen Geal, Dorothy Whelan, Ellen Gadd, Frank Andrews, Constance O'Neill, Ken Woolger, Nellie Flynn, Maureen Geary, Lionel Osborne, Elizabeth Pettyfer,.

+++May they rest in Peace ++



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, August 29, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 *Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.*

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

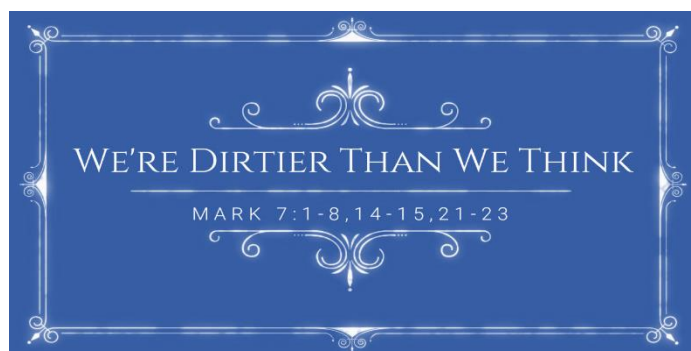
Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

Family Reflection

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honour God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**CAFOD Faith in Action Day
Saturday 11th Sep 2021, 11am – 4pm**

Join CAFOD online for a day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

The countdown is on! In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss their Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11 September, 11am-4pm. More details at: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>

UN Climate Talks - COP 26

Britain will be hosting the above UN sponsored conference in Glasgow, Scotland, this November. Following the disappointment of the G7 Meeting in Cornwall earlier in the year, CAFOD and other concerned parties, are urging the UK Government to put the poorest communities at the heart of the decisions taken. This would see both global poverty and climate change being addressed. We are reminded, that as citizens of the host nation we have a vital role to play. CAFOD hope that we are able to support their on-line petition to the Prime Minister to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change.

If you are so minded, please find details of the petition at: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.