



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 9th June 2024

OUR PARISH VISION

“In communion with Jesus Christ and ‘in companionship’ with one another, ‘to pray, bless’ and ‘sow the seed’ of the Good News, for ‘the greater glory of God’.”

The final virtue to be considered is not part of the seven cardinal and theological virtues, but is at the base of Christian life. This virtue is humility, the great antagonist of the most mortal of sins, namely pride. Whereas pride and arrogance swell the human heart, making us appear to be more than we are, humility restores everything to its correct dimension ... From the beginning, the Bible reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return (Gen 3:19); indeed, 'humble' derives from humus, that is, earth. Unfortunately delusions of omnipotence, which are so dangerous, often arise in the human heart, and this does us a great deal of harm ...

Blessed are the people who guard [the] perception of their smallness in their heart! These people are shielded from an ugly vice: arrogance. In his Beatitudes, Jesus begins precisely with “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven” (Mt 5:3). It is the first Beatitude because it is at the base of the ones that follow; indeed, meekness, mercy and purity of heart stem from that inner sense of smallness. Humility is the gateway to all the virtues. In the first pages of the Gospels, humility and poverty of spirit seem to be the source of everything. The angel's announcement does not happen at Jerusalem's doors, but in a remote village in Galilee, that was so insignificant that people used to say, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46) ... [Mary] was the first one to be astonished when the angel delivered God's announcement to her, her wonder stands out in her song of praise: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden” (Lk 1:46-48). God is - so to speak - attracted by Mary's smallness, which is above all an inner smallness ...

From then on, Mary was careful not to take centre stage. Her first decision after the angelic annunciation was to go and help, to go and serve her cousin ... The Virgin did not seem to ever want to emerge from this concealment yet, a woman's voice from the crowd proclaims her blessedness, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!” (Lk 11:27). However Jesus immediately replies, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Lk 11:28). Not even the most sacred truth of her life - being the Mother of God - became a reason for her to boast before mankind. In a world marked by the pursuit of appearance, of flaunting one's superiority over others, Mary walks decisively, by the sole power of God's grace, in the opposite direction.

We can imagine that she too experienced difficult moments, days when her faith was in darkness; however this never made her humility waver, it was, in Mary, a rock-solid virtue. I want to underline this, humility is a rock-solid virtue. Let us think of Mary; she was always small, always without self-importance, always free of ambition. This smallness of hers was her invincible strength; it was she who remained at the foot of the cross, while the illusion of a triumphant Messiah was being shattered. In the days leading up to Pentecost, it was Mary who gathered up the flock of disciples, after they had been unable to keep vigil over Jesus for just one hour, abandoning him when the storm came.

Brothers and sisters, humility is everything. It is what saves us from the Evil One, and from the danger of becoming his accomplices. Humility is the source of peace in the world and in the Church ... Humility is precisely the way, the path to salvation ...

(Pope Francis, General Audience, Wednesday, 22nd May 2024)

Please note:

The New Lectionary is due to be out early October 2024. The cost of the four (4) volume set (Ambo edition) is 695 GBP. If anyone wishes to sponsor the whole amount or any part of it, please contact me. Thank you for your generosity in advance. God Bless you!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS			
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
SATURDAY 8th June	6pm	Frank Green R.I.P. – 22nd anniversary	(Timonie Green)
SUNDAY 9th June	9am	Babs Carson R.I.P.	(Carson Family)
	11am	Pro Populo	
MONDAY 10th June	9:15am	A. Alpin R.I.P.	(C. Alpin)
ST. BARNABAS			
TUESDAY 11th June	9:15am	Janette Finn R.I.P.	(Clare Heron)
WEDNESDAY 12th June	7pm	Erin O'Donnell R.I.P.	(Gallagher Family)
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA			
THURSDAY 13th June	9:15am	Rose Nott R.I.P.	(Mary McNulty)
FRIDAY 14th June	7pm	In Thanksgiving	(Hubert Monteiro & family)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
SATURDAY 15th June	9:15am	Holy Souls	
	11:00am	First Holy Communion	
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
SATURDAY 15th June	6pm	Casmiro Fernandes - Good health	(Casmiro & Ida Fernandes)
SUNDAY 16th June	9am	Giovanni & Marina Zaffarano R.I.P.	(Zaffarano Family)
	11am	Pro Populo	

Second Collection: Next Sunday, 16th June, **Day for Life collection** – this is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church.

St. Dominic's Social Team: 3rd Annual One Parish Day – 14th July

St. Dominic's Parish invites you to join us in celebrating our community as One Parish on a special day this summer: July 14, 2024. This event is an opportunity to come together, strengthen our bonds, and support one another.

The celebration will begin with a Mass at 11am, followed by an afternoon filled with food, drinks, fun, and friendship. There will be activities for all ages, ensuring a delightful time for both the young and the old.

We Need Your Help! We are seeking volunteers to assist both in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself. If you can lend a hand, please fill out the 'Volunteer' sheet located in the Narthex, and we will get in touch with you.

Donations Welcome! We would appreciate any food donations or beverages such as prosecco, wine, beer, or soft drinks like lemonade to share on the day. Please add your name and the items you will be bringing to the 'Food donation' sheet in the Narthex.

Listen out for more details in the coming weeks. For now, save the date, and don't forget to register your attendance in the form located in the Narthex. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Pope's Intentions for June: For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Vacancy at Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School: We currently have a vacancy for a class teacher for September 2024. If you are interested in joining our happy and hard-working school community, please contact us on 0208-688-4582 to make an appointment to visit. We would love to tell you more about our school. Alternatively, please see our website [Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School - About Our School \(reginacoelischool.co.uk\)](http://Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School - About Our School (reginacoelischool.co.uk))



LET US PRAY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert (Bob) Patrick Healy R.I.P. Funeral will be held at St. Dominic's on Tuesday 25th June at 12:15pm.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Catherine Lloyd, Maria Ma Thamby, Conny Morrissey, Caroline Bridge, Sofia Jones, Brian Manning, Thessel (Tessa) Carter, David Hardcastle, Cynthia Lobendhan, Alex Fahey, Val Cocksedge, Tamara Coelho, Terry Keane, Yvonne Whitecross, Stuart Lee, Joyce Fahey, Christopher Browne, Bob Davies, Kieran O'Gorman, John Treacey, Grazia Lassogna, Dermot Keane, Owen Keane, Sylvia Nahrwold, Peter Chan, Fr. Paddy, Ralph Eden, Maggie Jones, Michelle Bigley, Fr. Andrew Pereira.

HOLY SOULS: Agnes Patient, Christine Leggon, Josephine Byrne, Joyce Wright, Mary Larkin, Elizabeth Skinner, Nora McAlpine, Joseph Rodrigues, Paya Culliford, Violet Green, Tracey Rodrigues, Evelyn Craig, Margaret Evans, Colman Connolly, Pat McDiarmid, Michael McDonagh, Alice Long.

