



All Saints' weekly email - TRINITY 18

Dear Friends,

Sunday's parable of the Wedding Banquet is also found in Luke's gospel, but without the awkward-sounding coda stitched on by Matthew about the underdressed guest being ejected. I will say something about that on Sunday; here is Austin Farrer's typically thoughtful and concise sermon on the parable:

The parable of the wedding garment has a cruel sound. How could the poor man, dragged in from the highway or the hedge to fill a place at the king's table, provide himself with a wedding garment? The cruelty disappears if we turn from the parable to the thing signified in it. We are the men whom God's mercy has brought to his table, and the garment of glory is put on us by his royal hand: 'Put ye on' says the scripture 'the Lord Jesus Christ'. We come here to keep our holy feast as members of Christ's body; in making us his members Christ spreads the garment of his own sanctity upon us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to receive us as though we were Christ himself.

In this strangest of years **annual meetings** have become problematic. Many of us had hoped that they might simply be deferred until next year, but we have been required to hold APCMs, so ours will take place **immediately after Mass on Sunday 18 October**. Most of the significant parish business of this year having already taken place and the accounts having already been signed off, I hope the meetings may be concluded with a brevity comparable to the sermon above!

Fr Michael

Click on the following links for mass on **SUNDAY**:

[Propers for 18th Sunday after Trinity](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

The October **Walsingham Devotion** is tomorrow, Saturday, 10 October, at 1130am live-streamed before the Noon Mass.

Sunday Sung Mass has reverted to 11am.

Face Masks. As you know, following new advice from the government, all worshippers should wear a mask while in the church building. The celebrant need not wear one except when administering communion; readers and cantors are not required to wear a mask as long as social distancing is observed.

Sunday's flowers have been given by Jack de Gruiter in memory of a very good friend, Judith Hawkins, who used to attend All Saints when she worked at the Middlesex Hospital in Mortimer St. She died recently aged 104.

Donations for flowers for the **All Saints Festival** weekend would be welcome: they can be sent to the parish office or made electronically on the website (if the latter, please let Fr Michael know so that the donation can be correctly applied).

Prayer List

Prisoners and captives: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Satoudeh, Ahmed Almour, Mayshee Eyob

The work of the London Prisons Mission.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Fr Ron Swan, Katherine Lee, Chris Gudgeon, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausning, Hilary Porter, Keith Peers, Marg Ferguson, Lyudmila Nazarbekova, Bruce Ross-Smith, James Shrimpton, Paul Brady, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Benjamin Woolf, Victor Sharp, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Audrey Williams, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts .

Those known to us recently departed:

John McNamara *Pr*
Alison SLG
Judith Hawkins
(Charles) Scott May *Pr*
David Vincent *Pr*

Anniversaries of death:

11th - Mark Carpenter-Garnier *Bp*
12th - Guest Blofeld *Pr*, Lilian Ditcham
13th - David Heffer, Elizabeth Hoare
14th - Vera Dyer
15th - Godfrey Dick
16th - Florence Kelly, Raymond McGrath, Jack Ridley, Richard O'Connor, Gelda James
17th - Robert Hanvey, Evelyn Vandy, Margaret McKenzie-Edwards

Churches Together in Westminster

CTiW have published their [autumn newsletter](#).

Supporting All Saints

Please consider joining the **Parish Giving** scheme (details in the letter at the beginning of this email) even if you already give by Standing Order. It is a huge help administratively.

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PCC All Saints (Charity # 1132895)

Sort Code 60-09-15.

A/C # 04559452

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All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity # 802994) or

The All Saints Foundation (Charity # 273390).