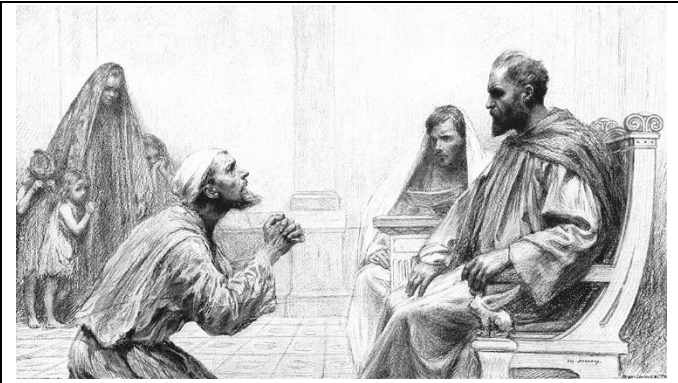


The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in Prittlewell



17th September 2023

15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Community Sermon

HYMNS

Int	238	New every morning is the love
Com	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
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First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, and the sinful man will possess them. He that takes vengeance will suffer vengeance from the Lord, and he will firmly establish his sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does a man harbour anger against another, and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy toward a man like himself, and yet pray for his own sins? If he himself, being flesh maintains wrath, who will make expiation for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity, remember destruction

and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook ignorance.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
14:7-9

Brethren: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Bonum est confiteri (Psalm 92:1,2)*

V. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.

R. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

Alleluia *Quoniam Deus magnus (Psalm 95:3)*

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over all the earth.

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you: **And with thy spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 18:21-35

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will

do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart".

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE

Coffee, tea, and cake will be served in the Church Hall after mass. Please stay behind and join us.

The fortnightly online Spiritual Conferences will continue on the 9th and 23rd September. Details are published in the September Newsletter.

The annual Mass for the Guild of St Stephen, to which our Servers are affiliated, will take place at Westminster Cathedral on the October 3rd, at 2.30pm. We plan to attend this event.

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"The very differences which the Lord has willed to put between the members of his body serve its unity and mission. For "in the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God." Finally, "from both groups [hierarchy and laity] there exist Christian faithful who are consecrated to God in their own special manner and serve the salvific mission of the Church through the profession of the evangelical counsels."
(Para 873)