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WEEK COMMENCING 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 - YEAR A  
24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE: *Week 4*

## FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS - MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER



*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,  
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.*

The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross is also known as *Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Cross Mass, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas*. It commemorates the finding of the Holy Cross by St Helena, the dedication of churches built by Constantine, and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem.

**Discovery of the Cross:** Tradition holds that, in around AD326, **St Helena**, the Roman Emperor Constantine's mother and convert to Christianity, pilgrimaged to the Holy Land to locate where the important events in the life of Jesus occurred, and

to preserve any remaining Christian relics, particularly the Cross on which Jesus was crucified. Assisted by the Bishop of Caesarea, Eusebius (early church historian) and Bishop of Jerusalem, St Macarius, she discovered the spot and found the True Cross. Macarius initiated excavations to ascertain the location of Calvary and of the Holy Sepulchre. During the excavations, the wood of the Cross was found and Macarius determined it to be authentic. **The crosses of the Two Thieves were also recovered.** The **Emperor Constantine** built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre over the two holiest sites in the whole of Christianity - the Rock of Golgotha and the Tomb of Christ.

In the **7th century** the Cross had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in AD 629. The lessons from the Breviary tell us that Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders, clothed in rich garments with ornaments of precious stones. But at the entrance to Mt Calvary a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "*Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross.*" The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey.

**Feast Day and Veneration:** The True Cross was a most valuable treasure of the Church and became highly-venerated in the Feast honouring the Elevation of the Holy Cross. It was celebrated on 3 May in the old Roman calendar (date of its discovery), and on 14 September in Jerusalem and on the new Roman calendar (the date the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated). The Second Council of Nicæa of AD787, drew the distinction between **veneration** of the cross and **worship** or *latría* - the latter of which, "*according to the teaching of the faith, belongs to the Divine nature alone.*" Therefore, when we venerate the cross, the honour paid to the object, relic or image passes to the prototype - the person whom it represents.

**Meaning of the Triumph of the Cross:** When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus, when He was lifted up on the Cross. The celebration of this Feast Day is therefore a triumphant one. The cross of triumph is usually pictured as a globe with the cross on top, symbolic of the triumph of our Saviour over the sin of the world, and world conquest of His Gospel through the means of a grace (**cross and orb** - see right). Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ, we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

**Sign of the Cross:** At **Baptism**, we are sealed with the **Sign of the Cross**, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. We make the **Sign of the Cross** before and **after prayer**, on **entering the church** at the start of Mass, and many other times, in order to fix our minds and hearts to God and keep close to Him. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realise that when we make the Sign of the Cross, we give our entire self to God, mind, soul, heart, body, will.

**Suggested Things to Do:** Make sure that crucifixes are **displayed** prominently throughout your home. Point out the crucifix in every room even to the smallest ones, and explain its meaning. Encourage your children to make reparation for sin and teach them a short prayer such as "*Through the sign of the Cross deliver us from sin, O God!*". Study different symbols and types of crosses, history and/or significance (ideas here: [www.planetgast.net/symbols/crosses/crosses.html](http://www.planetgast.net/symbols/crosses/crosses.html)). Have an art project with your children, creating crosses using different media, including paper, or decorate some cakes with a cross. Pray the prayer to Christ Crucified or Stations of the Cross. Tradition holds that sweet basil grew over the hill where St Helena found the Holy Cross, so in Greece the faithful are given sprigs of basil by the priest.

**PRAYER** *O God, who willed that Your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known His mystery on earth, may merit the grace of His redemption in heaven. For You placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered through Christ. O cross, You are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. We adore you Christ and we praise you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen*

**VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS – DURING SUNDAY MASS TODAY**

**MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	12	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	For Mass intentions see printed copy
<b>SUNDAY</b>	13	<b>9.30am 11.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's *POLISH*</b> <b>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)</b>	
Monday	14		<i>NO MASS</i>	<i>TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS</i>
Tuesday	15	7pm	St Edward's	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Wednesday	16	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>
Thursday	17	<b>11am</b>	St Joseph's	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i> <b>Requiem Mass</b>
Friday	18	10am	St Joseph's	
Saturday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Janarius/St Theodore of Canterbury</i>

**CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS** available at **side altar** on **Saturday mornings after Mass until 11am** or by request  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes** before each weekday Mass, except Mondays

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE:** <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>  
**MASS BY TELEPHONE** Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (*Remains available after*)  
**SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays** from Cardiff [www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass](http://www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass) and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: [churchservices.tv/pottersbar](http://churchservices.tv/pottersbar)

**READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church:** Links for these are available on our website & in porch.  
**POPE'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INT:** *that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner*  
**OUR LADY'S SHRINE** at St Peter's church car park is **open every day** to light a *free* candle.

† **ANNIVS:** Joseph Kurian, Angelo Schembri, Vivienne Carr, Anne-Marie Carr, John Blurton, Maureen Porter, Eileen Shakespeare  
 † **RECENTLY DEAD:** Elena Mudd, Diana Temple, Bernard Fitzpatrick † **SANCTUARY LAMP** St Peter's: Blurton family  
**MASSES RECEIVED FROM:** O'Connor, Toddler Group, Warwald, Gregory, Beverley, Cannon, Anon, Blurton, Stubbings  
**MASS COUNT** last weekend: Sat 5.30pm **36**; Sun 9.30am (Polish) **49**; Sun 11.30am **101**; **Total 186**; weekday average **18**  
**OFFERINGS:** Loose plate **£311** Gift Aid Envelopes **£329** average weekly Standing Orders **£614**; total **£1,254. Thank you.**  
**PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office.

**FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS** Contact Father Gubbins for guidance.

**VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS** after Holy Communion at Sunday Mass at St Peter's today **Sunday 13 September.**

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BERNARD FITZPATRICK 9am Thurs 17 St Peters**

**REQUIEM MASS** for Elena Mudd: **11am on Thurs 17 September.** Elena died in Edinburgh but lived on Burniston Road and attended St Joseph's for many years. If you wish to attend this Mass phone Hannah Mackilligin on 07984 907984 to add your name to the Test & Trace list.

**SYRO MALABAR MASS** resumes **2pm on Sunday 20 September** at **St Peter's** Church (not St Edward's) – *note change of venue* for the time being.

**WELCOME TO CANON MICHAEL RYAN** who is covering for Fr Gubbins while he is on holiday. Canon Michael covered for Fr Gubbins' in January. We welcome him back.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S** will resume **9.30am Sunday 4 October** onwards. There is capacity for around **80** people with social distancing measures.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This is the programme for this year's candidates, but *keep an eye on the newsletter* in case of changes due to COVID-19 restrictions. **Parents** meeting **7pm Thurs 1 Oct** in St Peter's Church. Catechists will meet with **children in the Catholic school** **Fridays at 1.30pm at St Joseph's Church on 9 and 16 Oct**, and **children in non-Catholic** schools **Thursdays at 6.30pm in St Peter's Church on 8 and 15 Oct.** The Sacrament will be celebrated in 3 groups all at **1.30pm at St Peter's Church: Sat 17 Oct; Sun 18 Oct; Sat 24 Oct.** First Confessions will be arranged in school before these dates.

**CANDLES: 2 hour & 7-day votive candles** now permitted (**use your own lighter**).

**PILGRIMAGE of Reparation & Prayer for sanctity of life Sun. 27 Sept** via Walsingham live stream. Devotions through day & **Mass 12 noon:** [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/)

**RELIC OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA** Her Feast Day was **5 September** last weekend. Many of us venerated her relic at the end of Mass. Thanks to the Murray family for making the relic available to the parish.

**VIRTUAL DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Sat. 3- Sun 4 October Programme:** **8am** Morning Prayer, **10.30am** Stations, **11am** Rosary, **12 noon** Angelus, Mass & Adoration, **3pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Adoration, **4.45pm** Benediction, **5pm** Angelus & Vespers, **5.30pm** all night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Livestreamed on the Walsingham website at [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/) Place **prayer petitions:** [www.walsingham.org.uk/place-a-petition-online/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/place-a-petition-online/)

**HOUSEBOUND** If you think it safe and wish Fr Gubbins/Canon Ryan to call, get in touch. Visits abide by COVID-19 safety guidance.

**TOILETS** now open, but **each person must sanitise** after themselves each use. Be aware that you use the toilets at your own risk

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** normally **Sunday 13 September** but the second collection for this has been rescheduled to a later date.

**ATTENDING MASS**

- **No need to 'book'** in advance
  - Give your name to steward on arrival
  - Adults attending for the first time **must** fill in a Test & Trace form
  - Face coverings are now **mandatory by law** (with exemptions)
  - Meeting rooms remain closed
- TEST & TRACE** We are obliged to comply with Government Test & Trace, which states we must keep a record of **full names and contact details** of everyone attending church. Your details will be used only by the NHS in the event of an outbreak. Forms are kept for 21 days from the date of the last Mass attended, after which time they will be destroyed.
- REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING & SANITISE HANDS**
- SUNDAY OBLIGATION** is still suspended until further notice. Consider coming to Mass during the week instead, when there are fewer people.