

**For your prayers:**

**Those who are ill:** Jacqueline Jikiemi, Mary Henfrey, Alison Hird, Alex Lawson, Keith Warner, Steve Hounslow and Margaret Guilfoyle.

**The recently departed:** John Lowmass

**St. Vedast regular weekly schedule**

Sung Eucharist 11 am Sunday

Daily Mass at 12.15 pm Monday to Friday

Meditation on Mondays at 1.05 pm

Church & courtyard open for quiet prayer and reflection:

Monday to Friday 8 am - 5.30 pm and Saturday 11 am - 4 pm

**Readings next Sunday, Trinity 18:**

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29, Ps 19.7-14, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

**Looking ahead**

Sunday	7 October	9.45 am Parish Breakfast Rectory 6.30 pm Moot's Rhythm of Life Service, St Mary Aldermanry. Please come and support our sister church.
Sunday	28 October	9.45 Parish Breakfast Rectory

**Augustine of Hippo Confessions**

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee...

Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours...

Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?

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**Readings, Prayers and Notices**  
**23 September, Trinity 17**

Setting Parish Mass - Alcoat

Hymn 234 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ((Tune: Ratisbon)

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Offertory Hymn 296 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour (1st Tune)

Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford

Thanksgiving 408 Love Divine, all Love's Excelling (Tune: Blaenwern)

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### **Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 - 2.1,12-22**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.  
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'  
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

### **Psalm 54**

**R** The Lord sustains my life.

### **James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### **Mark 9.30-37**

After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'