

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 23rd November 2024—at the 9.30am Mass



If you feel that you would benefit from receiving the Anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick then please do come along to this special Mass on Saturday 23rd November at 9.30am.

Perhaps you might be feeling under the weather, a little stressed, a cold, aches and pains or a more serious complaint—then do come—this may well help. The Lord is concerned.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Friday 29th November 2024
7.30pm Evening Mass

As we come to the end of November another opportunity to pray and give thanks for our loved ones who have passed. You will be handed a cross which you can plant before the altar at the end of the service—it will remain overnight in memory of your loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O, Lord, and let Perpetual light
shine upon them.....*

May they rest in peace. Amen



A LITTLE TIME FOR CATECHISTS

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency of Evangelisation, Westminster, will be coming to the parish, to spend a little time with our Catechists and those who may be interested in catechising—she would like to meet with you.

21st November—an Introduction

28th November—Practical skills

5th December—The person of the Catechist.

These three sessions will take place in the parish hall from 7.00pm to about 8.30pm.

Would all Catechists please try and come along. Thanks.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2024

CAN YOU DONATE ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING?

RAFFLE PRIZES TOMBOLA PRIZES
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CUDDLY TOYS, PUZZLES, BOOKS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT ITEMS

CAN YOU GIVE YOUR TIME?

CAN YOU HELP TO SET UP THE HALL ON

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER OR

HELP ON THE DAY, EVEN FOR JUST AN HOUR

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE
CHURCH/PARISH HOUSE

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME
AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO FR. JOHN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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For the Holy Souls



November

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened the stars will fall from heaven, they will see the Son of Man coming with power"

What family has not experienced in dramatic circumstances, say in time of war, that anxious feeling of suspense awaiting the return of a loved one? For a long time they had been without news of him. One day he arrives out of the blue; suddenly, maybe at night-time, he is there. He knocks at the door, at the window, and they hurry to let him in. After the first joyous raptures of reunion, each one celebrates his homecoming by showing him what they have prepared in expectation of the great day. So often they had asked themselves: "When and how will he come?" When and how; two questions that the first generation of Christians never ceased to raise in connection with the return of Christ. Already, apropos of the destruction of the Temple, considered as a divine judgement and as the destruction of a world, the disciples questioned Jesus: 'Tell us, when is this going to happen, and what sign will there be that all of this is about to be fulfilled?' (Mark 13:4). After the ascension and the beginning of the first persecutions, they returned to the words of the Lord, setting them beside certain oracles of the scriptures. When will the Son of Man come? As the basket of fruits in summer signified for Amos (Amos 8:1-2) that the end was near, so, for the evangelist the fig tree indicates the end is near.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by the Novena for the Holy Souls (3)

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm - Frank Sebagala - RIP

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Intentions of George Sullivan & Family

9.30am – Rose Tonkin - RIP

11.00am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

4.00pm – Holy Souls Novena & Evening Prayer (4)

5.00pm – Leony Cruz – 5th Anniversary

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by the Novena for the Holy Souls (5)

No Adoration this morning

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Daphne Sullivan – RIP

Followed by the Novena for the Holy Souls (6)

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by the Novena to the Holy Souls (7)

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis & Family - RIP

Followed by Novena for Holy Souls (8)

Fri 5.00pm – Church Opens with Exposition

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Kawembu Vincent - Unwell

Followed by Novena for Holy Souls (9)

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Catherine Murray – Birthday Intention

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Intentions of Terry & Mag Ward

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

11.00am – Aldo & Guiseppe, Ghisoni, Sergio D'Andrea & Ghisoni, Abbate, Inzani, Fusco & Hernandez Families - RIP

5.00pm – John Conway - 32nd Anniversary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Saturday 16th November from 10.15am to 11.00am

Saturday 23rd November from 10.15am to 11.00am

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

NOVENA FOR HOLY SOULS

We will offer this Novena on behalf of all departed loved ones

Sat 16th – After Morning Mass

Sun 17th – 4.00pm in church

Mon 18th – After Morning Mass

Tue 19th – After Morning Mass

Wed 20th – After Morning Mass

Thu 21st – After Morning Mass

Fri 22nd – After Evening Mass

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Saturday 16th November 2024

At Lavender Hill & Strayfields Cemeteries. Mass at 12.30pm in the Chapel inside gate and then the Blessing of the graves will follow straight after

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

November 2024 – For a lost child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of God and of consolation.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

30th November 2024

Please can you help by donating some items for our Bazaar. It is one way that we raise money for our parish. A list is attached to the newsletter. Please do try and be generous so that we can make it a great success. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 21st November 2024

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am - Mass



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITH MASS

Saturday 23rd November 2024

during 9.30am Mass



If you feel that you would benefit from the Anointing of the Sick then please do take advantage of this opportunity.

RETRouvaille

You can help your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. No group therapy or group work. 1000's of couples have been helped with difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the next programme – residential weekend (8th – 10th November) call or text on 07887296983 or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

MARY'S MEALS

An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Next weekend we come to the end of our Liturgical Year with Christ the King. The following weekend we begin Advent.

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th December (7-9pm) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, New Southgate. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

DILEXIT NOS

Pope Francis has released a new encyclical entitled "Dilexit Nos" (He Loved Us) in which he calls Catholics to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ (the Sacred Heart). If you would like a copy we now have them available in the parish shop.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 1st December at 2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

CHOSEN – Season Four

I know that many of you have enjoyed watching the films **CHOSEN** which are based on the life of Jesus. Some of you may not have seen Season Four yet, so we are going to show the next part in the parish hall on **Monday 18th November** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. Check out their Christmas Card brochure in porch.

Parish Shop – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am

*During this Year of Prayer,
Try and give a little
more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Lest we Forget

Friday 29th November at 7.30pm

As we come to the end of November and our time of prayer for the Faithful Departed we offer this special Mass for the Holy Souls. At the end of the service you can bring your Crosses forward and plant them in front of the altar to leave overnight.

Prayers please:

Sick: Fergal Sherry, Mehil Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey,

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Djomou Julienne, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebagala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli.

Anniversaries: Dennis Swanton, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Surujnath Ragbir, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1st September at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

SUNDAY PLUS

Sow hope!

Hidden heroes

By James Gallogly

The hidden heroes within prison walls sow seeds of hope each day. Life inside the little village of the prison is as varied and complex as any small community. Every moment is rich in opportunities to respond to the needs of others and affect the lives of others.

Is your local community a model of peace and harmony among all people?

Does everyone have everyone else's best intentions at heart?

Those who bring peace, harmony and the best intentions to a prison environment are building a restorative and rehabilitative environment which heals wounds, changes lives and potentially saves others: wing staff making the time to really listen and respond; mental health nurses providing gentle, clinical support; teachers addressing the needs of those whom an education system has failed; drug workers walking patiently with those plagued by addiction... All care and nurture like any good gardener.


Chaplains also walk alongside people, supporting staff and inmates in a myriad of ways. As the fig tree needs good soil in which to flourish, so those in the prison community need an environment that provides support and sustenance. Through presence, patience, persistence and prayer, chaplains till the ground around them. It can be very poor soil.

James Gallogly is a Catholic lay chaplain in a UK prison.



Faithful God,
How boundlessly you bless.
How generously you give.
How completely you love.
How faithfully you provide.
How tenderly you understand.
How fully you forgive.
How endlessly you invite.
How willingly you welcome.
How lovingly you cherish.
How compassionately you shelter.
The fullness of your kindness
Expands beyond my expectations.

Source unknown

Lord of life, the poorest people in this world are those who don't know what it is like to give or to receive love. May they discover the richness of love.
 Amen.

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Feast of the week
Sunday 23 November

Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (1891-1927)

"If I meet any long-faced saints in heaven, I will cheer them up with a Mexican hat dance!"

Blessed Miguel Pro SJ joined the Jesuits in Mexico in 1911 and was ordained a priest on 31 August 1925. Known for his infectious humour, ingenuity and acting ability, Mexico's anti-clerical laws forced Miguel to practise his ministry secretly and in disguise – but so successfully that he was eventually arrested and sentenced to death by firing squad on 23 November 1927. Miguel refused the blindfold and addressed his executioners, saying, "May God

have mercy on you. May God bless you! Lord, you know I am innocent! With all my heart I forgive my enemies." He then raised his arms, making of himself a crucifix, and shouted out, "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!)

The government published many photographs of Miguel's death, hoping – but failing – to intimidate Catholics, who venerated them as relics.

40,000 people accompanied his funeral procession whilst another 20,000 waited at the cemetery.

A Church that sows hope is young: a prophetic Church that, by her presence, says to the broken-hearted and the outcast of the world, "Take heart, the Lord is near. For you too, summer is being born in the depths of winter. From your pain, hope can arise". Brothers and sisters, let us bring this outlook of hope to our world.

Pope Francis

Today:
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

Monday:
Apocalypse 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday:
Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday:
Apocalypse 4:1-11
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday:
Apocalypse 5:1-10
Luke 19:41-44

Friday:
Apocalypse 10:8-11
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday:
Apocalypse 11:4-12
Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday:
Daniel 7:13-14
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

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Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 17th November 2024

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

Taken from Mark 13:24-32 The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3

Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

2

Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

Jesus saw his mission to be the establishment of the sovereignty of God, the kingship and rule of God over the world, including over our rebellious human hearts. Using the language and imagery of his time, he described this 'earth-shaking' event in terms of cosmic disturbances. The coming of God, the Day of the Lord, would constitute the end of the world as we know it. As Christians we must acknowledge that the death and resurrection of Christ utterly changed the world for ever; it was the Day of the Lord. And yet the world still continues, and we have still to prepare for a future Day of the Lord, when we will come into that awesome presence. That meeting is pictured in terms of collapse and upheaval, our world turned upside down. At death all our familiar realities cease, even the ticking of the clock; at death, time ceases to have meaning. We do not know, and have no need to know, when or how this will occur. For all, it will come; everyone will meet the Lord, but will we meet Him all together or individually? The Son of Man will gather his own, in great power and glory. **What does this reading have to teach us about the coming of the Son of Man? Is it something we should be afraid of? How do we best prepare for that Day?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4

Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is FAITHFULNESS!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 17th November 2024**



1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Resurrection of the Dead

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.



We are coming towards the end of the Church's year. This passage looks towards the end of all things. It is a crucial passage, for here, for the first time in the Bible, the resurrection of the dead is proclaimed. The Book of Daniel was written during a great persecution of the Jews, a couple of centuries before Christ. Texts, like this in the prophet Daniel, speak clearly of the resurrection of those who remain true to the Lord. The earlier Israelites pictured the after-life as a sort of powerless, shadowy half-existence known as Sheol, where the dead could not even praise God. Yet there had also been many hints of conviction that God would never desert those who love him: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and that from my flesh I will look on God,' said Job. Only now in the Book of Daniel, under the stress of the death of martyrs in the persecution, is the full truth revealed: at the end of time God will intervene to draw his own to himself in fullness of life. In this reading 'many will awaken' does not mean that some will not awaken; it merely indicates a vast number, the almost limitless multitude of the dead.

Martyrs witness to the life of the Lord and the truth of His resurrection: which martyrs do you admire most?



2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

One Single Sacrifice

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.



In this, our last reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, Christ is pictured (in the terms of the coronation song, Psalm 110) as the Son of God, sharing God's throne. His sacrifice on the Cross was not an act of vengeance by God, inflicting on Jesus the pains which we deserve, then suddenly changing his mind and rehabilitating his Son. No, it was the consummate act of loving obedience, by which Jesus, on behalf of all humanity, reversed the disobedience of Adam and united us all to God. The resurrection – by which Christ was raised to glory, the Son of God in power – was God's action by which this renewal of life occurred. The sacrifices of the Old Law were partial, temporary and needed to be repeated. Christ's offering in obedience was complete, and could never be repeated. Writing to the Corinthians Paul uses the same psalm to show that Christ is waiting to put the last great enemy, Death, under his feet, and so present the Kingdom to His Father. This is the glorious awakening which is described in the first reading from Daniel.

How does this reading from the Letter to the Hebrews enrich our understanding of the Resurrection?

Christ's offering in obedience was complete.

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



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RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).