



ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTHWOOD

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHWOOD AND NORTHWOOD HILLS

'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...' [Matt 28:19]

**(THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)
(NOVEMBER 3RD - NOVEMBER 10TH)**

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The Holy Souls

This month of November that we've entered into is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It's good to have an understanding of what purgatory is and what it's not. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." This process of purification is what's come to be known as purgatory. From the above definition it's important to note that those who enter into purgatory, will not go to hell, they will enter into heaven, but after purification. There is a wonderful phrase that puts this dynamic into perspective that says, "purgatory is a hallway to heaven, not a holding tank on the way to hell."

To put the above definition from the Catechism into a concrete situation and to explain why we need purification, imagine you just went to Confession and confessed your sins to the best of your ability. Through the merits of Jesus' death on the cross all of your sins are completely forgiven. Praise God! The moment of absolution is one of the most freeing life moments in life as a Christian. That being said, speaking from personal experience many times following Confession I commit the same sins that I previously confessed. What this speaks to is the reality that although our sins are forgiven, many times there's an attachment to sin that lingers within us even after our sins are forgiven. This attachment to sin, can't enter into heaven, because even the slightest bit of attachment to sin can't dwell in God's presence.

Knowing that not even the slightest attachment to sin can enter into heaven, can cause us to worry a bit. That's why I say Praise God for purgatory. Purgatory is an act of God's mercy, which allows us to be fully cleansed of our attachment to sin, even after we die. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 gives us a glimpse into God's purifying fire. An analogy may be coming home with mud on your shoes. The first thing you do is wipe the mud off of your shoes and take your shoes off before entering into the house. Purgatory is a purifying fire of God's love, that cleanses us from our attachments of sin, allows us to enter fully into God's holy presence.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us, family and friends. However, it does not end there for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection. Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves but one day they may be able to pray for us when we are in the same position. Perhaps this is why Pope St John XXIII wrote "The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have died in war. We will also be blessing the graves at Carpenders Park Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome.

With all my prayers and best wishes

Fr Tom

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Our Sanctuary Lamps

burn for
SUZETTE M^CHEYZER RIP
ANNIV
(Blessed Sacrament)
and for
PETER KIM RIP
(Our Lady)

Thank You

Thank you for the welcome that you gave to Fr Pat O'Beirne who made Annual Appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries last Sunday. The Second collection raised will be a second collection at each of our Masses today. You can also chat with Fr Pat over coffee after the 9.00am Mass

200 Club

The October Draw will take place after the 9.00am Mass in the hall where there will be refreshments. If you have not joined the 200 club and want to be part of it from the November draw, please fill in a form and enclose a cheque for £50 (for an annual payment) or set up a standing order of £5 per month. (Monthly payments must be received before the draw).

November Blessing of Graves

Saturday 2nd November at 2pm in Northwood Cemetery
Saturday 16th November at 2pm in Pinner New Cemetery.

Holy Day of Obligation

This Friday is the solemnity of All Saints, which is a Holy Day of Obligations. This means that as Catholics we should go to Mass. Mass on Thursday evening at St Joseph's and Friday morning at St Matthew's will fulfil the obligation. As it is a solemnity, there is no Friday abstinence.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is traditionally the month when we remember the Holy Souls. During that month all our Masses (apart from the People of the Parishes) will be offered for the Holy Souls. Envelops are available at the back of church for you to put your list of names in with a donation towards a Mass stipend. All those list of names will be placed by the altar and remembered at Mass through the month of November. Please return your envelope to the Parish Office or post through the Presbytery letter box

RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and would like to become one please speak with Fr Tom about joining the RCIA course which will begin on Tuesday 22nd October. If you are a baptised Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will also be a chance for you to prepare to receive the sacraments.

CWL Senior Citizens Christmas party

St Joseph's Catholic Women's League is holding their Senior Citizens Christmas in the St Joseph's parish hall on Saturday 30th November from 12:30 to 5pm. Tickets are limited. Forms will be available at the back of church from next weekend. Parishioners from St Matthew's are invited to join them.

Cardinal Welcomes Pope's New Encyclical

In welcoming the publication of Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, *Dilexit Nos – He Loved Us*, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has emphasised that the Letter is for everyone and that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is “the source of living water that moves us and enables us to reach out to others, to offer forgiveness, to make amends for our failings, to seek to build healing relationships of faithfulness and service.”

The focus of the encyclical is on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

The Cardinals said “I welcome the remarkable Letter published today by Pope Francis.

“It speaks eloquently of the love of God for every person. It speaks the language of the heart, a language known to all who love, who yearn, who feel pain, who know loneliness. It speaks of the heart of Jesus, both fully human and filled with the infinite, divine love of the Creator for every person.

“This Letter speaks eloquently of the ceaseless yearning of the heart of Jesus for us to allow his love to fill our hearts and find in him our way home, to the Father. It speaks of the Holy Spirit of God, the fire of love, holding our hearts and guiding us into the fulness of life.

“The invitation of this Letter is clear: let anyone who is broken-hearted, or feeling empty of heart, or yearning for love, or filled with the joy of a loving heart, come and read this Letter. It is, quite simply, addressed to us all.

“In it we will find not only an echo of ourselves but an invitation to come close to the Heart of Jesus who brings to us the fulness of the love for which we long.

“There we find the source of living water that moves us and enables us to reach out to others, to offer forgiveness, to make amends for our failings, to seek to build healing relationships of faithfulness and service.

“In the Heart of Jesus we find the love we need in order to build a better world. As Pope Francis says: ‘For it is by drinking of that same love that we become capable of forging bonds of fraternity, of recognizing the dignity of each human being, and of working together to care for our common home’ (217).

“This is the testimony of Pope Francis, a testimony written in his heart and offered to the hearts of all.”

You can read or download the encyclical from the website of the Bishops' Conference at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dilexit-nos/>

Hervé Boisson

Hervé will receive the Ministry of Acolyte this evening at the Mass for Minor Ministries for those in Formation to the Permanent Diaconate at the 6pm Mass at St Albans & St Stephens church, St Albans. All are welcome to attend and support Hervé. God (and the Cardinal) willing he will be ordained deacon next summer.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation evening will be on Thursday 21st November at 7,45pm in the Fr Bebb Room.

Marriage Enquiries

If you wish to be married in St Matthew's or are intending to marry elsewhere, please arrange to meet with Fr Tom. This will enable you to sort out the paperwork that is required. Remember the diocese states that we need at least 6 months notice before the wedding.

Sponsor a Lamp

You can now sponsor the seven day lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. A prayer intention will be attached to the lamp for that week (which will be printed). A donation of £10 for each lamp is suggested.

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a Mass offered for your intention on a particular day, then please contact the office.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children aged 3 years to 6 years (Yr 1)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) runs its sessions on most Sundays during term time; children stay in the atrium with qualified catechists from 10 am til 11.45 am. The atrium is on its second year serving the youngest members of our Church and currently, serving 15 adults as well in their formation to bring CGS to their own communities You are welcome to see the atrium and observe how the children experience the catechesis. We are in the room upstairs in the hall. To enquire, email: cgsnorthwood@gmail.com

Catholic Chaplaincy to London's Universities

Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It is based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home.' If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study. Your Catholic chaplains will look forward to meeting you!

A Day with Mary

It is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic church or shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. A Day with Mary is in the St George Catholic Church Harrow Road, Sudbury on Saturday 9 November (10.00am to 5.15pm). Further details are available at: www adaywithmary.org

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- POTATOES
- NOODLES
- JAM
- SUGAR
- COOKING SAUCES
- JUICE
- RICE
- TOILET ROLL
- FRUIT
- PUDDINGS

Our nearest foodbank is

Emmanuel Church
High Street
Northwood
HA6 1AS



YEAR OF PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Thirty First Sunday of the Year

Both our first reading and our gospel call us to perseverance in love of God. We return to Pope Francis teaching on perseverance in love, which we reflected on in Eastertide. This was Pope Francis' penultimate catechesis on prayer, given on Wednesday, 9 June 2021.

Perseverance in love

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In this penultimate catechesis on prayer we are going to speak about perseverance in praying. It is an invitation, indeed, a command that comes to us from Sacred Scripture. The spiritual journey of the Russian Pilgrim begins when he comes across a phrase of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Thessalonians: "Pray constantly, always and for everything give thanks" (cf. 5:17-18). The Apostle's words strike the man and he wonders how it is possible to pray without interruption, given that our lives are fragmented into so many different moments, which do not always make concentration possible. From this question he begins his search, which will lead him to discover what is called the prayer of the heart. It consists in repeating with faith: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!". "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!". A simple prayer, but very beautiful. A prayer that, little by little, adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day. Indeed, breath never stops, not even while we sleep; and prayer is the breath of life.

How, then, is it possible to always preserve a state of prayer? The Catechism offers us beautiful quotations from the history of spirituality, which insist on the need for continuous prayer, that it may be the fulcrum of Christian existence. I will look at some of them.

The monk Evagrius Ponticus states: "We have not been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast continually" — no, this is not demanded — "but it has been laid down that we are to pray without ceasing" (CCC 2742). The heart in prayer. There is therefore an ardour in the Christian life, which must never fail. It is a little like that sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples, that burned without interruption and that the priests had the task of keeping alive. So too must there be a sacred fire in us, which burns continuously and which nothing can extinguish. And it is not easy, but it must be so.

Saint John Chrysostom, another pastor who was attentive to real life, preached: "Even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, while buying or selling, or even while cooking" (CCC 2743). Little prayers: "Lord, have mercy on us", "Lord, help me". So, prayer is a kind of musical staff, where we arrange the melody of our lives. It is not in contrast with daily work; it does not contradict the many small obligations and appointments; if anything, it is the place where every action finds its meaning, its reason and its peace.

Certainly, putting these principles into practice is not easy. A father and a mother, caught up in a thousand tasks, may feel nostalgia for a time in their life in which it was easy to find regular times and spaces for prayer. Then come children, work, family life, ageing parents.... One has the impression that it will never be possible to get through it all. It is good then for us to think that God, our Father, who must take care of the entire universe, always remembers each one of us. Therefore, we too must always remember Him!

We can also remember that in Christian monasticism, work has always been held in great esteem, not only because of the moral duty to provide for oneself and others, but also for a sort of balance, an inner balance: it is risky for man to cultivate an interest so abstract that he loses contact with

reality. Work helps us to stay in touch with reality. The monk's folded hands bear the calluses of one who holds shovels and hoes. When, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 10:38-42), Jesus tells Saint Martha that the only thing that is truly necessary is to listen to God, in no way does he mean to disparage the many services that she was performing with such dedication.

Everything in the human being is "binary": our body is symmetrical, we have two arms, two eyes, two hands... And so, work and prayer are also complementary. Prayer — which is the "breath" of everything — remains as the vital backdrop of work, even in moments in which this is not explicit. It is inhuman to be so absorbed by work that you can no longer find the time for prayer.

At the same time, a prayer that alienates itself from life is not healthy. A prayer that alienates us from the concreteness of life becomes spiritualism, or worse, ritualism. Let us remember that Jesus, after revealing his glory to the disciples on Mount Tabor, did not want to prolong that moment of ecstasy, but instead came down from the mountain with them and resumed the daily journey. Because that experience had to remain in their hearts as the light and strength of their faith; also a light and strength for the days that were soon to come: those of the Passion. In this way, the time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us.

And let us repeat the simple prayer that it is so good to repeat during the day. All together: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!".



Cardinal calls for Catholics to pray to uphold the dignity of human life

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called for Catholics in England and Wales to join him, and the Bishops of our countries, to pause for an hour at **5:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November** to pray for the dignity of human life.

On that day, the Bishops will pause for an hour in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a holy hour in light of the bill passing through the UK parliament that seeks to legalise assisted suicide.

This bill, proposed by MP Kim Leadbeater, will receive its Second Reading with a vote, on Friday, 29 November 2024. It is important we take prayerful, compassionate action before this time.

“We offer our prayers this holy hour for the dignity of human life,” said Cardinal Nichols. “In particular our focus is on the end of life and praying together in front of the Blessed Sacrament that assisted suicide will not become law in our lands. This would greatly diminish the importance and innate value of every human person, akin to saying that our life is **not** a gift of God. Instead we would be asserting that life is our own possession to do with as we choose. But we are far more important than that. We are a gift of God – a gift that is freely given. Then, when God is ready, we are called back to Him.”

Value of every person

During this holy hour, Cardinal Nichols wants us to pray that hearts and minds will be open to God’s truth about the value, importance, and beauty of every human person.

“We pray passionately that we will not take a step in legislation that promotes a so-called ‘right to die’,” he said. “That will quite likely become a duty to die and place pressure on doctors and medical staff to help take life rather than to care, protect, and heal.”

The Cardinal, without being over prescriptive, did offer points for prayer at this time:

“When you are praying, please remember those who offer such care and accompaniment to people facing their last days and hours. Especially pray for those who work in palliative care – nurses, doctors, people who are home visitors. They do a wonderful job with care and compassion, but they need more resources. That is what we should be investing in, **not** a piece of legislation that leaves us vulnerable and under pressure to seek an end to our life.”

Concluding his message calling for prayer on Wednesday, 13 November, Cardinal Nichols said:

“This is an important moment in our history. Please write to your MP and express your view to that member of Parliament. Many have not yet made up their minds how to vote. May God bless us all, bless our countries, and bless those who make our laws with courage to embrace and uphold a culture of life.”

We will therefore have a Holy Hour at St Matthew’s at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th November.

Caritas Social Action Network on Assisted Suicide legislation

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) firmly opposes the Assisted Dying Bill currently before Parliament, which threatens the fundamental principle of human dignity and undermines society’s duty to care for its most vulnerable members. The Bill represents a significant shift in the understanding of life and suffering, risking serious ethical and social consequences.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has addressed the issue directly, stating:

“Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. That is the source of our dignity, and it is unique to the human person. The suffering of a human being is not meaningless. It does not destroy that dignity.”¹

Rather than resorting to assisted dying, we call on the Government to put their resources into expanding palliative care options to manage pain and suffering in a compassionate, holistic manner. Advances in palliative medicine provide effective ways to support individuals in their final stages of life, ensuring they are not abandoned to face their suffering alone.

Slippery slope

The experiences of other countries where assisted dying has been legalised show the dangers of a ‘slippery slope’. In Canada, for example, assisted dying now accounts for 4.6% of deaths², with expanding eligibility criteria to include people with disabilities or mental health conditions. This raises serious ethical concerns about sending the message that some lives are less valuable than others. If legalised in the UK, there is a risk that similar pressures will emerge to broaden the law’s scope over time, putting the protection of vulnerable groups at high risk.

Burden on society

Additionally, the Bill creates an environment where people nearing the end of life may feel pressured to choose death rather than be seen as a burden on their loved ones or society. This subtle, but dangerous, pressure could come from family, caregivers, or even the individuals themselves, who may see ending their life as a way to alleviate the perceived burden of care. Cardinal Nichols has spoken about “the profound fear at the prospect of prolonged suffering,” but this fear should motivate us to improve our end-of-life care rather than normalise assisted dying as an option. This moment in someone’s life, is one in which we are called as Catholics to accompany with grace and compassion, assisted dying however only speaks a language of burden and pressure.

Saint of the Week

Saint Charles Borromeo

Patron Saint of apple orchards, bishops, catechism writers, catechists, catechumens, seminarians, starchmakers, and spiritual directors
Invoked against abdominal pain, colic, stomach diseases, and ulcers

Most dearly beloved brethren, If you should look diligently into what was written in the Old Law about the excellence and purity of priests and other ministers serving the altar, and what was written about external cleanliness of body, it will surely enough become clear to you how much more excellent and pure, and how much more free from all stain and blemish of body, and even more of soul, the ministers and priests of the Law of the Gospel must be. For if we compare the New Law's most holy sacrifice of the immaculate Lamb, the sacrifice of the Son of our God and Lord offered daily on the altar to God the Father for our sins, with those irrational victims slaughtered in the Temple of Solomon on prescribed days, what else will that be, if not to compare shadow to reality, darkness to light, earth to heaven, or rather brute animals to the most high God of gods, our saviour Jesus Christ? ~Saint Charles Borromeo to newly ordained priests

Charles Borromeo was born to a noble Italian family in the Castle of Arona in the Duchy of Milan. Charles' father was the Count of Arona, and his mother was from the powerful Medici family. As the second son, Charles was expected to pursue a career within the Church. He received the tonsure at age twelve and was granted the honorary title of titular Abbot of Sts. Gratian and Felinus at Arona, endowing him with a steady income. At the University of Pavia, he studied Church and civil law.

On Christmas Day, 1559, Charles' uncle, Cardinal John Angelo Medici was elected pope after Pope Paul IV's death. The new Pope Pius IV called his twenty-one-year-old nephew Charles to Rome and made him a cardinal, even though he was not a priest. As a cardinal, he would help elect the next pope, assist with Church governance, and advise his uncle. Soon after, the pope appointed Cardinal Borromeo to a number of high Church positions, including Papal Protector and Legate.

Over four years, Cardinal Borromeo exercised his new responsibilities and enjoyed a good income. He encouraged his uncle to conclude the Council of Trent. In early 1562, the Council's eighteenth session was held, and seven more would follow, concluding with the promulgation of the decrees on January 26, 1564. Since he was not an ordained bishop, Cardinal Borromeo could not participate in the council as other bishops did, but he was involved behind the scenes in formulating the decrees.

During the final period of the Council of Trent, Cardinal Borromeo's older brother suddenly died childless. Because Charles was the only living male in the Borromeo family, his relatives urged him to abandon his Church career, become the Count of Arona, marry, and have an heir. This was a turning point for Charles. Deciding to pursue his vocation, he secretly arranged to be ordained a priest. After ordination, Charles celebrated his first Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Mother of God at the tomb of Saints Peter and Paul. Three months later, he was ordained a bishop in the Sistine Chapel and was soon appointed Archbishop of Milan at age twenty-five.

Following the Council's conclusion, Charles dedicated himself to enforcing its decisions. He helped develop the Roman Catechism, as well as various liturgical documents and hymns. He executed the Council's decrees and reforms within Rome, including the ban on selling indulgences and church positions, reforming monasteries, training clergy, enforcing clerical celibacy, returning reverence to liturgical ceremonies, and strengthening the laity's faith and morals.

In Milan, Cardinal Borromeo devoted nineteen years to enforcing the Council's decrees, igniting a Catholic reawakening within his archdiocese that resonated throughout the Church. In addition to the reforms he had pursued in Rome, he instituted the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to educate the young and old. While he had basked in his noble heritage and wealth as a young man, as a priest, he adopted a simpler lifestyle, fasted, prayed, donated most of his wealth to the needy, and made pastoral journeys across his archdiocese. His fervour grew steadily, setting his ministry aflame.

Saint Charles Borromeo, once ordained, you fervently followed Christ and became a holy shepherd of God's people. Please pray that I will follow your example by applying your reforming fervor to my own soul and family. May all I do be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



Readings at Sunday Mass

The Order of Mass can be found at Number 479 in the hymnbook

Mass Setting can be found at Numbers 1012(Kyrie) 1013 (Gloria)1014 (Holy Holy) 1019 (Lamb of God)

First reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy,

innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life..

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

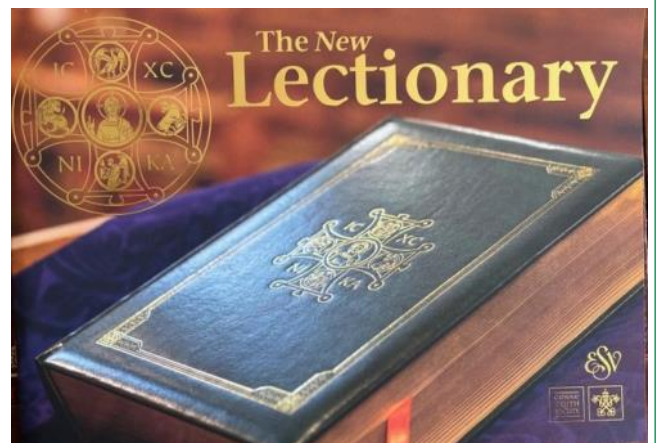
New Missals

From Advent Sunday we will begin using the new lectionary which has a different translation from the one that we use at the moment. That means that the Sunday and Weekday Missals that we use at the moment will be out of date.

If you would like to order a new Sunday Missal for personal use then please give your details to the repository or the Parish Office.

Sunday Missals are £19.95

Presentation Sunday Missal (Burgundy or White) are £29.95



**Today is the last day to place your order
(which will be made on Monday.)**

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please contact us with any additional names you may wish to be added to these lists which are updated weekly, and accept our apologies for anyone we have omitted.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: Ruby King, John Wildsmith, Cecil Swampillai, Regina Figueiredo, Belinda Plummer, Marilyn Theodore, Veronica Savill, , Levan Soloman, Patricia Procter, Philip Wilson, Mary Hyde, King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Joe Kulanthai, Moira Montgomery, Patricia Lee, Eileen Wildsmith, Peter Fitzpatrick, Mark O'Connor, Marie Marron, Rosalia Catolico, Carol-Ann Frost, Marianne, Ada Barker, Ron Picardo, Kerry Blackburn, James Wilson, Sinead Bushnell, Audrey Potts, Rafael Pino, Julius Fayiti, Anna Kelly, Justin, Margaret Downing, as well as others for whom we have been praying together recently.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Janey Godley, and all who have died as a result of war and conflict or natural disaster.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AROUND THIS TIME: , Vincent Brady, Nora Devitt, Gertrude Rosso, Frank Gray, Maurice Egan, Peter Freeman, Harry Tolputt, Sidney Austin, Winifred Wildsmith, Mike Makar, Blaik Watson, Dorcas O'Connor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (NOV 3RD - NOV 10TH)

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| SUN 3RD NOV | THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| | 9:00 HOLY SOULS |
| | 11:00 Mass in St Joseph's, Carpenders Park |
| | 18:00 HOLY SOULS |
| MON 4th | 09:00 Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 09:40 Morning Prayer |
| <i>S Charles Borromeo</i> | 10:00 HOLY SOULS Followed By Rosary |
| TUES 5th | 09:00 Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 09:40 Morning Prayer |
| <i>Feria</i> | 10:00 Mass in St Joseph's, Carpenders Park |
| WED 6th | CHURCH CLOSED |
| <i>Feria</i> | |
| THURS 7th | 18:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| <i>S Willobrold</i> | 19:00 Mass in St Joseph's, Carpenders Park |
| FRI 8th | 09:00 Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 09:40 Morning Prayer |
| <i>Feria</i> | 10:00 HOLY SOULS Followed By Rosary |
| SAT 9th | 10:30 HOLY SOULS |
| <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> | 11:00 - 11:50 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) |
| | 17:00 - 17:45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) |
| | 18:00 Mass in St Joseph's, Carpenders Park |
| SUN 10TH NOV | THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| | 9:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES |
| | 11:00 Mass in St Joseph's, Carpenders Park |
| | 18:00 HOLY SOULS |

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Items for the Newsletter.

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