



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st October 2023

Planned Giving Appeal 2023

Our Call to Stewardship

This weekend we launch our Stewardship appeal. All parishioners are invited to prayerfully reflect on their commitment and contribution to our parish. Each of us has been blessed by God with varied gifts of time, talent and treasure. As stewards of these gifts we are called to share them, with our parish, our local community and the world. Let us each strive to return a sacrificial portion to God in thanksgiving for all He has sacrificed for us.

Next week we will hear about the specific needs of our parish. During the week please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

The Holy Rosary

October is the month in which Mary Most Holy, Queen of the Holy Rosary is venerated. -We cannot forget that Jews, Christians and Muslims adore God as the only God. The three major religions, therefore, have the vocation of unity and peace. We are called to be agents of peace to the world.

At its heart the rosary brings peace, inner peace and universal peace. John Paul II spoke about Mary's intercession in such a way. "May the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede for all humanity, so that hate and death never have the last word!" Our Lady of the Rosary, inspires us to rediscover this traditional prayer, so simple yet so profound.

What is the Rosary? The Rosary is a way of contemplating the *face of Christ* seeing him - we may say - *with the eyes of Mary*. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel. The rosary is a method of prayer that combines mental prayer and vocal prayer. It is a way praying whether alone or together with others. The rosary focuses on events in the lives of Jesus and his mother Mary. We refer to these events as mysteries.

The practice of praying the rosary with beads dates back to the 12th century, when Mary appeared to St Dominic. Rosary beads make it easy for a person to count the different prayers without distraction.

The first "Hail Mary" comes from the Gospel of Luke which records the angel Gabriel saying. "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28) The prayer of the Rosary fills a person with inner peace. We are invited by the church to meditate often on the mysteries of Jesus' life, through the eyes of Mary. Why not try it this October. *Fr Denis*

Saint John Henry Newman School forms.

Fr Denis will be signing school forms on Saturday 7th October at 10am please come to the parish rooms.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Francis was born in 1181 into a wealthy family in Assisi. His father was a silk merchant, and as a youth he dressed in fine clothes and spent lavishly. He was a soldier and prisoner of war before he converted to Christianity in his early 20s. After selling his property he gave the proceeds to the church and began a life of poverty. He soon attracted followers, whom he sent to preach throughout Europe. He founded the Franciscan order and the Rule of St. Francis stressed the need to imitate the life of Jesus. Francis loved animals and viewed all nature as a mirror of God, calling all creatures his brothers and sisters. He allowed the formation of an order for women, called the Poor Clares. In 1219 he went to Egypt, preached to the Sultan, and visited the holy places of Jerusalem. In 1224, following a vision, he became the first person to receive the stigmata. He is one of the most venerated of saints and the patron saint of Italy.

YOUNG @❤

Our next Young @❤ will be on **Thursday 6th October after the 10am mass**. During the mass the sacrament of the sick will be administered, if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick please do come along, or if you know of someone who is seriously ill please do invite

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,
FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE: Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4her.ts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

them. I would encourage you to bring anyone who is house bound, if you have transport, as we would like to reach out to those who are lonely. Tea, coffee and cakes will follow the mass Everyone is most welcome. We provide the tea & cakes & you come along for the chat.

RCIA COURSE

The new session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins this year in early October. It is the course of instruction for those seeking to enter the Catholic Church, and may also be appropriate for those Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith. The RCIA programme will begin on the Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the parish rooms, and will run until Easter 2024. It will consist of regular weekly meetings. If you would like to find out more please speak to Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462-893127

KNIT & NATTER.

Our next meeting is on Friday 6th October in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. All adult knitters are welcome whether experienced or beginners. Support will be given to new knitters as well as a cuppa and chat! £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund.

PARISH'S MEN'S GROUP:

This month sees the second anniversary of our enriching Parish Men's Breakfast Sessions, so we warmly invite all men of the parish to join us. We meet in the Parish

Rooms once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and pastries/bacon butties at 8.30am. At 9.00am we watch together an episode of the popular trending Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality and powerful dramatisation of St Matthew's Gospel. Time for light discussion/chat/ reflection follows. We finish at 10.30am prompt. Future dates are 14th October, 11th November and 9th December. (Second Saturday of each month) Do come along!! See Richard M or John B (or phone 07931 761403) for more information

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Patrick & Niels Sarsfield, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Dennis Gunn, John Southwell and Donal Hickey and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Nora McComish; Ita Brimyard; Mary Frances Lee; Antonietta Rigone-Pisone; Camilla McCallion; John Chujecki; Margaret Holmes Walker; Jean Barkley; Andrew Kane.

Sat 30 th	6.30pm	
Sun 1 st	8.30am 10.30am	Teresita Lam RIP Dwayne Estacio RIP
Mon 2 nd	10.00	
Tue 3 rd	10.00	
Wed 4 th	10.00am	St Francis of Assisi Richard Epsom RIP
Thu 5 th	10.00	St Faustina Kowalska Angela Gray RIP
Fri 6 th	No mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at

6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at

10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish

Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.** For more

information, please go to the Parish website. The

Wednesday word is available via:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

FUNERAL OF DENNIS GUNN

Dennis Gunn sadly passed away 18/9/2023.

His funeral will take place 4/10/2023 at Harwood Park

crematorium at 2pm If any of the parishioners who

knew him would like to attend, they will be welcome.

If you need any additional info or need to contact me,

please call Julie Gunn 07973 316940.

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