



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



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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd October 2023

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL 2023

My Parish Commitment



Over the last three weeks you have heard about Stewardship, the parish finances and the specific needs of our parish, linked to a call for us all to reflect on our own commitments to our parish. If you missed any of the weeks, and therefore the associated planned giving newsletter, there are still copies available at the back of the church. If you have any questions after reflecting upon what you have read and heard, please speak to one of the Finance Committee, Catherine, Nick, Donald or Gary, who will be around after mass next weekend. *Thank you, Fr Denis.*

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Caesar and the King

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from Him. In effect, God says to every ruler what he tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading:

"I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem. Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins.

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven, we are called to be a light to the world

—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church.

We owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we bear God's own image. We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love. We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will, until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global church comes together to support mission. And every single donation from these worldwide masses goes to support churches, hospital, schools and vocations in countries where the church is new, young or poor. Every catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day. There will be a collection on this Sunday and any contributions will be gratefully received.

MASS FOR DECEASED RELATIVES,

All Souls Day 2nd November 7.30pm:

November is the month of Holy Souls, when we pray for our deceased loved ones and we have our book of remembrance, in which we place the names of our family and friends who need our prayers. As we have our service of blessing the graves in August, I thought that it might be a nice idea to celebrate a special mass in November this year. Do come and join us and if you know of anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to join us please do invite them to the Mass.

EXTRA-ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' DAY:

Sat 4th November will be held in the Church and after in the Parish rooms, at 10am to 12.30pm, followed by Lunch. Extra-ordinary Eucharist Ministers please do reply to Beverley if you are not able to attend. We need to know the numbers to prepare the lunch.

OPEN MORNING -

St John's Catholic Primary School

We are holding an evening event for prospective parents on Thursday 2nd November from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm and a second Open Morning on Friday 1st December between 10.00 am and 11.00 am for children who will be starting school in September

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.stjohns4.herts.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

2024. For more information please visit stjohns4.herts.sch.uk or call the school office on 01462 892478.

CAKES 4R CHURCH: 18th-19th November

Our next cake sale will be held on the weekend of 18th-19th November. We are asking our lovely parishioners if you could bake or buy some cakes/biscuits to be sold at all 3 Masses that weekend. Please label cakes to indicate if they are dairy or gluten free and if they have nuts in them and put your name on your cake containers so that we can return them to you. Paper plates will be handed out after mass next weekend so please take one home to remind you to bake! Cakes will be sold after all 3 Masses that weekend.

CRAFT & CHAT (formerly Knit & Natter) Our next meeting is on Friday 3rd November, 9.30 to 11am in the Holy Family room. We welcome any adult crafters who enjoy knitting, hand sewing, embroidery etc. £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund. Any queries please phone Mary 07366 596671

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 an episode of the popular Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. Future dates are 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 Sarsfield and Celia Sheehan, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Fr Dominic McKenna, John Southwell and Donal Hickey and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Mary Chadwick; Phyllis Hardcastle; Rose Pike; Terence Patrick Concannon; Henry Bartram; Michael Armstrong; Rose Holloway; Louise Burke; John Brennan; Eileen Copps.

Sat 21 st	6.30pm	Mary & Sean O'Kane RIP
Sun 22 nd	8.30am 10.30am	Emma Targett RIP Terry Concannon RIP
Mon 23 rd	No Mass	
Tue 24 th	No Mass	
Wed 25 th	10.00am	Daniel Targett
Thu 26 th	No Mass	
Fri 27 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>

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DIocese OF WESTMINSTER ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th - 26th July 2024 Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka at: 0207 798 9173 lourdes@rcdow.org.uk rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes