



This week's readings focus on the need for prayer and trust in the Lord, even when we feel isolated and despondent.

To this end, the **First Reading** tells the story of Moses, who is helped by his friends to continue brandishing the 'staff of God' even when he is too tired to raise his arms. Together they help to contribute to the victory against Israel's enemies, the Amalekites.

The **Psalms** put all his trust in God, knowing that the Lord will guard his going and coming at all times.

St Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to the Scriptures, which are inspired by God and a source of wisdom (**Second Reading**). Timothy is to proclaim the word, and support and encourage others with great patience.

The **Gospel** passage, sometimes called the 'Parable of the Persistent Widow', or of the 'Unjust Judge', reflects on the need to pray continually. We are to persist in our petitions, even if at first the Lord appears deaf to our pleading.

So this week, as we continue to pray for justice and peace in the world, particularly in open conflicts, we might keep in mind the lessons of this week's texts. Let's try to persist in our entreaties, perhaps with the help of friends, trusting that the Lord will guard us from evil.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 16 Oct	✠ 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Sheila Finucane RIP Ann
Mon 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	10:00am	Paul McCunn RIP
Tue 18 Oct	St Luke, Evangelist	10:00am	Justin Hall RIP
Thu 20 Oct	Feria	12Noon	Fred Gilmour RIP
Fri 21 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Kyria Sherwin RIP
Sat 22 Oct	Feria	10:00am	People of the Parish
Sat 22 Oct	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Seamus & Mary Graham RIP Ann
Sun 23 Oct	✠ 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Jacqueline Kinsey Int
* Livestream Mass ^ Public Mass + Note Mass Time change			
Saturday - 9:00am – Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (and confession alongside) with Benediction at 9:45am			
<i>Confessions can also be arranged outside of these times, please contact Fr Joseph</i>			

We Pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes

We pray especially for: Jacqueline Kinsey, Una Furlong, Becca Lavin, Vincent Paul Keen, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Winifred Winstone, Zachery Keehn, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Ann Johnstone, Michael Earls, Oliver Perrin, Fenella Stoner, Phil Kinsella, Sally Taylor, Chris Taylor, John Bromley, John O'Neill, Peter McCabe, Mary Murphy, Daniel Colbourne and Eve Clark.

We commend them to God.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have recently died or those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Denis Murray, Kyria Sherwin, Fred Gilmour, Paul McCunn, Justin Hall, Mike Watson, Margaret McDivitt, Dennis Murray, Bernie Smith, Helen McCarthy, Avril McCarthy, Her Majesty the Queen, Susan Hobson, Marie Browne, Maurice Cooper, Maura Duffy, John Slingo, Alison Page, Betty Laweor, Ignacy Krajewski, Jeremy Blood

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Parish Register

We are planning to update the Parish register. If you know anyone who has moved away or gone to be with the Lord, please let Laura know. Parish registration forms are at the back of the church for use if you haven't already registered in the past.

Altar Servers - New registrations are welcomed from Children who have made their First Holy Communion. Forms can be found at the back of the church. Once completed please return to Laura in the Parish office.

Items being stored at the Church - Shortly we will be disposing of any unclaimed items that are being stored at the Church. Please ensure that any personal items in and around the church are removed to help us comply with health & safety regulations as soon as possible.

Housebound visits for Sacred Heart Parishioners - Anyone who is housebound and would like a home visit and hasn't yet made an appointment, please contact Fr Joseph to arrange.

Proposed times for Sunday Masses - Please see below proposed Sunday Mass times, starting on the 29th October.

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm, Sunday – 8:30am and 10:00am

World Mission Sunday - On the 23rd October there will be a collection for World Mission Sunday. Please donate if you can. Thank you.

Single Donation Envelopes - At the back of the church you will find some blue donation envelopes. These can be used for one-off donations as well as mass intentions offerings, baptisms and much more.

Welcome Volunteers on Sundays – Please would you like to help with welcoming parishioners at Sunday Masses, handing out hymn books, Mass sheets and a copy of the week's newsletter? Please let Laura know.

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers
All existing Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers who would still like to continue in these ministries, please email or phone Laura in the Parish office.

Flower Arrangers – Sacred Heart

There was a fantastic response to our last plea for flower arrangers but we are still seeking more volunteers. There will be a coffee morning on Thursday 20th October from 10:30am in the meeting room and we would love for you to join us just to see how uncomplicated it is. There will be a short arranging demonstration, and the possibility of cake!
If you cannot make the coffee morning but are still interested in volunteering, please contact Lina on 07795 126224 or speak with Heather Houston, ShirleyAnne Taylor or Elaine Rafferty after Mass.

Sick, housebound and recently deceased

Shortly we will be making amendments to the above lists on our newsletter. If you wish for a particular persons name to remain or be removed, please could you email or call Laura.

Offertory Collections - Weekly loose plate 9/10 - £165.40

Thank you to every one of you for your generosity to our Parish.

Online Giving – Should you wish to become a regular online donor please see below bank details.

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Please do include your name as your reference and if you would like to gift-aid please ask Laura for a form. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. It is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

We now have more masses during the week. Please call the parish office to book Masses for your intentions or email Laura.

The Diocesan suggested offering is £10 but you are welcome to donate more if you are able. Thank you.

If making a donation online, please use 'MASS STIPEND' and the date of the mass as your reference.

Parishes Celebrations / Dates for your Diaries –

There is a lot happening within our parish over the coming weeks:

18th Oct	Seniors Network – End of Life Companionship
19th Oct	Loreto College Sixth Form Open Evening
23rd Oct	World Mission Sunday
26/27th Oct	Car Park Closed
29th Oct	New Mass times start
6th Nov	Sunday Lunch Club
12th Nov	Drop-in soup event, Open door
10th Dec	Senior Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis

Certificate of Catholic Practice – Is exactly what it says it is. Parents who apply for places for their children in Catholic schools please email Fr Joseph, josephokoro@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Thank you for your generous donations last Sunday. We realised £377.00

Diocese of Westminster Seniors Network - End of Life Companionship - Tuesday 18th October 2022, 11:00 - 12:30 - Online

Join Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy for this Senior's Network meeting on end-of-life companionship; where they will share with us about their End of Life Companions project in partnership with the Art of Dying Well. For more details go to www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/event-list.php

Loreto College - Sixth Form Open Evening (Co-Ed)

Wednesday 19 October 6.30pm

Further details can be found on their website;

<https://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/>