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**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October  
2022**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 23rd October 2022**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6.00pm	Vanessa & Paulo Vaz
Sunday 23rd October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	John Crowle RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 25th October	Feria	7.00pm	Mr Spicer RIP
Wednesday 26th October	Feria	9.15am	William Gordon RIP
Thursday 27th October	Feria	9.15am	Sylvia O'Doherty RIP
Friday 28th October	SS Simon & Jude	9.15am	Ken & Bridget Anidjah & family
Saturday 29th October	Vigil: 3 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Brian & Helen Coelho

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

### Liturgy of the Word: 23rd October 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

**Responsorial Psalm:** This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Psalm 144, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10

### Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two people praying in the Temple. One, a Pharisee, a strict observer of the Jewish Law, is telling God how good he is particularly when compared to the tax collector who is also praying in the Temple. By contrast, the tax collector prays simply and humbly "God be merciful to me, a sinner".

The Pharisees had disdain and contempt for others whom they regarded as irreligious. They felt qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to condemn those who did not conform to their standards and religious practices. Tax collectors were generally disliked because they were able to force people into paying over the odds, whilst keeping a commission for themselves.

Yet Jesus tells us that because of the quality of their prayers, it is not the outwardly religious person who leaves the Temple at rights with God, but the very public sinner.

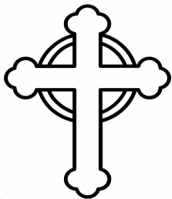
Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centred on his own religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Instead of humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, he praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride. Jesus' story teaches us that pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. It moves us to show kindness and mercy to others, especially those to whom we find it challenging to offer love and forgiveness.

## World Mission Sunday-Sunday 23 October

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [misio.org.uk](http://misio.org.uk) **Note, there are also envelopes at the back of church.**

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### November is the Month of the HOLY SOULS

Please complete the white form with the names of any Deceased family members or friends whom you wish to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Enclose the form in the dedicated brown envelope *with a Mass offering*. Then post in the wooden box at the back of church.

### Grants to older people living on low incomes

Friends of the Elderly have a small grants programme for elderly people living on low incomes, identified by the Diocesan fundraising department. Grants are c£400, cost of living grants c£250 according to their guidance.

<https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>



### Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Saturday 26th November 12:30-5pm

The Catholic Women's League CWL have kindly resurrected the Senior Citizens Christmas party this year. It will be held in our parish hall. There are letters at the back of church if you would like to invite a guest.

**\*\*Lots of hands are needed to help out on the day\*\***

**Please contact Pauline James 01923 231 261 or Ann Farrell on 01923 242 314 for any offer of help you can give.**



### Eucharistic Rosary Procession and Music Workshops

The next Eucharistic Rosary Procession at the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill will take place on **29th October at 7.15pm**. This will be preceded by **music workshops from 10.45am**, led by Polish composer Pawel Bebenek. The music rehearsed during the workshops will then accompany the Eucharistic Rosary Procession. See poster at the back of church. To register for the music workshops, which are £10, email [london.bursar@english.op.org](mailto:london.bursar@english.op.org)

### WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST –VACANCY

WST is looking for a part time Primary Schools Worker to join Watford Schools Trust's team for an 18 month fixed term with the possibility of this being extended depending on funding.

It is a flexible position for approximately 15-18 hours per week (term time only) offering a pay rate of £12-£13 per hour dependent on previous experience.

For further details see the flyer on the noticeboard or contact the Chair of Trustees for an application pack at [chair@watfordschoolstrust.org](mailto:chair@watfordschoolstrust.org)

**Closing date for applications: Friday 28th October 2022**



**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan, Bernadette Cruickshank and Alice Sheppard.**

### Offertory for Sunday 16th October

Envelopes £261.15  
Loose £322.58  
TOTAL £583.73

*Many Thanks*