

The Catholic Parish of Carpenters Park & South Oxhey
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 13th November 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday	6.00pm	Dolores Murphy RIP
Sunday 13th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	For all who have died in war
Tuesday 15th November	Feria	7.00pm	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 16th November	St Edmund of Abingdon	9.15am	Maureen Lucey
Thursday 17th November	Feria	9.15am	The Holy Souls
Friday 18th November	Feria	9.15am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday 19th November	Vigil: Christ the King	6.00pm	Larry Lyons RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 13th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Psalm 121, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

"Do this in memory of me".

These words of Christ at the Last Supper were more than a simple command to commemorate. They remind us that Jesus has left his mark on the world. As we come to the altar to follow this command the effects of that first Good Friday are not only called to mind, but are brought to effect, transforming our lives.

Our memory forms us, it has an impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. It also keeps the events of the past present in our lives.

This month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall those who have gone before us from this life. In this season of remembrance, the veil between the present and eternity is thin, as we sense that wider communion of saints to which we belong.

The greatest and only offering, to redeem both living and dead, has already been made by Christ. As members of the Body of Christ we too have loving connections on both sides of the veil. Baptised into Jesus' death and resurrection, we are united with Him who rose from the dead, "the first fruits of all those who have fallen asleep"

Today we especially remember those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. Many left home and family for foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world would have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which should not be forgotten.

Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. Obeying the Lord's command to his apostles to "do this in memory of me", as we gather for Mass this weekend, we hope that the grace of the great sacrifice of Calvary might engulf the whole world that we may live in the peace for which Christ prayed; and of our fallen we pray "We will remember them".

First Holy Communion 2023

Registration has now opened for those children in Year 3 and above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next Spring-May 2023. The course will commence in January 2023. Please collect a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass.



Confirmation 2023

Registration has also opened for students in Year 9 and above who would like to make their Confirmation next Summer– 2023. The course will commence in January 2023. Please would Candidates collect in person, a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass.

The most important preparation for both Sacraments is attendance at Mass. By applying for these courses it is expected that those participating express their commitment by joining the Parish community as we pray together at Mass.

Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery

Tuesday 15th November at 12:30 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Rickmansworth



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.

****Lots of hands are needed to help out on the day** ****Can anyone help to provide some musical entertainment on the day from 2-4pm******

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



SVP Vinnie Packs

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**

Free Community Movie Screening of "THE LETTER, A Message for our Earth"

This full length documentary about hope for creation tells the story of frontline leaders' journeys to Rome to speak with Pope Francis. It explores indigenous rights, climate migration and youth leadership. **Tuesday 15th November, from 6:30pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Centre, White City W12 7QR. The screening will be followed by cake, drinks and a panel discussion at 8:15pm which you can also join remotely with Zoom.

Register for free at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commmunity-movie-screening-the-letter-tickets-463569748597>.

OR you can watch the film now for free on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>



Memories Café – Bereavement and Loss drop-in support sessions.

Every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy.

Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most. For more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal

An online **Day of Renewal** on Saturday 26th November 10am-1pm.

See poster at the back of Church for registration and further details.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network CSAN, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost of living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then get in touch. Please visit www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk for more information. Or see the poster at the back of church.

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 6th November

Envelopes £188.56 Loose £239.19 **TOTAL £427.75**

Monthly standing orders for October 2022

£1,727

Many thanks