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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 10 September 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6.00pm	Ann O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday 10th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mary O'Connor RIP
Saturday 16th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Mary O'Connor RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

Liturgy of the Word: 10th September 2023

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7, Psalm 102, Romans 14: 7-9 Matthew 18: 21-35

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of the Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

Earlier, Jesus has told his disciples that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also told the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should first privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not encourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. The suggested first step is important: to try to sort out a problem privately first. Too often there is a rush to condemn publicly; to bring in others straight away to join in judging someone.

"Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there": Jesus is present with the community and will guide it in its relations. If any problems are brought to the Lord in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

This weekend and next we welcome Canon Michael Munnely who will be offering Mass for us whilst Fr John is taking some time off. *There will be no weekday Masses whilst Fr John is away.* He returns for the weekend of 23rd/24th September.

Second Collection- Evangelii Gaudium
Next weekend **16/17 September**, we will be having a second collection for Evangelii Gaudium which used to be known as Home Mission Sunday. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

Mary's Meals –Direct debits tripled!
Mary's Meals provide school meals in areas where hunger prevents children from gaining an education. They currently feed over 2.4 million hungry children every school day across 18 countries. If you set up a direct debit **by 29 September**, your first three donations will be tripled by a group of generous donors.
See marysmeals.org.uk/tripled for more information.

Divine Mercy Apostolate, London
Pilgrimage-The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Knock**, Co Mayo from **9-14 November** to pray for the Holy Souls. It will be lead by the Marian Fathers. Package includes return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome.
Please call Millie on *07957 594646* for more information.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7
These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school.
Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023.
The Headmaster will speak at **4.30pm** and **6.00pm**.
Full details are available on our website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>



SPUC –Volunteering opportunities
The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with labelling and packaging letters and other office duties at their HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suitable for all ages 16 years and over. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact **Elizabeth Foody on 020 7091 7091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk**



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster
The list of the current vacancies on the noticeboard near the Door of Mercy has been updated after the summer holidays. Please take a look as there is a great range of jobs from Organist to Horticulture Tutor. These positions cover openings across the diocese. The list is usually updated weekly and available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Spaces are still available on the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which takes place from **19th to 27th November** led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2,265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. Booking forms are available from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangey-tours.com
See poster at the back of Church.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Christine Kempster and Richard Bailey.

Offertory for Sunday 3rd September

Loose	£ 354.15
Envelopes	£ 149.93
Total	£ 504.08

Many thanks