

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey  
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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 24th September 2023**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 23rd September	Vigil: 25th Sunday	6.00pm	Martin Rickard RIP
Sunday 24th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Gillian Hoare
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th September	feria	7.00pm	Paul Sylvester
Wednesday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul	9.15am	Richard Bailey
Thursday 28th September	feria	9.15am	David Keogh
Friday 29th September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.15am	David Astley
			followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 30th September	Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSION 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: 23rd/24th September 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 24 Philippians 2:1-5 Matthew 21:28-32

In today's Gospel, Jesus has moved from Galilee to teach in Judea where he has been sought out by great crowds. Jesus has just encountered a rich young man who is unable to accept his demand that he leave his possessions to follow him.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair.

The landowner makes the point to those who worked the full day, that his agreement with those workers was honoured on the terms that were negotiated with them.

But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner.

Those who worked all day complain that it is not fair that they should have worked long hours when these latecomers show up and get the same pay. The landowner challenges them: he paid them the agreed rate; is he not entitled to use his own money to be extravagantly generous to others if he wishes?

The latecomers had been waiting in the market place all day, we are told, but no-one had hired them. Perhaps these latecomers are the older workers, those who are less fit, less physically able. Perhaps they include foreigners or strangers who were also overlooked when it came to hiring.

Jesus tells this story to illustrate, in a challenging way, that his Kingdom will turn the world upside down. The last will be first, and the first last.

Mary in her *Magnificat*, her great prayer of praise to God, recognises that she has been chosen, though a humble handmaid, and that the Lord God has put down the mighty from their thrones and raised up the lowly.

*"He bestows gifts lavishly on the poor; his righteousness will endure forever". (Psalm 112)*

## Second Collection

Thank you to all those who were able to contribute to last weekend's **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** collection.  
We raised **£141.29**

## South Oxhey Choir –Open rehearsal

**Tuesday 26th September 7pm to 8.30pm** at Oxhey Wood School WD19 7SL. No musical experience necessary. Check out their new website [southoxheychoir.co.uk](http://southoxheychoir.co.uk) for further information.



## Marriage Encounter weekend



Non-residential, enrichment weekend for couples on **30th Sept & 1st Oct** at St. George's Parish Centre, Sudbury (9am –5pm each day). This is a great opportunity for married couples, or couples in a long term relationship to affirm, enrich and explore their unique relationship. Note, there is no group sharing! For more information go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

## St Joan of Arc Catholic School , Rickmansworth –Year 7 admission in Sept 2024

**Open Evening** on Thursday 5th October from 5pm until 8pm

**Open Morning** on Friday 6th October from 9.00am until 11.30am (no speeches).

See poster at the back of Church or visit [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk) for further details.

## Annual Altar Servers' Mass

The annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers will take place on **Saturday 7th October** at 2.30pm in the Cathedral. All altar servers are invited to attend and to vest in the Cathedral Hall in order to be ready to process by 2pm.  
All are welcome to attend.



## Candlelit Procession of Our Lady of Willesden

On **Sunday 8th October at 7pm**, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be lead by Seminarians from Allen Hall and Canon Stuart Wilson will preach. All are welcome.  
See poster at the back of Church.

Address: 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> -Friday 20th October 2023**. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flights, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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 16/17 September

Loose	£ 237.73
Envelopes	£ 216.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 454.07</b>

## Standing Orders for August £1,909.60

Online for August £ 159.00

*Many thanks*