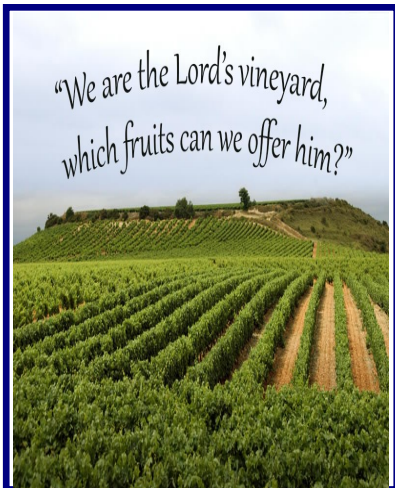


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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 8th October 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th October	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6.00pm	Patrick O'Sullivan Ints
Sunday 8th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	The Holy Souls
Tuesday 10th October	feria	7.00pm	David Bloomfield
Wednesday 11th October	feria	9.15am	Pamela Blackmore
Thursday 12th October	feria	9.15am	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
Friday 13th October	St Edward the Confessor	9.15am	Timothy Anthony Foley Ints followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 14th October	Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Mike Carey 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: 8th October 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10, Psalm 22, Philippians 4:12-14,19-20, Matthew 22: 1-10

This week's readings focus on discipleship and our freedom to follow Jesus or not. In the first reading Israel is warned that they must be faithful. The psalm begs God to return to the vineyard and care for it once again. The second reading encourages Christians to continue along the path that Jesus has shown us. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the tenants in the vineyard, who rejected the owner.

Grapes hold deep significance in the Bible, particularly in the context of vineyards in ancient Israel. The prophet Isaiah likens Israel to a vineyard tended lovingly by the Lord.

In the Gospel, the parable of the wicked tenants holds a mirror to the Jewish leaders, who recognize that its message is directed at them. Across history, prophets have faced mistreatment, and now, these leaders are poised to apprehend Jesus, unmistakably depicted as the son in the story.

In the second reading St Paul offers reassurance to his community and to us. Try not to worry, he says; try to fill your mind with things that are true, noble, good and pure; then the God of peace will be with you. There is so much bad news about that it can easily overwhelm us. St Paul encourages us to keep doing all the things we have learnt from Jesus: we will then benefit from the tranquil embrace of God's peace.

The Gospel points to the importance of caring for the vineyards in our lives. The vineyard is a metaphor for the blessings and responsibilities with which God entrusts us. Just as the tenants were expected to cultivate and tend the vineyard, we are called to nurture and steward the gifts bestowed upon us. God calls us to be faithful and diligent stewards of our relationships, talents, and resources. By actively caring for our "vineyards," we honour God's love and intentions for us, and contribute to the flourishing of our lives and the lives of those around us.

Fr Dominic McKenna RIP

With great sadness we learned this week of the death, after a short illness, of Fr Dominic. Our prayers are with his family and parishioners of Borehamwood. Fr Dominic was a wonderful support to St Joseph's and held in great affection by so many here. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We will announce funeral arrangements when they are confirmed. In the meantime, Mass next Thursday (12th) will be offered for the repose of his soul.



Certificate of Catholic Practice forms

Fr John will be available to sign your CCP form on *Wednesday 11th October 6-7pm* in the parish office. No appointment needed.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal-Harvest Collection

Friday 6th October was CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Envelopes are still available at the back of Church. *We will leave the collection open for a few weeks.* You may prefer to give online at cafod.org.uk



Collection for St Joseph's School

Our CWL group are holding a collection next weekend *14/15 October* to raise funds for items needed for the new chapel at St Joseph's School. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



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 led 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

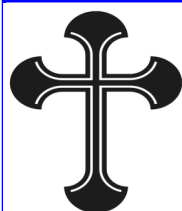
Divine Mercy Apostolate retreat

On **Saturday 14th October** the Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a retreat at St Anthony's RC Church, 5 Garrat Road, Edgware, London HA8 9AN from **1.30 pm to 4.30 pm**. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information.

Training Session for New altar Servers

The next training session for new altar servers will be on **Saturday 28th October at 4pm**, in the Church. Please sign the registration sheet at the back of Church to indicate your child's attendance.



November is the Month of the HOLY SOULS

Please complete the white forms 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.

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 1st October

Loose	£ 447.28
Envelopes	£ 288.02
Total	£ 735.30

Many thanks