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LOVE
GOD
AND
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOUR

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 29th October 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6.00pm	Lenin Furtado RIP
Sunday 29th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Scott De Souza RIP
Tuesday 31st October	Vigil-All Saints Day	7.00pm	Rocky Fernandes RIP
Wednesday 1st November	All Saints Day-Holy Day of Obligation	9.15am	Staff & Children of St Joseph's Sch
Thursday 2nd November	All Souls	9.15am	Christopher Petch RIP
Friday 3rd November	feria	9.15am	Dave McGovern RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 4th November	Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Larry Lyons 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: 29th October 2023

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

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Malachi 1:14-2: 2, 8-10, Psalm 130, 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12

The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did.

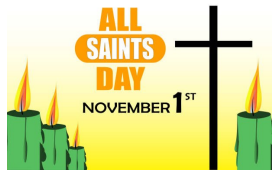
Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbour as yourself".

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbour is firmly grounded in the love of God.

Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others.

How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbours and willingly lay down our life for their sake? St Paul tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me.



Solemnity of All Saints Wednesday 1st November

The Solemnity of All Saints is a **Holyday of Obligation** when Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

Masses: Tuesday at 7pm (vigil) & Wednesday at 9.15am

Sick & Retired Priests collection in next weekend 4/5 November

Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for them in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year.

Therefore, we would like to ask for your help once again as we draw close to this year's annual appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests.

The priests in our Diocese, although retired, continue to serve long into their late seventies and eighties, continuing to work in our parishes and schools and visiting our sick or elderly in hospices and hospitals.

If you can, please take a donation envelope, and return it next weekend. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, either on the envelopes or posters at the back of the church and give online.



Christmas cards for sale in the Repository.

Come and browse as we have had a re-stock and there are many other new items for sale.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Saturday 25th November 12:30-5pm

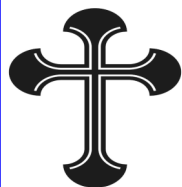


The Catholic Women's League CWL is holding a Senior Citizens Christmas party again this year. It will be held in our parish hall. Places are limited to 80. Forms are available from the back of Church. Please return the completed forms by Sunday 19th November to St Joseph's Church. ****Lots of hands are needed to help out on the day****

Please contact Pauline James 01923 231 261 or Ann Farrell on 01923 242 314 for any

The Summit

Westminster Youth Ministry invites youth (age 13-18) to *The Summit* on **Friday 10th November 7-9pm at Holy Rood Church, Watford**. Join in on an evening of food, games, and an encounter with Jesus. *The Summit* is an evening for youth to meet young people from the deanery and delve deeper into their faith through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. See poster on the noticeboard (side wall)



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, Richard Bailey and Kathleen Andrews.

Offertory for 22nd October

Loose	£ 309.23
Envelopes	£ 130.60
Total	£ 439.83

World Mission Sunday

£180 was collected last weekend. Thank you!