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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th June 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th June	Vigil: 10th Sunday	6.00pm Jennie Moore RIP
Sunday 9th June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am People of the Parish
		10.30am Jim Carson RIP

There will be a Weekday Mass on Friday evening this week for Confirmation

Friday 14th June	Feria	7.00pm Mass of Confirmation
Saturday 15th June	Vigil: 11th Sunday	6.00pm Lauranne Gillespie RIP
Sunday 16th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Gerry Archer RIP
		10.30am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

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

Liturgy of the Word: 9th June 2024

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.
Responsorial Psalm:	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Meditation

This episode in Jesus' ministry is shocking. His mother and his brother set out for Capernaum to seize him and bring him back to his senses. We must remember that Jesus passed his first thirty years in the obscurity of an ordinary life. How could his family suddenly accept the fact that the one they had known so well was traveling all over the country publicly making exorbitant claims, correcting the Law and venerable traditions? In fact, this zeal for his Father's house was in no way reasonable and his family had good reason to be disturbed. He would continue to disconcert his relatives and his friends until finally he would reach the supreme folly, the folly of the cross, into which he would drag all of them.

The peremptory judgment of the scribes is serious and disturbing in a different way. They blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, because their error is not simply about Jesus' person and rank. To say that the Son of God works by the power of Satan is to place oneself beyond salvation.

The dilemma still arises - are we for or against Christ?

Vienna International Religious Centre

Supply priests

This weekend we welcome Fr Gerard O'Brien from Holy Rood, Watford for our Vigil Mass and retired priest Fr Bernard Boylan for our Sunday Masses.

Our new Parish Priest -Fr Tom Montgomery

Fr Tom officially started as Parish Priest here on 1st June. He will be back next weekend 15th /16th June saying all three Masses as he would like to continue meeting his new parishioners.



Planning for the future.

Fr Tom needs to plan the best schedule for weekday Mass times between St Joseph's and Northwood. He wants to know what might be good times for Mass in both churches. There may be times when he may be able to have a Mass in both churches on the same day, but there will be days when it won't be possible to have a Mass in both churches. For the next two weeks there will be some consultation slips at the back of church. If you are a weekday Mass goer, please give your opinions. This will help Fr Tom to decide.



Confirmation

We have 26 candidates making their Confirmation next Friday evening at 7pm. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be here to celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Friday 14th June, along with Fr Tom. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

100 Club

The winners from our 4th monthly draw on Sunday 26th May:

1st David Antunes (£100) 2nd Paulo Fernandes (£50) 3rd Bridget Anidjah

All winners have been contacted.

All winners who were waiting for bank transfers should have received their winnings by now.

Next draw is on Sunday 30th June. Good Luck!



Day for Life

Next Sunday 16th June we celebrate the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The day reminds us of the precious gift of life which opens out into the hope of eternal life at our earthly death. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic which we encourage you to read. [https:// www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/)

General Election

With the UK general election due on Thursday 4th July politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to use our vote to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty, injustice and human dignity. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offer a guide to issues for the election www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/ as do CAFOD together with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) cafod.org.uk/encounter. These sites provide information on a range of topics from a Catholic Christian perspective.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency.

So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for the ASCENT. theASCENT is a three year discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the group starting in October and full details can be found at <https://www.theascentuk.co.uk/brentwood>

Financials

Offertory for Sunday 2nd June : Loose £616.07 / Envelopes £159.05/ Total £775.12

This includes the First Communion Mass on 1st June.

Many thanks for your generosity

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop and Michael O'Brien.

Pray for the recently deceased especially Phil Wallace and Tom Teehan.