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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th June 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
There will be No Weekday Masses this week		
Saturday 22nd June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Fr John Warnaby RIP
		10.30am Thomas Flynn RIP

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

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

Liturgy of the Word: 16th June 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Oh Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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: Job 38:1, 8-11 Psalm 106 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

Meditation

French children learn a legend of a saintly man exiled by the emperor to Périgord in France. Later repentant, this ruler sent the holy man sixty-six camels laden with provisions. When a child heard this story in religion class she was surprised that there were no more camels in Périgord. The teacher replied, "My child, we no longer deserve them..." This answer illustrates the frustration of those who have not lost a taste for the triumphant Church. Disturbed by declining Church attendance and by the growing secularism of society, they reject the contemporary world. With its dismissal of the past and its disdain for ecclesiastical display, our culture has ceased to deserve the glories and miracles of the centuries of Christendom. That is why there are no longer any camels in France.

The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed should calm their anxiety. God is not neglecting his work. His reign of salvation continues to expand far beyond its tiny beginnings. The death of Jesus, the grain of wheat cast into the earth to bear much fruit, is the condition for its growth. This the Church must never forget.

So we must keep trust and remain open to the changes which affect Christian life. In the diaspora condition, the Church returns to its sources. We remember the first Christians living out the gospel in a hostile society. They had no powerful organization to support them. They had only the power of Spirit-filled witness to win humanity to Christ

Vienna International Religious Centre

Upcoming Funeral

On Thursday 27th June the funeral of the late Tony Reeves will be taking place at St Joseph's at Noon. Please keep Tony and his family in your prayers.

Our new Parish Priest -Fr Tom Montgomery

Fr Tom officially started as Parish Priest here on 1st June. He is back this weekend 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. There are **consultation slips** at the back of church. If you are a weekday Mass goer, please give your opinions by returning the slips by the deadline of Tuesday 18th June. This will help Fr Tom to decide.



Day for Life –Retiring Collection

This 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/> and <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

100 Club & a Cuppa

The next draw is on Sunday 30th June after 8:30am Mass. Fr Tom will be saying the Masses that weekend and would like to meet parishioners over a quick cuppa after 8:30am Mass. Please try and stay on; it will be 30 minutes max.



Baptism preparation

Our next Baptism preparation class (to be attended by both parents) will be on Monday 1st July at 7pm at St Matthew's Church Hall, Hallowell Road, Northwood in Fr Bebb Room. Please email Fr Tom if you wish to attend.

Joel's Bar invites you to IMMERSE a new evening event

at Our Lady of Hal, Camden on the 22nd June at 7pm-9.30pm. Join us as we immerse ourselves in prayer, worship and community. We are a group of young Catholics journeying together in faith. If you are between the ages 16-28 and keen to learn and experience more of what a relationship with Jesus can look like, we'd love to see you. If you have not been to JB before be assured of a warm welcome! <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/copy-of-bcf-2024>

Ordination of Monsignor James Curry

On Tuesday 18th June at 12 noon, Monsignor James Curry will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for our Diocese at Westminster Cathedral. Parishioners of the Diocese are very welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. No tickets are needed. If attending, it might be a good idea to arrive in plenty of time as it is likely to be a full Cathedral that day.

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.

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.theascentsuk.co.uk/brentwood>

Financials

Offertory for Sunday 9th June : Loose £421.62/ Envelopes £209.18/ Total £630.80

Many thanks

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 Anthony Reeves, Phil Wallace and Tom Teehan.