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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th October 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th Oct	Vigil: 28th Sunday	17.00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00	STJ	Warren Vinecor RIP
Sun 13th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>11:00</u>	STM	People of the Parishes
		11:00	STJ	Rosa Ferreira RIP
		18:00	STM	NO MASS
Mon 14th Oct	Feria	10:00	STM	Amy Catherine Wong -Bday
Tues 15th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus	09.00	STJ	No Exposition
		10:00	STJ	Gerald Byrne-Intns
Wed 16th Oct	Feria	NO MASS TODAY		
Thur 17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch	18.00	STJ	No Exposition
		19:00	STJ	John Curran RIP –L/D
Fri 18th Oct	St Luke	10.00	STM	Bernie Rock RIP
Sat 19th Oct	BVM on a Saturday	10.30	STM	Peggy Lovett RIP
		17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 29th Sunday	18:00	STJ	John Crowle RIP-Bday
Sun 20th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Noemi Hoeben-Bday
		11:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
		18:00	STM	Sarath De Sylva RIP

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Liturgy of the Word: 13th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
 But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 53: 10-11 Psalm 32 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10: 35-45

Fr Tom writes

On Friday I received a call to Michael Sobell Hospice at Mount Vernon to see a patient. Whilst I was there another patient died. The staff were extremely moved by this death and the faith of the person who had died. I could only say to the staff that I thought they were incredible in the work that they did. The palliative care that is given in that place is second to none. The dignity given to the dying and the love given to their families is amazing. This weekend we will hear a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent about the upcoming Assisted Suicide Bill which will begin its parliamentary journey on Wednesday. He invites us to play our part as the debate unfolds by writing to your MP. Having discussions with family, friends and colleagues. And to pray.

If you would like to study the pastoral letter it is available in written and audio form at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/pastoral-letter-on-assisted-suicide/> We all have a role to play in this upcoming debate and the Bishops' Conference have various resources to help us be informed in our discussions and they can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> There is a poster at the back of church where you can scan the QR code which will take you to the website where you can contact your MP.

St Matthew's-End of Centenary Year

This Sunday 13th October marks the 70th anniversary of the Consecration of St Matthew's and the end of the Centenary Year. Mass will be at **11am** and will be celebrated by Bishop Jim Curry. It will be followed by a bring and share lunch. There will be **NO 6pm Sunday Mass at St Matthew's**. *Congratulations to all at St Matthew's !!*

Month of the Holy Souls

November is traditionally the month when we remember the Holy Souls. During that month all our Masses (apart from the people of the parishes) will be offered for the Holy Souls. From Tuesday, sheets will be available to list your departed loved ones and place them in a special envelope with a donation towards a Mass stipend. All those list of names will be placed by the altar and remembered at Mass through the month.

Fr Tom away next week

Fr Tom will be away from the parish next week whilst he is on retreat in Staffordshire. We wish him a blessed time. Fr Bernard Boylan will be kindly covering the Masses. However, there will be NO exposition next Tuesday or Thursday.

4th and final week of the **Annual Mass Count** this weekend!

RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and would like to become one please speak with Fr Tom about joining the RCIA course which will begin on **Tuesday 22nd October**. Classes will be held at St Matthew's at 7pm. If you are a baptised Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will also be a chance for you to prepare to receive the sacraments.

Retiring Collection

Next **Sunday 20th October** is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection.

Congratulations

Ayla Bharmal was baptised at St Joseph's this week. Many Congratulations to all the family. Welcome Ayla!

Thanksgiving Mass

Caroline Teehan has booked a Mass on **Thursday 24th October at 7pm** to thank everyone for the support, prayers and gifts received following her recent Consecration to The Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Rood Church. The Mass can be watched through the link <https://youtube.com/@holyroodchurchwatford2622>



100 Club

Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish.

Draw No 9 will be held after Mass on Sunday 27th October.

Remember there is a **Bonus prize of £500* in the final draw next January* only for fully paid up members. It is not too late to top-up on any missed draws, so that you can play for the big prize!

Divine Mercy retreat

Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on **Saturday 26th October 1pm -4.30pm** at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, 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.

Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Baptism Preparation

Speak to Fr Tom after one of the Masses if you are interested in having your child baptised. The next Baptism Preparation evening is on **Thursday 21st November** at 7.45pm in St Matthew's in the Fr Bebb Room.

Collection from last week:

Sunday 6th October: Loose 423.93 Envelopes £ 171.38 Total **£ 595.31**
Many thanks for your continued support.

Please remember all our sick & housebound parishioners in your prayers especially

Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Brendan Davern.
Pray for the recently deceased Bobby Cooper, Ann Temmink and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.