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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th October 2024 Year B**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 19th Oct	Vigil: 29th Sunday	17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		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
Mon 21st Oct	Feria	10:00	STM	Francesco Mario Cerbo RIP
		12:30	STJ	Funeral of Bobby Cooper RIP
Tues 22nd Oct	St John Paul II	09:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	Jim Kinsella RIP-L/D
Wed 23rd Oct	St John Capistrano			NO MASS TODAY
Thur 24th Oct	Feria	18:00	STJ	NO Exposition
		19:00	STJ	Mass of Thanksgiving-Caroline Teehan
Fri 25th Oct	Feria	10:00	STM	Liam Potts RIP
Sat 26th Oct	Saints Chad and Cedd	10:30	STM	Joe Da Cunha RIP-Anniv
		17:00	STJ	NO Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 30th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Lenin De Monte Furtado RIP-Anniv
Sun 27th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Raul De Lima RIP-Anniv
		11:00	STJ	Christopher Petch RIP-Anniv
		18:00	STM	Sarath De Sylva RIP

**Liturgy of the Word: 20th October 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
 turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
 no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Jeremiah 31:7-9      Psalm 125      Hebrews 5:1-6      Mark 10: 46-52

**Fr Tom writes**

This weekend is a very special weekend in the life of both our parishes. This weekend sees our First Holy Communion children being enrolled at Mass as they begin to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Whilst this is an important stage for the children and their families, each and every one of us should take an active part in the Mass where they are enrolled. I would encourage everyone to pray for our children over the coming months as they prepare to deepen their personal encounter with Jesus as they receive him in the Blessed Sacrament.

This last week I have been on retreat and one of the things that I have been (re)reading is Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS which is on the Eucharist. Each of us can take to heart these two quotes. 'The Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman.' and 'In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a "thing," but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood'. Do we take that on as we come to Mass week by week and it that something that we can share with our young people at this important time of their lives? What a gift we can enjoy and share with others!

### Fr Tom on holidays

Fr Tom will be taking a well deserved break from next Tuesday (after 10am Mass) and will return to parish life here on Thursday 31st October. Fr Bernard Boylan will be kindly covering the weekday Masses and we have a priest from the Columbian Fathers for next weekend 26th/27th.. There will be NO Exposition whilst Fr Tom is away.

### Retiring Collection today

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Mission envelope at the back of Church, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### Annual Mission Appeal for the Columban Fathers

Next week all our Sunday Masses will be celebrated by Fr Pat O'Beirne of the Columbian Fathers. He will speak about their work and make an appeal on their behalf. If you are able to make a donation to their work, that would be a great help. We look forward to meeting him next week.

### 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. Sheets are available at the back of Church 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 of November.

### 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.

### CWL Senior Citizens Christmas party

The Catholic Women's League is holding their Senior Citizens Christmas party again this year in the parish hall on **Saturday 30th November from 12:30 to 5pm**. Tickets are limited. Forms will be available at the back of church from next weekend.



### 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.

**Last week's Collection** 13th October: Loose £320.28 Envelopes £171.38 Total **£667.93**  
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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.