Our second collection this weekend will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies.

We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the back of the church. Don’t forget to complete the Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer — adding 25 pence onto every pound you give, at no cost to you. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.
Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Sat 9 Nov 18.30 Michael Hawksley RIP
Sun 10 Nov 10.00 Private Intention
11.30 Aldo Cantoro RIP Anniv
18.30 Morgan's Intentions

Mon 11 Nov 10.30 Vincenzo Arrigo RIP Anniv.
At the Royal Hospital – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tues 12 Nov 12.00 Hilda & Vincent Craig RIP
St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Wed 13 Nov Church open for private prayer
Thu 14 Nov 12.00 Deceased of the Parish
Fri 15 Nov 12.00 Jean Gale RIP
St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
Exposition 11am-11.45 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 17.45 to 18.15
(Reconciliation at other times by arrangement)

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year
World Day of the Poor

Sat 16 Nov 18.30 Bo Rogers Rip Anniv
Sun 17 Nov 10.00 Private Intention
11.30 Andrew Fleury Intentions
18.30 Oberto Cattaneo RIP

The Art of Caravaggio We are delighted to announce that the renowned art critic and historian Andrew Graham Dixon will give a talk on The Art of Caravaggio at St Mary's on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm. This event is held in collaboration with More House School.

Welcome Back On Sunday we welcome back Fr. Laurence Bryce who spent his diaconate year with us. There will be coffee and cake in the St John Southworth Room after the 10am Mass, please do come along.

First Holy Communion Our next First Holy Communion Session for Parents takes place on Saturday 23rd November. It begins at 10.00am in the Church. On Sunday 24th November there will be a children's workshop in St Joseph's School following the 10am Mass.

Confirmation Applications for Confirmation in 2020 are now open. If you are in Year 9 and wish to be Confirmed at St Mary's please see Fr Shaun after any of the Masses, he will give you an application form.

Christmas Carol Concert There will be a Parish Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm. The music will be led by the Kensington Women’s Youth Choir, directed by Susan Parks. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in St Joseph’s School. If you would like to volunteer to help on the evening please contact Muriel in the parish office. This event is being held in partnership with CAFOD.

Month of the Holy Souls November is the month of the Holy Souls. If you would like to remember your loved ones at Mass please take a sheet from the back of the church, record their names on it and return it with any offering you may care to make to the Rectory.

Ministry in our Parish Over the next two weekends we will be concentrating on how we can develop and participate in ministry in our parish; specifically the ministries of Welcome, Reading and Eucharist. We are grateful to those who have volunteered to talk about their experience of ministry, and who will be here to encourage others to step forward. Do you think you might help?

Catholic Sector If you are a teacher working in a non Catholic school and would like to step back into Catholic Education, our diocese is organising an evening to encourage and accompany you. This takes place on 18 November 6.30-8pm at Vaughan House, Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. You can register your attendance at EDUEMC@RCDOW.ORG.UK

Sick and Retired Priests Today we will take up the annual collection for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Thank you for your generosity for this important and very worthy cause.

Good Friends Café Is an initiative run by our parish SVP and which offers brunch on the 2nd Saturday of each month to our senior parishioners and to those who wish to sit and have a chat with them. It is good to thank the SVP for all that they do among us. We remember the words of St Teresa “Christ has no body now but yours”.

Amazon Synod To learn more about the Amazon Snod please follow this link https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/12161/synod-on-the-amazon-final-document-highlights-

St Charles Sixth Form College Are holding open mornings on November 7, December 3, 9 and 21 January. Tel. 020 8968 7755 to book a tour.