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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	14th	5.00 pm		Rosalinda Zanre (Int.)
Sunday	15th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	16th	9.30 am	Feria	Shirly Cade RIP
Tuesday	17th	9.30 am	St. Ignatius of Antioch	Patrick O'Hara RIP
Wednesday	18th	9.30 am	St. Luke, Evangelist	Holy Souls
Friday	20th	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass	

29th Sunday Ord Time Year A

Saturday	21st	5.00 pm
Sunday	22nd	9 & 11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Rosalinda Zanre, Patricia Reilly, Mariessa McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaides and Thomas Kilcommons and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 The image of a banquet symbolises the blessings God has in store for His People **Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Paul tries not to depend on material things, but trusts in the Lord for what he needs **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14 God is like a king who invites us to a banquet. Many refuse their invitation.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Tomorrow's World

What does tomorrow hold for us? What is there to hope for? Often our imagination projects into the future. As children, we wondered "What will it be when like when we grow up?" Parents promised new freedoms and new possibilities "When you are older." Human nature lives in vital tension between the Already and the Not Yet. Today's Scriptures invite us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The numbers attending Mass recorded for four Sundays commencing on the weekend of September 16 and 17, 1 and 8 October. In total, we had 916 people attending Mass

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS-Collecting envelopes

The month of November is dedicated to the faithful departed (Holy Souls). In the light of this, Holy Mass will be offered for deceased parents, relatives, friends and other loved ones during the month of November. Pick an envelope (MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS) and a SPECIALLY DESIGNED FORM at the back of the church. Kindly fill in the form return it in the **envelope provided with your kind donation**. Please hand them to Fr. Clement or put in the collection pouches. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION- Appreciation

Last Friday was CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most— so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD, so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. **We raised £393.83 plus £100 cheque last weekend. Thank you to everyone.**

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Details for admission to our local Catholic Secondary schools can be found in the following websites: Nicholas Breakspear -<https://nbs.herts.sch.uk>. St Marys Bishops Stortford <https://www.stmarys.net> St Ignatius – <https://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk>. St Annes – <https://st-annes.enfield.sch.uk>

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Are you interested in becoming a school governor in a Catholic School? Please contact governors@rcdow.org.uk or check out some of the vacancies at Interested in working in our Schools- Diocese of Westminster Education Service rcdow.org.uk or use the QR reader on the poster at the back of the church. You do not necessarily need to have experience in education as training will be given.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

The Theme for the Autumn Faith Sharing is the Year of the Council. The Council (Vatican II) was an act of love: "A great, threefold act of love" – as Pope Paul VI said in his opening address at the Council's fourth session – an act of love "for God, for the Church, for humanity". The effectiveness of that act has not been exhausted at all: it continues to work through the rich dynamic of its teachings." This new resource, The Year of the Council, for small faith-sharing communities across our Diocese seeks to bring us deep into that act of love. We can discover afresh or maybe for the first time just how, in Pope St John Paul II's words 'The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council was truly a prophetic message for the Church's life; it will continue to be so for many years in the third millennium. The Church, rich in the eternal truths entrusted to her, will still speak to the world, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the one true Saviour of the world: yesterday, today and for ever!' The Booklets are available from the Parish Office at £3 each.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office 0207 798 9173

RETOUVAILLE: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme - a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards/volunteers and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. **Thank you to Frs Tom and Fidelis.**

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