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**18/19 NOVEMBER 2023**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		William Desouza RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Julie Fernandes RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Mary Wilson RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	The Presentation of Mary	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Cecilia	George Hagan INT.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Benediction & Mass (St. Andrew & Co)	
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time Year A Christ the King</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander, Margaret Watson 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, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Proverbs (31:10-13, The ideally virtuous and industrious wife an Israelite husband hoped to find **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Paul admits that he does not know when the second coming will take place. But be vigilant! **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the Talents is a challenge to use our gifts to achieve what God expects from us

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Use them or lose them

At first sight, today's parable seems to suggest that the third servant took a prudent course of action—"I heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown." The scribes and Pharisees, towards whom it was directed, would argue: God demands perfection; the Law expresses his will; only a scrupulous observance of the Law can give us security. But God's way is different: He wants an abundant harvest. Jesus wants us to know that salvation come to those who are prepared to risk their all for him. A talent is given to bear fruit, not to lie there unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end it is not what God expects of us.

### CONFIRMATION 2023/24- Registration ends this weekend

Please contact Fr. Clement after Mass for a confirmation application form. *Candidates should be at least in Year 10, have received their First Holy Communion and be attending Mass at St Paul's Church.*

### THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION-appreciation

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you have not had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Alternatively, take a Patron's leaflet and consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a

priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness. **We realised £386.55 plus 50 Euros.**

#### **THANKSGIVING MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Fr. Clement invites you to join him in celebrating a thanksgiving Mass next weekend at all the Masses on his twentieth ordination anniversary. Thank you all for the untiring support throughout the years. God bless you for your kind support. There will be refreshments after each Mass.

#### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. It is now stocked with Christmas cards and gifts as well as memorial candles to use during November. Please be aware that to pay, it is cash only.

#### **ST PAULS SCHOOL**

St Paul's School are holding open days for those of you with children due to enter Reception next September – children born between September 2019 and August 2020. The sessions are on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2:10pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 1:145pm and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 2:15pm All tours can be booked via the school office on 01992635060.

#### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Are you interested in becoming a school governor in a Catholic School? Please contact [governors@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

#### **URGENT APPEAL FOR WINTER CLOTHING- Supporting local refugees and asylum seekers**

We urgently need clean winter clothes in good condition. No holes, broken zips or fastenings please. for men and women: Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops in S, M, L XL. For children: age 3-14 Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops. Sorry but we cannot accept summer clothing at this time of year.

#### **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/>

#### **RETRouvaille: 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 Virtual one x 12, 8pm to 10pm on Tuesday 24 October, continuing on Wednesday 25th October and every Wednesday, ending on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024., call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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.

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