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**21/22 OCTOBER 2023**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**



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| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>21st</b> | <b>5.00 pm</b>          |                         | For the Sick   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>22nd</b> | <b>9.00 am</b>          |                         | Tony Paramsothy (int.)<br>Rosalinda Zanre (int.)<br>People of the Parish |
|   |             | <b>11.00am</b>          |                         |  |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>23rd</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>          | St. John of Capistrano  | Christine Anandappa RIP  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>24th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>          | St. Anthony Mary Claret | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>25th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>          | Feria                   | Paul & Martin Mendola  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>27th</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>          | Benediction & Mass      | Linda Dawson RIP   |
| <b>30TH Sunday Ord Time Year A</b>  |             |                         |                         |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>28th</b> | <b>5.00 pm</b>          |                         |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>29th</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 Rosalinda Zanre, Patricia Reilly, Mariesha 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 at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Providence appointed King Cyrus to liberate Israel from the exile in Babylon **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Paul assures his readers that he prays for them and is glad for their zeal as converts **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:15-21 Jesus refused to be drawn into a sterile argument, about paying taxes to Caesar

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Noted by the tax-collector

The mock tributes to Jesus by this delegation, mention of his honesty, his fearlessness, his disregard for the status of those he encountered, all this flattery coming from people who normally were hostile to him merely highlights the hypocrisy of their praise. Then the trap was sprung: "tell us what is your own opinion? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Were Christ to answer, "Pay the tax," then he would stand accused of collaboration with the Roman oppressors, and would incur the scorn of ordinary Jews each of whom had to pay a poll tax, from the age of twelve for women and fourteen for men. Were he to advocate non-payment, he could be arrested for sedition by the Roman authorities. Jesus' response, however, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," left them confounded, and they slunk away. But Jesus' reply left the matter in suspense, because it did not touch upon the right of the Romans to rule Israel, nor did it enumerate precisely the things of Caesar or those of God.

### CONFIRMATION 2023/24

Please contact Fr. Clement after Mass next weekend for 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.*

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION Next Weekend

World Mission Sunday takes place on 22 October 2023. This global celebration of our Church and mission is coordinated by Missio, the Pope's official charity for world mission, and every Catholic community throughout the world is encouraged to take part. For 2023, Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'- cf. Luke 24:13-35. Pick donation card at the back of the church and kindly donate generously. God bless

## **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/Collection basket. Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

## **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](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) or check out some of the vacancies at Interested in working in our Schools-Dioecese 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.

## **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 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.

**Repository will be open after every Mass this weekend.**