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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday Sunday	23rd 24th	5.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am		Nicky Sharkey VollaireRIP For the Sick People of the Parish
Monday	25th	9.30 am	Feria	
Tuesday	26th	9.30 am	St. Cosmos & Damian	Olivia Russell BD
Wednesday	27th	9.30 am	St. Vincent de Paul	Holy Souls
Friday	29th	9:00 am	Rosary Prayers & Mass (SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)	

26th Sunday Ord Time Year A

Saturday 30th 5.00 pm

Sunday 1st 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 Rose Brunton, 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 Thomas Kilcommons and Michael Ward and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Turn to the Lord in urgent prayer; for he never ignores the prayer of the humble **Second Reading**: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Though Paul wants to be with Christ in heaven, he will serve the Gospel as long as God wills it **Gospel Reading**: The parable of the workers in the vineyard; God welcomes all into his kingdom

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Only God sees the full picture

In Our Lord's time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an openhanded giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him. The latest workers in the vine-yard have not earned what the owner gives them, and the mistake of their envious colleagues is to think that they can deserve well of the owner.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The numbers attending Mass will be recorded for four Sundays commencing on the weekend of September 16 and 17

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCY

If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow. https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,school-office-manager-and-headteacher-pa_86622.htm to access further details and a school application form. Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcomed. Please email headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk and/or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

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.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Local Catholic schools are holding their Secondary Transfer Evenings as follows:

Nicholas Breakspear -. Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their Open Evening on Thursday 5th October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm

St Marys –(Bishops Stortford) St Mary's Secondary school are holding their Open Evening on 27th September. There will be 3 speeches by the Headteacher at 6,7 & 8pm. Booking is essential. Please visit their website to book.

St Ignatius — have already held their open evening but on the website https://www.stignatius.enfield.sch.uk there is a number 01992 717835 for admissions enquiries.

RUN THE ROYAL PARK HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE,8TH OCTOBER, 2023.

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300, All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/

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

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 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 and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

Please welcome Father Tom Forde, who will be covering for me whilst I am in Ghana, and also Father Fidelis Chibuzo Ifeanyi who is coming.to celebrate Mass on Sunday.

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am mass this Sunday.