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28/29 OCTOBER 2023
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	28th	5.00 pm		Agnes Gallagher(int.)
Sunday	29th	9.00 am		Fr. Cyril Edirisinghe RIP
		11.00am		Thomas John (10th Anniv.)
Monday	30th	9.30 am	Feria	Nora O 'Hara RIP
Tuesday	31st	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	Nov 1st	9.15 & 7:30pm	All Saints Day	
Thursday	2nd	9:30 & 7:30pm	All Souls Day	Joanna Oppong RIP
Friday	3rd	9am	Benediction & Mass	
			(St. Martin de Porres)	
		31st Sund	day Ord Time Year A	
Saturday	28th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	29th	9 & 11.00 am		
Sacrament of appointment	Reconciliati	on: Saturday 4:30)-pm or telephone the pre	esbytery for an

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 and Thomas Kilcommons and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 The Israelites must show fairness in practical matters **Second Reading**: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 The fervour of the Thessalonian converts encouraged other local churches **Gospel Reading**: Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus' summation of morality as the twofold commandment of love

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Doing Justice in love

All our texts today suggest one clear and practical principle: loving God involves doing practical justice in our world. But even our superficially Christian society is full of people who show little respect for love or justice. Political and economic life is ruled by values far from those of the Gospel. Greed, and fierce desire for power and profit can be seen in our daily papers. We are closer to the paganism mentioned in Paul's letter than we may imagine. Today no less than then, the world is hostile to what Jesus represents, and it is hard for us to take a stand even on important issues of justice and compassion. Our Lord shows love of God and genuine love of the other as two basic aspects of the same call. There can never be a contradiction between the two, even though one may sometimes feel trapped in a situation where a particular law of Church or State seems to create a contradiction.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASSES

Please note the times for the Masses and the venue. The first Mass for All Saints Day is at **9:15am at St Paul's Primary School whilst the second Mass is at St. Paul's Church at 7:30pm.** Two Masses on All Souls Day both at the Parish: 9:30am & 7:30pm. You are all invited. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2023/24

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION this Weekend

World Mission Sunday took 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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after every 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.

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.

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/

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 reawaken 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 3rd January 2024.., 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.