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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	30th	5.00 pm		Honoria O'Leary 33 rd Anniv.RIP
Sunday	1st	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	Oct 2nd	9.30 am	Guardian Angels	
Tuesday	3rd	9.30 am	Feria	
Wednesday	4th	9.30 am	St. Francis of Assisi	Holy Souls
Friday	6th	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass (St. Bruni, Priest)	The Sick & Carers
27th Sunday Ord Time Year A				
Saturday	7th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	8th	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, Mariasha 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: Ezekiel 18:25-28 God deals justly with us, forgiving the sinner who repents and rewarding those who persevere **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11 Unity depends on Christians imitating the humility of Christ who became obedient unto death **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:28-32 The parable of the two sons reminds us that good actions speak louder than fine words

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Keeping an Open Mind

A theme common to all three readings is that of changing one's mind. Our capacity to change our minds leaves us open to hazard and to hope; hazard when we choose to "renounce our integrity and to commit sin, hope when we choose to renounce sin to become law-abiding and honest" (Isaiah.)

The Gospel story shows us the nobility of a humble change of mind. The first son "thought the better of it." He was open to change, to better thoughts. The second son was set and closed. The ability to change one's mind is essential to all healthy relationships. A mind that is closed, whether from pride, stubbornness, or stupidity, tends to destroy all relationships—e.g., when we refuse to admit a mistake, when we are unwilling to apologise and change our ways, when we persist in prejudice against a person or group, when we think we know it all.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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

FAMILY FAST DAY OCTOBER 6

Next Friday is CAFOD 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. There will be a second collection at all the Masses next weekend.

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-Dioecese 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 Ignatius – have already held their open evening but on the website <https://www.st-ignatius.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

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.

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