



# St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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**10/11 FEBRUARY 2024**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, YEAR B**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Molly & James Gallagher RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		For the Sick
		<b>11.00am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Holy Soul
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>9.30 am &amp; 7:30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Stations of the Cross & Mass	Parents bereaved of their Children
<b>1st Sunday Lent Year B</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</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, Margaret Watson, 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 Andrew Cash, Mary Maray, Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaidis, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Lepers had to live apart. Only if a priest pronounced a leper cured could he or she come back into normal life. **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Instead of offending people, we must aim to please them if we can.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:40-45 Jesus cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-Leprosy of the soul

There is a touching humility in the leper's request to Jesus, "If you want to, you can cure me." This appeal was met with compassion by Jesus, who, as St Mark comments, was moved with pity. He went further, stretching out his hand and touching the leper, so making himself unclean according to the law. Shortly afterwards Mark says that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in country places. This compassion for suffering humanity resulted in more and more people coming to him, and even today the outstretched arms of God's Son on the cross are a never-ending invitation to sinners to seek refuge with him. No longer was the leper, when cured, forced to live apart. After showing himself to the priest he was re-admitted as a member of the community.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**—there will be two Masses at the Parish on Ash Wednesday at 9:30am and 7:30pm at the church. 10:30am (EYFS and KS1) and 11:15am (KS2) Distribution of Ashes services at St. Paul's Primary School.

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY COLLECTION- Appreciation

We raised £218:23 last weekend towards the Racial Justice fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. It has been restocked with cards for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, St Patrick's Day etc There are also small gifts and plaques for these occasions. Please note that it is cash only for purchases

## **TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024**

The Diocese is asking us to prepare for the next stage of the ongoing Synod. Bishops and Laypeople from around the world met in Rome for four weeks last October and considered all the submissions which had been sent in from the consultations which had been held. Two dominant themes of the Synthesis Report from the First Session were Co-responsibility and Formation. In preparation for the next session of the Synod, which will take place in Rome this coming October, we are being asked to consider how what was said about these two themes might inform a discussion about how, as a Parish, we might better organise ourselves for the mission of spreading the Good News of God's love for the world in our local area. Look out for Parish meeting dates for a discussion on the two themes.

## **SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish**

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/[cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk). [www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding). The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 0207 7989350.

## **SUPPORT SVP**

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

## **KNOCK PILGRIMAGES**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## **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/>

## **BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK**

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

## **PARKING ON CHURCHFIELD PATH**

Please take care when parking not to block the residents' driveways. The road is narrow so even parking opposite a driveway can cause problems. There is extra parking available at Holly Lodge on Church Lane at weekends. When parking in the church carpark, please park so that the maximum numbers of cars can fit in.

## **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. Thank you to Father Joseph Mensah for looking after the Parish whilst I was away.

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