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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 12th September 2021

SUNDAY MASS: Sunday 9:45am & 12noon
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am
(no Mass on Thursdays, and no Vigil 6:30pm Saturday Mass, for the time being)
CONFESSIONS (by request)

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Today the 12th of September the Church remembers the *Most Holy Name of Mary*. Last Wednesday it was the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and next Wednesday we will turn to her as our Sorrowful Mother. Mary is the very first human creature where 'grace' (the power and the life of the Holy Spirit) worked all its way in 'nature' (her virginity, her history, her body). This is why she is our HOPE. Our lives too can become lives *in* the Spirit.

VOLUNTEER FORM

Many of you have approached me following the invitation I made last Sunday for more help in serving our church and the community we live in.

As I said, I would like to **ask for your help** in:

- * OPENING & CLOSING the Church (from Monday to Saturday)
- ** CLEANING the Church
- *** WELCOMING & STEWARDING on Sundays

If you can offer your service, in any way, please do pick up a blue **VOLUNTEER FORM** and return it to me personally. Even if you have already spoken to me, please fill this form as it will help me to collect information and work out a plan. Thank you.



next year: **170 years Anniversary of our Parish**
check the webpage for our Parish project:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/clerkenwell/170th/>

our project is to build a **new cross on top of our Church**, according to its original plan. This involves a design, forms and procedures, fabrication and actual installation. All of this costs.

Contribute if you can with a donation.

Your weekly offering



take the third exit (*not* the second!)



His mule stood outside the famous mountain monastery of Montserrat. It was 21st March 1522. Here, he intended to make a clean break with the past and to place his life under the charge of the 'Morenita', the black Madonna.

For the next three days he examined his conscience with the help of the Confession booklet which was provided for pilgrims. After three days, he presented his mule to the monastery, his expensive clothes he gave away secretly to a poor beggar. Sword and dagger, however, were the property of the Lady in his heart, whose image was throned behind the grill of the pilgrimage chapel.

Now the vigil of prayer could begin. In his new garments he approached the black Madonna, his sword hung on the grill besides a golden lamp. Here, he knelt motionless. At midnight, the monks chanted Matins, then at 2am began the pilgrims' Mass. The voice of the choir intoned: "Hail, Thou Morning Star".

His name? Inigo.
We know him as Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

How can our life change?
How can your life take a new beginning?
Through an **Examination of Conscience**.
Yes! From time to time, we need to stop,
and make an examination of conscience.

This is a moment when we ask the grace to discover where we are 'sick' and what 'therapy' we need. What moves my actions? What gives breath to my words? What feeds my thoughts? Thoughts, words, facts, actions, looks... arise from an internal process at work inside of us. Do I know what is at work in me?

How is it that every time I enter *that* roundabout I take the 'second exit' when in fact I know I need to take the 'third exit'? What inner 'processes' are at work in me?

Under the light of God, I can begin to 'see' where to act in order to be more free?

I cannot be driven only by fears or by inclinations of my sensibility embedded in me by my history. The point of the examination of conscience is to expand our freedom.

Ask the 'Morenita', ask the Virgin Mary, the Morning Star of our true freedom.

Father Ivano

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