

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK
(Weekday Masses take place in the Sacristy)

Day	Date	Time	Intention
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday	23 rd Sept	6.00pm	Ann Smyth (get well)
Sunday	24 th Sept	8.00am	Pro Pop.
		10.30am	Cath Powel Anniversary
1.00pm Congolese Community Mass			
Monday	25 th Sept	10.00am	Charles Webber Anniversary
Tuesday	26 th Sept	10.00am	Fr. Joe Boward. Anniversary
Wednesday	27 th Sept	10.00am	Albert Stoakes. Anniversary
Thursday	28 th Sept	9.00am	Donor's Intention
		2.00pm	Bishop Challoner School Mass
Friday	29 th Sept	9.30am	Pro Pop. Parish Patronal Feast.
		11.15am	Bishop Challoner School Mass

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday	30 th Sept	6.00pm	
Sunday	1 st Oct	8.00am	Pro Pop
		10.30am	Teracy George
1.00pm Congolese Community Mass			
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24; Matthew 20: 1-16.	

Entry	633	Seek ye first.
Psalm 144		The Lord is close to all who call him.
Offertory	302	In bread we bring you Lord.
Post Communion	606	Praise to the holiest.
Recessional	634	Tell out my soul.

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR: Those of our parish who are sick: at home or in Hospital; **Peace:** in our troubled world; **All Refugees;** **Our Parish Family:** Especially those who are unemployed and seeking work; , **Our Deanery:** Millwall Parish; **Our Parish** as we celebrate our Patronal Feast on Friday; **Those who have died recently and for** Fr. Joe Boward, **and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**



NEWSLETTER

25th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

24th SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

“Better late than never” might be one way of looking at the story Jesus tells, however it is much deeper than this, it speaks of the generosity of God and that is a challenge to us, for we are called to be like our Heavenly Father. Generous with our love of others, our forgiveness of others, our care and concern for others. We should not allow self importance, pride, envy and jealousy stand in the way of doing what is right, reflecting the many gifts we receive from God to others. Let’s start now—better late than never!

Thank you for your kind prayers and greetings last weekend as I celebrated 40 years of Priestly Ministry. Thank you to those who attended the Jubilee Mass on Saturday at Poplar, and to Sebastian who represented our Altar Servers.

My apologies that there are a few Mass time changes this week. Mass this Thursday will be at 9.00am due to a graveside service at St. Patrick’s. As Friday is our Patronal Feast, Mass will be in the Church at 9.30am with our School in attendance. There will be Mass with Bishop Challoner School at 11.15am in the Church. Parishioners are welcome.

As of next week Mass on Fridays will be at 9.30am, so I can make the most of my “Day off”!

With every Blessing.

Fr. Keith

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FINANCE COMMITTEE Fr. Keith would like to meet with members of this Committee after 10.30am Mass next Sunday (October 1st).

BAPTISMS Several enquiries have been made with regards having their child/children baptised. Application forms (yellow) are available at the back of the church. A Baptismal Course will take place in the Presbytery on Saturday 7th October at 10.00am (no need to bring your child).

FIRST COMMUNION Application forms (pink) are now available at the back of the church and can be returned via the Presbytery letterbox or handed to Fr. Keith by Sunday 8th October. Children should be in year 3 or above. Please note that as the course is run by the parish and not the school, forms will only be available from the church.

WEDDINGS At least six months notice needs to be given in order that necessary arrangements and paperwork can be gathered.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS takes place in Westminster Cathedral on October 7th at 2.30pm. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be Principal Celebrant. Altar Servers should collect a parents permission form from the Sacristy which contains all the details.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS If you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server, please see Fr. Keith for more details and to collect an application form.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES Are now available from the Repository or the Sacristy. These should be used to indicate the Mass Intention, the name of the donor and a donation can be enclosed. If a specific date and time is required this will have to be arranged in consultation with the "Mass Diary" so that no double booking occurs. Whilst it is hoped that any weekday Mass intentions dates will be honoured, a Funeral Mass would have to take precedence.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES Bishop Nicholas is coming to officially install Fr. Keith as Parish Priest on Saturday 10th November at the 6.00pm Mass all are welcome.

READERS ROTA Is now available from the Sacristy. If you wish to change Mass times, no longer wish to read, or would like to become a reader please let Fr. Keith know.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR Founded over 50 years ago by Sister Christine Frost FCJ MBE, since Covid19 their volunteers have been delivering meals not just in Poplar but across Tower Hamlets on Wednesdays and Sundays to the elderly, housebound and vulnerable. Last Sunday they celebrated delivering their 40,000th meal. As they deliver to people in our parish it would be good if anyone is free for an hour any Wednesday or Sunday between 11:45am and 12:30pm, to pop into St. Matthias Community Centre in Poplar Park, (Woodstock Terrace) and they will give you an address to deliver a meal to. If you are aware of anyone who would welcome a meal, a food parcel or need further information contact NIP on: 020 7987 0257 or nip65@msn.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024 will be taking place from 19th – 26th July 2024. The Sanctuary's theme for the year is 'Come here in procession'. See poster for details. Parishioners are encouraged to join the Pilgrimage as Adult Helpers, Redcap Youth Helpers, Assisted Pilgrims, nurses and doctors, or as regular pilgrims.— further details to follow.

CANDLE LIT PROCESSION of Our Lady of Willesden On Sunday 8th October at 7.00pm, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be attended by the Seminarians of the Diocese and Canon Stuart Wilson will preach. All are welcome.

SISTER MARY O'MALLEY RIP—Sister of Mercy Her Funeral will take place at 12.00noon on Tuesday 10th October at St. Bernadette's Church, 160 Long Lane, Hillingdon UB10 0EH (about one and a half hours by public transport) her body will be received into the church the night before at 4.30pm. All are welcome to attend. May her gentle soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
SUNDAY 10 th SEPTEMBER	£146-50	£140-00	£286-50
SUNDAY 17 th SEPTEMBER	£184-17	£131-00	£315-17

FOR WHICH MANY THANKS INDEED

(These figures do not include donations made electronically by "Dona")

COUNTERS (24/9) TEAM C (1/10) TEAM D