

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

Day	Date	Time	Intention
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Pro Pop
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8.00am	Pro Pop
		10.30am	Daniel Hurley Anniversary

**1.00pm Congolese Community Mass**

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10.00am	Carmelite Sisters
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00am	Donors Intentions
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	Helena Duckett RIP
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	Pro Pop.
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am	Donors Intentions

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.00pm	Pro Pop
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.00am	Pro Pop
		10.30am	Father Willie's Intentions

**1.00pm Congolese Community Mass**

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32.

<b>Entry</b>	40	Amazing Grace
<b>Psalm 19</b>		The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.
<b>Offertory</b>	90	Blest are you.
<b>Post Communion</b>	187	From heaven you came (Servant Song)
<b>Recessional</b>	209	God forgave my sins.

**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:** our new Dean Fr. Andrew Connick, Parish Priest of Wapping; **The Synod** which opens in Rome next weekend; **Those who have died recently:** Helena Duckett (P.A. to the Rector and Domestic Bursar at Allen Hall Seminary for 20 years) **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**



# NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A

1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In our first reading today, repentance is seen as not only possible but necessary (Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 5.15pm)! We must not be like the Chief Priests and the Scribes who thought themselves as perfect and above all others and looked down on the tax collectors and sinners, instead we should follow St. Paul's encouragement: "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus." in other words self-effacing, considering the needs of others before ourselves.

Today (Sunday) is the beginning of October, which is the month of the Holy Rosary, do please as individuals, or as families, endeavour to come together and pray the Rosary if only one decade a day. The late Cardinal Basil Hume once described the Rosary as "Mary's Photograph Album" showing us snapshots of her life and the life of Jesus her son.

As of this coming Friday morning Mass will be at 9.30am, so I can make the most of my "Day Off"!

With every Blessing.

Fr. Keith

**Advanced Notice:** Mass on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> will be at 9.00am due to Sr. Mary's Funeral at Hillingdon, and on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am as I have to attend a day for New Parish Priests.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE meets with** Fr. Keith after the 10.30am Mass today Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BAPTISM COURSE** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Presbytery at 10.00am. Application forms available at the back of Church.

**FIRST COMMUNION** Application forms are available at the back of the church and can be returned via the Presbytery letterbox or handed to Fr. Keith by next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Children should be in Year 3 or above. Please note that as the course is run by the parish and not the school.

**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 this Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be Principal Celebrant. Servers should collect a parents permission form from the Sacristy which contains all the details. We will leave from the Church at 11.00am. Parents welcome to attend.

**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** 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 no double booking occurs.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES** Bishop Nicholas is coming to officially install Fr. Keith as Parish Priest on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the 6.00pm Mass all are welcome.

**READERS ROTA** 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.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** parish contact required to provide a link between our parish and the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission, which is an agency of the Diocese, overseen by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. The main task of the contact person is to receive the monthly E-Bulletin and, where possible, promote events and actions for peace and justice within the parish. A role description can be found at: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/>

**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. 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** takes place from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July. 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 or Redcap Youth Helpers, Nurses, Doctors, Assisted Pilgrims, or as regular pilgrims. Further details to follow.

**CANDLE LIT PROCESSION** of Our Lady of Willesden On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 takes place at 12.00noon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Envelopes are available at the back of church and can be returned with the Sunday Collection

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	£184-17	£131-00	£315-17
SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	£146-50	£140-00	£186-50

FOR WHICH MANY THANKS INDEED

*(These figures do not include donations made electronically by “Dona”)*