

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

Day	Date	Time	Intention
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	6.00pm	Betty & Alec Hughes (Anniv.)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	8.00am	Jacqueline, (Sick)
		10.30am	Pro Pop
<b>1.00pm Congolese Community Mass</b>			
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00am	The Youth of our Parish
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	Peace in the Holy Land
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	Nikolina Formosa (Anniv.)
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am	Borehamwood Parish
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	All Teachers.

<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.00pm	Eileen Griffin (Birthday)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.00am	Pro Pop.
		10.30am	George Bardwell (Anniv.)

**1.00pm Congolese Community Mass**

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Isaiah 45: 4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1-5; Matthew 22: 15-21.

<b>Entry</b>	654	Sing of the Lord's goodness.
<b>Psalm 95</b>		Give the Lord glory and power
<b>Offertory</b>	90	Blest are you Lord.
<b>Post Communion</b>	257	Holy God we praise thy name.
<b>Recessional</b>	268	Our God reigns.

**PRAYERS PLEASE FOR:** Those of our parish who are sick: at home or in Hospital; **Peace:** in our troubled world especially in the land of our Saviour's birth; **All Refugees;** **Our Parish Family:** especially Teachers and pupils on half term holiday; **Our Deanery:** the Parish of Tower Hill, and the Maltese and German Chaplaincies; **The Parish of Borehamwood:** as they bury their parish priest on Thursday; **The Synod:** taking place in Rome; **Those who have died recently,** and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



# NEWSLETTER

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

Today is World Mission Sunday, when we are called to give of our prayers and our effort to spread the Gospel of Christ, as Pope Francis constantly reminds us we are all called to be "missionary disciples" to proclaim the Gospel values of care and concern for others rather than earthly values of fame and fortune. In proclaiming this message we are in a way rendering to God that which is rightfully His, our love and our life.

Thank you to all who came to Mass on Tuesday to pray for peace and to those who also attended the quiet time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the Masses, especially in the morning, which sadly I could not attend due to a pre-scheduled Health and Safety survey. **There will be yet another survey (structural) later this week in the Presbytery**

Fortunately, on Thursday I was able, along with a number of parents, to attend our school's Harvest Festival in the church. It was a most joyful, impressive and thoughtful service. A big THANKS to the children, teachers and all involved, especially to those who contributed towards the many boxes and baskets of food which will be taken to the Bow Foodbank to be distributed to the needy in our area.

Fr. Keith.

**PLEASE NOTE** Clocks go BACK one hour next Sunday as summertime ends. So 8.00am Mass goes please don't forget as I need my much needed beauty sleep!!!!

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Josie and Andrew who were married here on Friday. We pray that they may have a happy honeymoon followed by a long and happy life together.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in becoming an Altar Server. I know many will be going away for half term but if any are free on Monday at 11.00am to begin training please let Fr. Keith know (or to arrange a separate day or time this week). Present Servers welcome.

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES** Available from the Repository or the Sacristy. If specific date and time is required this will have to be arranged in consultation with the "Mass Diary" so that no double booking occurs.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Could those who have run this important ministry meet with Fr. Keith after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. In the meantime there will continue to be colouring sheets on the table at the back of church for children to take home and fill in. They can then be brought up in the Offertory procession next Sunday.

**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.

**NEW READERS** if would like to become a reader please let Fr. Keith know.

**FIRST COMMUNION** Thank you to all who have applied for this Sacrament. A list of dates should be collected after Mass (by child's name) from Father Keith by 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** (6<sup>th</sup> October.) Any remaining envelopes should be put in the with the Sunday Collection this weekend.

**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/>

**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.

**NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS** By tradition the month of November is when we remember all our departed loved ones and pray especially for those who have no one to pray for them. You are invited to make a list of those you wish to be prayed for, put them in an envelope (with a donation if you wish) and place them in the box that will be near the Altar as of next Sunday. Masses will be offered for them throughout the month.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE** Please continue to pray for peace in our world and especially in the land of our Saviour's birth. In this month of the Holy Rosary pray the Rosary as a family, as neighbours, asking our Blessed Mother the Queen of Peace to intercede for us.

**NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR** for over 50 years NIP have been serving not only Poplar but the surrounding area, including our parish of Commercial Road. For further information about their activities you can email Sister Christine on [nip65@msn.com](mailto:nip65@msn.com). Below are some of events and appeals for help:

- **WARM CLOTHES NEEDED** Ladies warm clothes wanted and baby warm clothes needed for a 10 month old.
- **TOWER HAMLETS CAREERS DAY** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Anyone looking for employment, please attend.
- **CARDS AVAILABLE** for visiting Kew Palace, Hampton Court, Kensington Palace and Tower of London for £1 or free!
- **DRIVERS WANTED** for Wednesday and Sunday dinner delivery. St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High Street.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	£260-33	£216-00	£476-33
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	£409-54	£154-00	£563-54

FOR WHICH MANY THANKS INDEED

*(Figures do not include Direct Debits or donations made by "Dona")*

COUNTERS : (22/10) TEAM C (29/10) TEAM D