

## Mass intentions.

Because of the multiplicity of the Mass intentions which people want offered the list will no longer be published in the newsletter. However they will be available for viewing in the church porch. They will also be on the Altar for the celebrant to announce as per usual.

## The Catholic week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collections

**CAFOD Family Fast Day.** On Friday 1st October CAFOD envelopes will be in the church porch. Collection for CAFOD will be next Sunday, 3rd October.

### Liturgical Calendar

**Monday 27th St. Vincent De Paul** 1580-1669. son of French peasants, ordained priest. His sermons and work with the poor attracted wide attention, Founded the Vincentians and Sisters of Charity. His life was devoted to the alleviation of suffering and misery; left a network of charitable works and workers that endures to this day.

**Tuesday 28th** Feria

**Wednesday 29th** SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels. In Daniel Michael is the guardian of Israel. In the Apocolypse Michael and his angels overpower Satan and his angels in the great struggle. Gabriel is the archangel who announces to Mary that she is to be the mother of God. Raphael in Tobit provides aid to a devout Jewish family under difficulty and hardship.

**Thursday 30th** St. Jerome, 342—420, a great biblical scholar. Translated the Bible into Latin Vulgate. Spent most of his life in Bethlehem from where he sent his luminous writings upon the Christian world. He said “to be ignorant of the scripture is not to know Christ.”

**Friday 1st** First Friday. Adoration after mass. Harvest Fast day. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, 1873—1897. French Carmelite nun. Wrote “Journey Of a Soul.” Her “Little Way” of childhood, trust and simplicity became famous in the relatively modern era.

**Saturday 2nd** The Holy Guardian of Angels. “He has given his angels charge of you, may they guard you all your days.”

**October is the Month of Mary** The month of the Rosary. It has always been recommended by the church as a great prayer.

**We pray for those who have died: Bernadette Murphy, Patrick Mulloy, Eileen McGovern, Paul Kerrigan, Maureen Kerrigan, Geraldine O’Flaherty and Sister Lily Costello. May they rest in peace. We pray for those who are sick:** Michael Kerins, Neil Campbell, Adam Joseph Forster, Kay Shea, May Byrne, Helena Quinlan, Cathy Mahony, Barney Collins, Joan Queely, David Geaughen-Powell, Grace Shuker, Patrick Shea, Brian Walsh, David Sheehan, Richard Hamilton-Barritt, Ann Mulligan, Justyna Klis, Mary Quinn, Marie Dunne, Monica Lynch, Noel Keane, Matilda Semakula, Theresa Mangan, Natalie Steinberg, Annaliza Ordanzcv. J Constantine, Marleny Neyra Ochoa, Sarah Gallagher, Alice Elsley



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*A House of Prayer*

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*A Community of  
Faith*

Parish Priest: *Fr. John Buckley*

Pastoral Assistant: *Elizabeth Sayer*

**25th/26th September  
2021**

**Mass Times:**

*Subject to Change*

**Saturday**

10:00am and 6:30pm  
(Vigil)

**Sunday**

9:00am, 10:30am, 12  
Noon, 6:30pm

**Monday to Friday**

9:15am

**Confessions**

On request

### This Week’s Diary

**Friday:** AA—Hall—8pm

Sunday 26th September, 10:30am Mass of Thanksgiving for First Communion children. Party afterwards to collect their certificates in St. Agnes Centre

## **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021** Children of the Kingdom

Last weekend we celebrated two First Holy Communion Masses in the parish. We give thanks for that and we continue in a spirit of thanksgiving today with a Mass of Thanksgiving. The one we thank is God Himself of course for giving us everything that we have but above all for giving us his Son Jesus as Lord and Saviour, the Jesus we receive in Holy Communion. The disciples in today’s gospel show concern that somebody else has invaded their patch. They try to stop him but fail and pass the matter on to Jesus. Remember these disciples are still not fully in touch with Jesus and are more concerned about self promotion. What they don’t realise is that in endeavouring to guard their privilege they are in fact obstructing the cause of Jesus. For Jesus the key is service and it doesn’t matter who does it or where it comes from. If the work is being done in his name as it appears to be by this outsider, then that’s okay with Jesus. Rather than casting the person aside Jesus embraces him and affirms the work he is doing. The lesson in inclusion must have had some impact on these disciples that the reign of God is not as they see it. Jesus is certainly firing his disciples in a new direction here. They were a stumbling lot and so are we. He dramatizes how best we might find the right direction to get back on his track. Jesus proposes a way which is his and this provides the context for discipleship. It means keeping our eyes on the ball that is Jesus himself. He wants everybody to play his game which is essentially that of service. He didn’t want to put down his own disciples. It was just that his approach was so different to them. The power and status temptation always exists. The Cross serves as a counter cultural reminder that true service lies within that mystery. “Anyone who is not against us is for us” says Jesus.

**Fr. John**

### First Communion 2022

The parent meeting for those who have already registered is **Monday 27th September at 7pm in the St. Agnes Centre.** Please wear masks. We will provide biscuits, teas and coffees and inform you how the course will proceed, hand out schedules and answer any questions you might have. You do not have to bring your child but you can if you wish. Please note the course is now fully booked and cannot accept any new applications.

### Covid-19 route map for churches

It is important that we continue to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission. For that reason we will continue with the measures we have had in place. In the main these include the use of hand sanitiser and the wearing of face coverings in church. The cleaning of the church by our small band of dedicated helpers will continue as before. We also have track and trace in operation. On the question of social distancing and church capacity there is room for re-assessment here. The general principles provide for this. We will however continue to stick to what we have been doing up to now. Our present attendance at the various masses does fall within the Covid-secure capacity as we now understand it. The Saturday and Sunday evening masses still have considerable space available. We will continue to re-assess the Covid-secure capacity of the church of course. As things stand we are as safe as safe can be. Thanking you for your co-operation.

### **Funerals**

Requiem Mass for **Paul Kerrigan**, Tuesday 28th September at 11:00am.

Requiem Mass for **Geraldine O'Flaherty**, Thursday 30th September at 11:00am.

Requiem Mass for **Maureen Kerrigan**, Tuesday 5th October at 11:00am.

**May they rest in peace, Amen.**

**Baptism:** Group preparation meetings are no longer taking place but if you would like to have your child Baptised please contact the parish office (020 8452 2475) between 10-2pm, Monday to Friday.

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### **Collection**

The collection last weekend raised £1,589.36

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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### **St Agnes Toddler group:**

is suspended until further notice

**Family Number Cards:** if you have run out please email [Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Cricklewood@rcdow.org.uk) with your name and number and you will be sent some more.

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### **School Applications for 2022:**

If you will be applying for a place in a Catholic Secondary school you will need a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**, signed by your priest.

The priest can only sign this form if he knows you attend Mass every Sunday.

Fr John will be signing Certificates on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October** in the office **between 3-6.30pm** for those who attend Mass at St Agnes.

If you attend Mass elsewhere please ask the Priest at the relevant Church.

**Divine Mercy Devotions:** take place every Friday afternoon at 3pm in the Church.  
All Welcome!

Congratulation to the 32 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. The church was filled with love and excitement as we celebrated this joyous occasion. We look forward to sharing the Eucharist with them and their families at future masses.

**The Tea & Friendship group** is starting again, Hurray! Tuesday 28th at 2pm in the St. Agnes Centre. All are welcome to come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

Polite reminder: please go pew by pew starting from the front rows and still observe social distancing when you are queueing to receive Communion.