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Last week's collection £1445. Many Thanks. Annual Mission Appeal by the Holy Ghost Fathers on Sunday 28th August at all Masses.

We are looking for Cleaners, Readers, Catechists & Eucharistic Ministers in the church, if you would like to volunteer please contact us in the parish office

Holy Communion Enrolment forms for 2022/2023 are now available to collect, after Mass on Sundays at 10:30am. Your child must be going into year 3 or above to be able to make their Holy Communion. The deadline for handing forms back is 31st August 2022. The course will start in October, with the expectation to be complete by May 2023. If you are willing to help it is vital you hand your forms in as soon as possible to not delay DBS chècks.

Requiems. Christie O'Gara on Tuesday 16th August at 11am. Thomas Hegarty on Thursday 18th August at 11am. Your prayers for the repose of their souls and for their families in their loss.

In today's Gospel we read Mary's prayer the Magnificat, a song of praise by someone who is deeply grateful for all she has received and for the insights about the way God acts in our world. We are reminded in gratitude that we all share Mary's destiny, and will be raised to live with God and our loved ones for ever. The Visitation is an encounter where two people meet. Mary was carrying God within her and they brought joy to Elizabeth and John within her. Every time we meet another person we bring God and joy to each other. The Magnificat was the daily prayer of Mary, spoken in good times and bad. Even at times like the passion and death of her son her faith and prayer remained strong, that God would take care of her and him. We can make that prayer of Mary our own thanking God for good times and blessings, for protecting us and bringing us to where we are.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reveals our own destiny as God's adopted children. Like Mary our mother we are called to share in the Lord's final victory over sin and death and so we gather in prayer and praise.
Lord Jesus Christ, you have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life in body and soul. You granted your mother a special place in your glory and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, give to us a renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Hall Hire. We are still getting requests to use the Hall for parties. However a decision was taken some time ago, and mainly out of consideration for the people living in the flats upstairs, that the Hall should not be used in this way.

Bernadette Relic Tour 2022. The relics of St Bernadette are visiting England, Wales and Scotland this autumn. The venues and dates for the Diocese of Westminster can be seen posted up in the Church Notice board. They will be in Westminster Cathedral starting on Saturday 3rd September at 1pm and will last all through the two days and nights until Monday 5th September at 6am. There is no need for advanced booking. Visitors are invited to come at a time suitable to them and join the queue on the Piazza for entry via the West Doors. There will be a Service of Anointing of the Sick which will take place on Saturday 3rd September at 2.30pm. This is the only liturgical event to which admission will be by ticket only. The tickets will be sent to the parishes for distribution. The Cathedral website will provide the most up-to-date information for all those planning to visit. One other notable visitation venue is Our Lady of Willesden Nichol Road,NW10 9AX from Friday 28th October at 4pm to Sunday 30th October at 9.15am.
The Pope's Monthly Intention for August. We pray for small and medium sizes businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.