

## **St. Agnes Catholic Church, Cricklewood**

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**Last week's collection £1656. Holy Ghost Fathers Appeal. £1060.Many Thanks.**

**Planned Giving boxes of envelopes. After Covid there was a huge drop off in the number of planned givers and there has not been a recovery in the numbers attending and supporting the parish. A sizeable number never picked up their boxes and some people have also moved away. The Planned Giving is the bread and butter of Parish and Church income. An increased involvement in terms of numbers and giving would be well appreciated. We continue to hope for an improvement.**

**Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available. We still need people as some Masses are sometimes not covered for reading.(two Masses last Sunday 10.30am and 6.30pm for example)**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 checks.**

**Bernadette Relic Tour 2022. Please consult the Notice Boards for times and places if you want to do your own pilgrimage.**

**We have been asked to provide accommodation for the Romanian chaplain, Fr Maricel-Irinel Mititelu, who will be taking up residence very soon.**

**Prayers for the Dead. Pat Hughes(whose funeral takes place in Ireland), Bernard Eugene Newman, Brian Monk.**

**Mass Themes Today. The Gospel today is a call to discipleship. It is a call to follow the Lord in a journey of faith. How do we respond as committed, dedicated, convinced followers? It all began with Jesus handpicking his first followers. It means walking in Jesus' footsteps, to go his way which is essentially the way of love, to be convinced of the truth of what he says and to live life in a Christ-like manner. It involves trying to get to know him better as a person. When Jesus was about many walked away from him, a practice that continues to this very day. People walk away from discipleship because of its demands on time, possessions and energy. Cost free discipleship is not possible. The Cross has to be embraced and only then is the Christian journey possible.**

**It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving. What the Lord wants is our availability, which means being present to him and to others.**

**Thanks to all who have been attending Mass in these very difficult times for faith and its practise. The work of witness has never been so necessary in our time as it is now. Thanks very much. May your own witness influence so many more to follow.**

**We have just begun the month of prayer for the care of creation. The mind of the Church on the question of creation is captured fully in the encyclical Laudato Si.**

**The Pope's Monthly Intention. For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.**

**Feasts this week. Monday. St Gregory The Great. Thursday. The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary.**