

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

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**Last week's collection £1592. Many Thanks. CAFOD Offerings will be collected today.**

**Classes for First Holy Communion commence on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am in the Parish Centre. Attendance at the 10.30 am Mass is expected as part and parcel of the program.**

**We are always appealing for people to involve themselves in the life of the Parish<sup>a</sup> and to make a positive contribution to that life and growth. The obvious areas of need are Readers, Catechists, Collectors, Counters, Cleaners etc. We also need to reformulate the Finance Committee. There is a great need to beef up music and singing in the Liturgy. The ministry of welcoming and outreach needs embellishment after the Covid experience. Having key people in all these areas would make a great difference to the vitality of the Parish. In the next few weeks there will be meetings involving the Bishop, Priests and Parish Support workers from the Diocese to reflect on Parish life as it is now. There will also be reflection on the working relationship between the Diocese itself and the parishes. We are certainly in a new context where in a sense Parish life has to in itself begin anew. It is important for us to continue the conversation centred on involvement.**

**Requiems. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October for Joe Hogan at 7pm. Repatriation to Ireland. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October for Dawn Finch at 11am. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families in their loss.**

**October is the month of Mary. The Rosary is a much recommended prayer during the month.**

**Hall for Hire at The Cricklewood Trades Hall Club. Available for parties/funerals etc. For enquiries call 020 8452 8614 or email at cricklewood.1@btconnect.com**

**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.**

**A letter has been written to School parents encouraging a return to the practise of the faith and a greater involvement in the mission of the Parish and Church.**

**Would those who were confirmed last June pick up their certificates from the Office.**

**The Gospel message today is about gratitude. The main reason for attending Mass is to say thank you to God for everything he has given to us in life, above all for giving us his Son as Lord and Saviour. We can be so lax when it comes to thankfulness, just like those lepers in the gospel story. All the lepers were cleansed but only one came back to give praise and thanks to God and he was a foreigner. It did cause Jesus to raise questions. Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? He commends the one who does return to give thanks as well as the faith he showed. Our worldly attitude has become very expectant and demanding where the gospel values of faith, trust, personal responsibility, thankfulness are somewhat mitigated. A new spirit of thankfulness is called for.**

**Feasts this week. Tuesday. St John XXIII. Pope. Thursday. St Edward the Confessor. Patron of the Diocese and of the City of Westminster. Saturday. St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Martyr.**

**This week is a Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families.**

**A Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October commencing 9.45am.**