

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Cricklewood

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Last Sunday's collection: £2115. CAFOD collection.£685. Many Thanks.

Applications for first Holy Communion 2023/2024 has now closed. We will be starting classes shortly. Thank you all to have applied and attended parents meetings; we are looking forward to starting a new year with all your children.

We have had some calls/emails regarding the Confirmation program in St Agnes. The Confirmation program will not take place until February 2024. Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter later in the year for more information.

We have recently been receiving a high number of calls regarding the hire of St Agnes Centre for parties. Unfortunately we do not hire the hall any longer for any parties. We only use the hall for groups related to the community.

Three teachers at St James' Catholic High School, Colindale, are new to the area and looking for accommodation within reasonable commuting distance of the school. If you have or know of a spare room in a shared house or a vacant rental property please email: hgraham@st-james.barnet.sch.uk with the details.

The Popes Monthly Intentions for October.

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

October is the Month of Our Lady. During the month of October the rosary should be recommended to the faithful and its nature and importance explained. The Rosary is said Monday-Friday after 9:15am Mass, all welcome.

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 18th October for James Burke at 7pm. Repatriation to Ireland. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family in their loss.

Feasts this week. Tuesday. St Ignatius of Antioch. Bishop and Martyr. Wednesday. St Luke the Evangelist.

A Day with Mary. Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28th October 9.45 am.

Gospel Notes. Matthew 22:1-14. There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of your own experiences of banquets in your life and when you felt accepted and loved.

The host requests servants to invite people to the banquet. We are all called to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to play a part in leading others to a fuller life. The parable speaks about the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to the invitation. It is a question of seizing the moment and availing of the blessing that presents itself.

The second parable focuses on how we respond to invitations. Some challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a wedding garment.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Divine Mercy Retreat at Most Precious Blood and St Edmund Campion RC Church, 115 Hertford Road, Edmonton,

London N9 7EN on Saturday 21 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm . The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information