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Last Sunday's collection. £ 1687. World Mission collection. £852. Many Thanks.

The clocks fall back one hour at 2pm on Sunday 29th October. Each year the clocks go back an hour at 2pm on the last Sunday of October.

The new rotas for November/ December are now available.

Feast of All Saints on Wednesday 1st November. It is a Holyday of Obligation and Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm.

All Souls' Day, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, is on Thursday 2nd November. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm.

Friday 3rd November is First Friday. Exposition and Adoration after Mass until 1pm. It is also the feast of St Martin de Porres. Saturday 4th November is the feast of St Charles Borromeo.

Requiem for Patrick Tighe on Monday 6th November at 12 noon. Your prayers for the repose of his soul and for his family in their loss.

Irish Music and Dance in London. Friday 27th to Monday 30th October 2023. Concerts, Sessions, Album Launch, Ceilis, Workshops, and more. The Crown Hotel plus other local Cricklewood and Kilburn venues including St Agnes Centre. Brochures in Church Porch with full festival programme inside.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. We will be compiling the November Dead List as per usual. You will find some envelopes and sheets in the Church Porch. Place in the envelope the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

The Sick & Retired Priests' collection is next week

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

Gospel Notes. Matthew 22:34-40.

You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with so many laws and wondering which were the important ones.

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by rules and regulations? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life?

If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person to be likewise enriched?

In the unusual circumstances of recent years social life was disrupted by Covid. We had to find unusual and creative ways of showing love to our neighbours. What ways of reaching out to others did you find were most useful?