13TH JUNE 2021
+11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners,

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God?

As Christians we are called to live in this world but to understand that the true world is the Kingdom of God. This does not mean another world far away but one that transforms this world into what it could be. Jesus is always offering us images to help us understand this calling. In this week's Gospel he tells us that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, but which grows into a huge plant that offers refuge to the birds of the air. This helps us to see our part in the Kingdom; we may be small in the world's eyes, a world full of big events, powerful people and things that seem beyond our reach and yet God has created us to play a vital part. Jesus has shown us that the only thing that makes this life meaningful is love. He showed us that love is the most powerful force there is, even stronger than death. Our own efforts at love may seem small and insignificant compared to the hugeness of the world. However, God who creates the smallest seed, has planted us in the world so that we might bring the Kingdom of God into the life we are living. This Kingdom of God's love becomes a refuge for us and for the others who are in our lives. Even a smile from us can transform someone's day. Let us never think that any act of love towards God or our neighbour is too small to count. Strengthened by our faith and by the gift of Jesus, especially in the Holy Mass, let us find encouragement in the words of our Saviour and seek the Kingdom of God in all that we do.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Children's Liturgy: Have you ever watched a seed grow into a plant? Well this week we learn about a mustard seed in the Gospel and Bertie and Ginger Bear have something to show you from the garden. They are very excited.

https://youtu.be/nDsvF3R0rR8

Please see last weekend's link below for feast of Corpus Christi, as there was no newsletter published during half term week.

The feast of Corpus Christi liturgy helps us to understand what these words mean. There is also a picture in the video of something in our church building at ST Thomas More. Can you spot it and do you know what it is called?

https://youtu.be/qb52e0715b4

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*****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP*****

Goodluck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS
+11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 13TH JUNE
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) IN THANKSGIVING OF MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM PATRICK LEE RIP A (EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES & THEIR FAMILIES).

MONDAY 14TH JUNE
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM RON JOHNSON RIP LD

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF PAT O'ROURKE

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF HILDA MINOLI

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF PAT O'ROURKE

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM IN THANKSGIVING KEANE D'SOUZA

FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSIONS

+12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) CONVERSION TO SPIRTIUAL GIFT OF FAITH (PRIVATE INT)
09:30AM INTS OF RITA MCDONNELL
11:30AM EILEEN POWLEY RIP A

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Pat O'Rourke, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann and Brian Berry.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Wheeler, John Tap, Claire O'Neill, Bill Polsinelli & Fr Michael Connor.

Day for a life: There will be a second collection next weekend of **19th/20th June**. This year's theme focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. Please see this newsletter for further information and visit www.dayforlife.org/.

Church cleaning Volunteers appeal: Our dedicated cleaning team have worked hard throughout the year to maintain a Covid 19 secure and hygienic environment, this has enabled us to keep the Church open. For us to remain compliant we need to continue at this level. The more volunteers there are would mean the less frequent individuals would have to clean. If you can spare a little bit of time and are interested in volunteering please contact Pat Faille pat.faille@btinternet.com or 020 8429 3943.

Lost Property: Please if you have lost any items in church remember to check the lost property box in the Narthex. There are a number of jackets, cardigans and spectacles left. These will soon be passed on to the Charity shop if not collected.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next food bank collection will be Wednesday 30th June. Thank you for your support.

Day for Life -Sunday 20thJune 2021

"People who suffer become similar to one another through the analogy of their situation, the trial of their destiny, or through their need for understanding and care, and perhaps above all through the persistent question of the meaning of suffering."
Pope St John Paul II

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matter. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth. Each death has rightly been mourned as a tragedy. This tragedy has been further compounded by the inability to be physically present with loved ones at the end of their life, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. The pain of this separation and the preciousness of a loved one's final moments has been keenly felt by many.
Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families.

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd who came for the wounded sheep and comforts the sick. He is the Good Samaritan who does not pass by the injured person lying by the roadside, but who, moved to compassion, takes care of and assists him." (cf. Lk 10:33-34)
Pope Francis

As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to 'stay home and save lives.' These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.
However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' That legislation which proposes hastening death is now being seriously contemplated, is deeply alarming following a year of pandemic which has caused the untimely deaths of millions around the world. Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a 'false compassion' and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient 'suffering with' the vulnerable, sick and dying. A 'true compassion', he says, is 'the just response to the immense value of the sick person.' This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family.
We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

'Each life has the same value and dignity for everyone: the respect of the life of another is the same as the respect owed to one's own life'
Samaritanus Bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life, CDF

This pandemic has shown us just how much we value life as a society. Please help us to build on this and fight against the legalisation of assisted suicide by donating to Day for Life. Your donations will support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death. You can donate to Day for Life via the QR code on the right. June 2021