3rd October 2021
+27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners'

'But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'

In this week's Gospel reading the Pharisees question Jesus about his teaching on marriage. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and states that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention. Also in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that is to be the attitude of all believers. When read together, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. The Church maintains that, of all vocations, family life is among the highest and most beautiful. Like anything important and beautiful it can also be difficult to live. Jesus did not come to condemn, but to help us find peace and joy in our lives. Many people are afflicted with trouble in their relationships and families and we know that marriages can certainly break down. The Gospel and the Church are given to us by God to provide support and grace in our lives, and to help us find our way towards restoration and healing. By his Cross and Resurrection, Jesus has opened up a way for God to bring good out of all things for those who love him. Let us pray for all families and couples this week, especially those coping with difficulties, that the healing love of God will open a way for us all to see the beauty in God's plan for creation and our world at this time.

God bless you

Fr Martin

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal -2nd/3rd October 2021:
Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climate crisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Thank you for your support.

A new book written by a Catholic Mother: A Mother's Heart: In the image of God's heart. The heart of a mother is like the heart of God: from the conception of your child to your daily life as a mother with its joys and difficulties, it is a great adventure of love! This book presents a new look at the immensity and value of a mother's love. A theology of the family! This book creates a space to taste the presence of God in the heart of a mother. This new book by Caroline Moulinet can be found on Amazon at https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B09GZFG33Q

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St Thomas More Catholic Church

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Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) HOLY SOULS
09:30AM WILLIAM O'REILLY RIP A
11:30AM PATRICK DONNELLY RIP LD

MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PAUL ETUKA RIP A

TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM PRIVATE INTENTION

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS YVONNE BYRNE

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MONICA D'SOUZA RIP LD
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
09:30AM MARIA & ADAM SCIBOR RIP A
11:30AM MATILDA MULLIN RIP A

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Anastasia O'Connor, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for 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: Luigia Pirroni, John Plackett, Patrick Donnelly, Ophelia Dias, Síle Burns, Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan & Carlos Salazar D'eca.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:
Mary Josephine Grant, Fred Mattingley & Mr Cullen-James

Children's Liturgy

Well this week, Old Bear is back, so good to see him and he is learning how Jesus asks us to be more like children. It has been a long time for Old Bear .... but he is still a child at heart. https://youtu.be/MKM_fpgpcSY

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The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 13th October 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next collection will be on **Wednesday 27th October 2021.**

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by Mrs Caroline Moulinet (Author),
Mrs Sylvaine de Gantes (Illustrator)
Paperback £12.10



Reviews

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