10th October 2021
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Dear Parishioners

The question the rich young man posed to Jesus should be one we are all asking: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Answers to this question will vary in our society today, but a common answer is, "just be a good person." Let's look at how that answer compares to Jesus' answer. At first it seems Jesus is telling the man to "just be a good person" when he tells him to follow the commandments. Similarly, today many people think that as long they don't break any of the 10 Commandments, they'll get to heaven. A typical line would be, well I'm a good person because I haven't killed anyone, robbed any banks, cheated on my spouse, lied on my tax return, etc. We discover that the rich young man is a "good person" when he says he's observed all the commandments from his youth. But Jesus says that this isn't enough. Jesus directs him to "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Does this mean that the only way to get to heaven is to sell all our possessions and give to the poor? By no means! The key is the "come, follow me" part. Jesus knew that the rich young man was overly attached to his wealth and possessions. He knew that the man was treating money as his god. Jesus' invitation was for the man to choose Him over everything else. It's really a question of priorities. Is God the most precious thing to us? Would we be willing to give everything else up for Him? Wealth was not the problem for the man but his love of money and attachment to it. Therefore, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Love God above all else. Follow Jesus and surrender all to Him. It's not just about being a "good person," for we cannot earn heaven on our own. Rather, it's about living our lives for Jesus as His disciples. This does not lead to a boring, mediocre life, but life to the full. God will reward our sacrifices for Him in this life and the life to come. And, ultimately, everything we give up for Him pales in comparison to the reward of heaven.

God bless,

Fr Martin

First Holy Communion 2022

Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 2 to apply to join the programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion. The programme will be commencing in **January 2022** after the children return back to school. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church.
The forms are also available on the Parish website
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments.
Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by **30th October 2021.** More information will follow on the format of the classes.

Altar Serving – As we look at the possible easing of restrictions we are asking for those families in the parish with children already trained as altar servers to sign the list at the back of the church if they would like to resume serving again. We may have to make up a rota so it will be helpful to know in advance what the numbers might be at this stage. For those children who have completed their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers we hope to offer training in the near future and details about this will follow. We will also be giving medals to those who have served for more than a year and are looking at the best possible time soon to arrange this.

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: -www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Congratulations to the winners, **1st** Prize Ivonne Higgison, **2nd** Prize Patricia Williams & **3rd** Prize Bill Smyth

MASS INTENTIONS

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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

MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS NORAH HOSTY

TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS MARIA HAWLEY

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

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

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS CHRIS CHANDRASENA

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM MONICA D'SOUZA RIP LD

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK TOBIN RIP A
09:30AM TINA MARIE GALVIN RIP A
11:30AM ANTHONY MULLIN RIP A & SEÁN (SUAN) 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:

Fr Eugene Langdale, Bridget Potts & Matilda Mullin.

Children's Liturgy: Have you ever tried to thread a needle! Do you think it would be easy for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? Well this week Bertie and Hugo learn exactly what Jesus meant when he said this.

https://youtu.be/8shxRv0EBkY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?

In November we will be reinstating the rota for readers at the weekend Masses. If you would like to join the rota, just let me know by email and I will be delighted to hear from you.
Everyone on email who was on the last rota before the March '20 lockdown should already have received an email from me, so there is no need for them to respond to this Newsletter appeal.
We are especially grateful to those readers who have kept the show on the road since then.
Anthony Inglese
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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**

London in Bloom

"Many thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the landscaping of the church grounds. We were part of the Eastcote Village entry for 'London in Bloom' 2021 and were awarded a **GOLD.** Onwards and upwards! Sincerely Madaline Luckhurst.

St Vincent De Paul Society

The SVP are resuming face to face meetings this weekend. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30 Mass in the Anglim room.

Nursery Places at St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School: We have some full time and part-time spaces in our school Nursery for children born between 1st September 2017- 31st August 2018. Please contact Mrs Sharp, Admissions Officer if you would like to find out more.

Year 1 places at SSW- We currently have some limited spaces in our school due to families moving out of the area. Please contact Mrs Sharp, Admissions Officer if you would like to find out more. Applications & relevant paperwork can be downloaded from https://www.st-swithunwells.hillingdon.sch.uk/admissions/ Any questions please consult Mrs Sharp, SSW Admissions Officer admissions@ssw.school 01895 808194.

Westminster Cathedral: Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit **Westminster Cathedral** on **Monday 25th October at 2pm**, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at https://www.walkwithamal.org/ Please be seated by 1.45pm.

The Passage a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk **020 7592 1886** (07928 703131).

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on… **21st –24th October 2021**… Call or text +44 788 7296983 or+44 797 3380443 – or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk