St Thomas More Catholic Church

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022, +28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) PATRICK TOBIN RIP A

09:30AM INT MICHAEL O'SHEA

11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT CLIVE THOMAS, LINDA THOMAS RIP & INT CATHERINE TAYLOR

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MARIA SCIBOR RIP

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2022

09:00-10:30AM CHURCH OPEN

09:00AM INT REV.H.MACKENZIE

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2022

10:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2022

09:00 CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM JILL LAWSON RIP A, ALEC & MERLE ROKE RIP

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM INT HILDA MINOLI

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &

CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

+29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2022

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARIANNA RIP A

09:30AM SEVERINO CHEMELLO RIP

11:30AM MATILDA MULLIN RIP A

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Parish Administrator – Liz Duignan
OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Michael Soika, Mary Richards, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, Fr Duncan Adamson, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Kitty Goldie, Moira Bennett, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus. For our housebound parishioners, especially Peggy McMahon, & Norma Kolakowska.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time

Fr Eugene Langdale & Bridget Potts.

Mass Notice: Please note on a **Wednesday** mass will start at an earlier time of **9am** and will continue each week at this time until the summer of 2023. The Church will close at **10:30am.**

St Vincent De Paul Society: The next SVP meeting will take place this **Sunday 9th October.** If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30am Mass in the Anglim room, commencing at **10:45am**.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 19th October** at **2.30pm** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Church Cleaning Team- Reminder of the next cleaning date will be **Thursday 6th October** at **7pm** & **Thursday 13th October 7pm**. Please check narthex for dates. If you would like to join the friendly team, please see appeal notice in this newsletter. Or perhaps have some spare time adhoc, please do just turn up on the date!



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Dear Parishioners,

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear these words spoken by Jesus after he healed ten lepers and only one of them, a foreigner, returned to him to thank him. Ten were cured physically of their leprosy but only one received a much deeper healing. Upon returning to Jesus with a grateful heart, Jesus said to this one leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you". Only this one leper, the one who returned with a grateful heart, heard our Lord speak these words: "Your faith has saved you." This reveals that gratitude to God is not only our duty, it also brings forth blessings in our lives. When we sincerely offer thanks to God for all that he has done, we are showing faith in God as a result. We are pointing to him and his goodness as the source of our blessings and it takes faith to see this and to profess it. God could just be seen as a 'wonder worker' from whom we demand curing and miracles, but he wants us to be in a relationship of love with him. According to Christian belief, this loving friendship can only fully work through accepting God's gift of Jesus, especially his death and Resurrection. This week we could ask 'What is it for which I need to grow in gratitude in my life? What is it that I may take for granted and have failed to properly return to God and thank Him for?' Faith and gratitude help us to see that everything in life can be a gift. Even the struggles and crosses we endure can be turned into blessings through faith. That's exactly what happened in this week's story. The awful suffering of leprosy was turned into a grace from God. Let us reflect, today, upon all that God has done for us. Let us pray that we will understand all of the countless ways that God blesses our life. As we see them, let us ponder those blessings, count them and be grateful for them. From that gratitude, let us return a joyful thanks to God. By doing this, our faith will also save us.

God bless you,
Fr Martin

First Holy Communion 2023
Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 3 to apply to join the programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion. The programme will be commencing in **January 2023** 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 2022.** More information will follow on the format of the classes.

Grotto Appeal- *Our Lady Queen of Love* Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Grotto appeal so far, it has been very encouraging. Fr Martin would like to hear from parishioners who would like to share their ideas and design input into the Grotto Shelter. Please contact Fr Martin or parish office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or 0208 866 6581.

Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will begin **Sunday 16th October** after the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses. If you are interested in becoming an altar server and have made your First Holy Communion then please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING APPEAL

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, WE APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAMS. 1 HOUR EVERY 3 WEEKS ON EITHER THURSDAYS AT 9.15am or THURSDAY. 7pm. FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Dates are also displayed there so if you are unable to make a regular commitment do just turn up! PPE equipment is supplied.

For more information contact

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CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal -Friday 7th October
Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

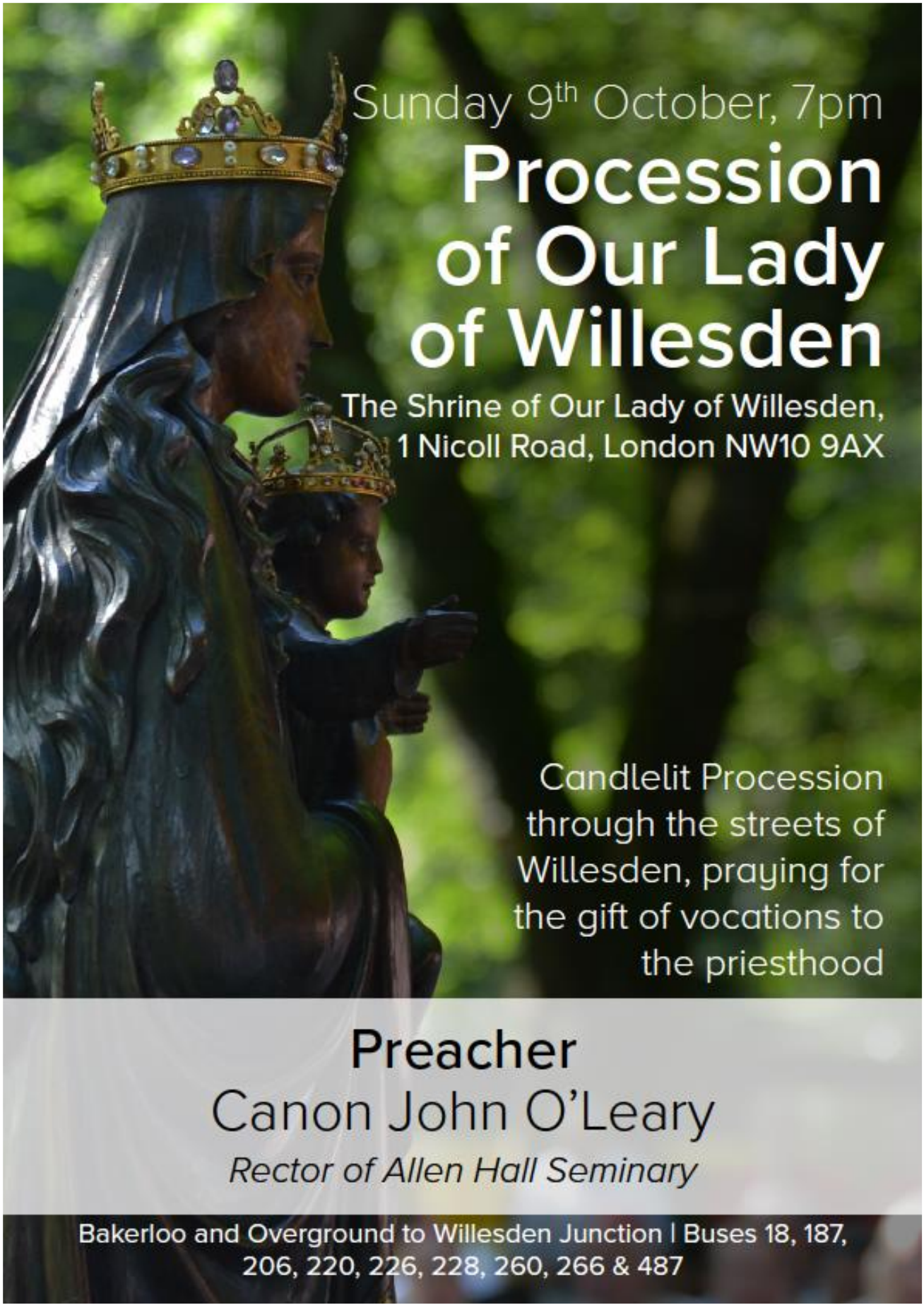
Volunteer Drivers required We have some parishioner's that are housebound and would like to be able to attend mass at the weekends. If you drive to mass, please would you be able to help with offering a lift to a fellow parishioner to and from 09:30 or 11:30am mass on Sundays from time to time? Please contact Fr Martin Plunkett or parish office 0208 866 6581, email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Next of Kin If you would like to inform the Parish Office of your next of kin these will be held on the Parish records and be used for emergency purposes only. Please contact by email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581.

THE METHODIST CHURCH LOVE LANE PINNER invites you to a service of Taize music, reading and prayers (theme of Forgiveness) on Sunday 9th October at 6:30pm. Please see poster in the Church narthex for more information.

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden On **Sunday 9th October** at 7pm, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. Canon John O'Leary will preach. All are welcome. Please see poster in the Church.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Twickenham will be hosting a 6th Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 12th October** from 6pm. Parents and pupils of your parish are most welcome to attend. They will be offered tours of the college by current students and teachers. Please register your interest by booking a ticket via this link: 6th Form Open Evening "


Sunday 9th October, 7pm
Procession of Our Lady of Willesden
The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden,
1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX
Candlelit Procession through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood
Preacher
Canon John O'Leary
Rector of Allen Hall Seminary
Bakerloo and Overground to Willesden Junction | Buses 18, 187, 206, 220, 226, 228, 260, 266 & 487