MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

2nd October to 8th October 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 2ND	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS MADALINE & BERNARD LUCKHURST THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
TUES 3RD	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	FERGUS SWEENEY RIP
WED 4TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
THURS 5TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.00AM**	MERLE AND ALEC ROKE RIP AND JILL LAWSON RIP ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
FRI 6TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 7TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS JOHN GANNON **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
SUN 8TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP INTS RICHARD MAUDE THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, please complete both the application form and medical form found in the narthex or download them from the website. (found under Parish Life / Sacraments.) The closing date for applications is 30th November.

NARTHEX DISPLAY -There will be a display in the narthex from this weekend of Carlos Acutis and his life. His feast day is October 12, and he is a patron for computer programmers and youth. This may be of particular interest to the young people of the parish.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS—APPOINTMENTS Fr Martin will be meeting with the families on Mondays 9th and 16th October between 4—6 pm, for school applications and the signing of forms. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment, if this applies to you and your child.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM MASS Many of us have benefitted from the opportunity of having a coffee, a friendly chat and meeting other parishioners after the 9.30 mass. The team are looking to expand volunteers for serving coffee to make sure that this can continue. Anna who has overseen this for many years will be standing down from December and we will need someone to coordinate the rota, e mail out and check supplies. If you could help, please speak to Anna or contact the parish office.

GOFUNDME - If you are able to make a donation to help Harriet and her family, contributions can be made through the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-get-harriet-home She is now back home, but all donations are still welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next SVP meeting will take place today, Sunday 8th October after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. **DONATIONS NEEDED** If there is anyone in the parish who may have the following items in good and working condition that they are willing to donate: fridge/freezer, bed, cooker or washing machine, please let Josien know after mass or contact her on 07752158967.

Hillingdon Food Bank – Next collection Tuesday 17th October 2023. They are in need of tea/coffee, sauces, rice, juice, long life milk, tinned fruit, toilet roll. They do not need pasta at the moment. Please only donate unopened, unused items for hygiene and health reasons.

SUNDAY 1st October 2023 +26th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



30TH SEPTEMBER AND 1ST OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
ANNE AND LES WRIGHT RIP

9:30AM INT EARLROY EDWARDS

11:30AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR FR MARTIN



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, Laura Swan, Kerri Hepworth, Yvonne Grasso, Hilda Minoli, Mary Cullen, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahon and 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

Mary Josephine Grant-Ross, Fred Mattingley, Mr Cullen James



Dear parishioners,

"Which of the two sons did the father's will?"

Do we find it difficult to know and to follow the will of God? In the parable that Jesus tells this Sunday, one son refuses his father's offer of work and then later thinks better of it and changes his mind. The other son says 'yes' to his father, but does not actually follow through. The first son, represents those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. In the context of the parable, Jesus uses this to describe the behaviour of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. Which of these two sons are we most like? Where might we need to acknowledge that we have refused to follow the will of God in our lives? When has God invited us to serve him and we have said "no"? Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. If we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not.

We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is the perfect Son, who both said "yes" and followed through in his actions, by giving his life on the Cross, so that we could always receive God's infinitely merciful love. Let us reflect, today, upon the ways that we may have said "no" to God. Let us seek to keep looking into our soul and confessing the ways we may reject the will of God, to rediscover the joy of being his true sons and daughters. The more clearly we see our faults and failures and confess them, the more fully we can be in a position to say "yes" to the will of God with all our heart.

God bless you

Fr Martin

MASS COUNT

This weekend and for the following three weekends, there will be a mass count at all masses. This forms part of the Pastoral statistics provided by each parish.

CAFOD—Harvest Appeal Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most,fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelopes in church or give online at **cafod.org.uk**

DAILY MASS– changes from this coming week

Starting from week commencing Monday 2nd October, there will be a change to the normal pattern for weekday Masses. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will remain the same at 9.30 am but there will now be morning Mass at 9am on a Thursday, followed by coffee. There will be No Mass on a Friday morning, but the church will be open for the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10—11 am.