MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

18th—24th SEPTEMBER 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GERHARD BACH RIP
TUES	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOE D'SOUZA ST JANUARIUS
WED	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOMMY HEGARTY RIP ST ANDREW KIM TAE GON AND COMPAMIONS
THURS	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRI	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT. CORA MCGILLICUDDY ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA
SAT	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION**
SUN 24TH ORD		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	GORDON WALLACE RIP THANKSGIVING FOR THE FOLK GROUP AND PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MADELEINE HORSBURGH RIP

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COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD- EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS- The presentation was made by the President of the Friends of Eastcote House, Catherine Dann. The shield and certificate can now be viewed in the narthex and the presentation photograph can be seen on the parish website under news items. Congratulations to everyone involved and to Bernard and Madaline Luckhurst for guiding the project.

GOFUNDME - HELP GET HARRIET HOME! Recently on a family holiday in Fuerteventura, Harriet Moxon, the daughter in law of a parishioner and member of staff at St Vincent's Nursing Home, witnessed a car which had entered an outdoor seating area swerving towards her five year old daughter. She pushed her daughter out of the way and was hit by the car herself. This left her with critical and life changing injuries. Now in Gran Canaria, the next step is to bring Harriet back to the UK, where she will need to be transferred to a specialised spinal rehab unit in an attempt to reinstate her quality of life. Harriet is a wife and mother of five. Contributions made through the GoFundMe site will to raise the £50,000 needed to help bring Harriet home and provide urgent medical care. The appeal can be found at the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-get-harriet-home Please keep Harriet in your prayers.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP– VISIT LAST WEEKEND We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles. We raised £2607.50.Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly at www.tbng.co.uk. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY We are looking for a new secretary for the PPC to replace Cheryl Cardoso, who has stepped down after many years of service. The duties of the secretary include thinking ahead to help with the preparation of agendas, attendance and participation at our meetings, producing minutes of our meetings and tracking action points. We meet about three or four times a year for up to 90 minutes. The next meeting is on the evening of 26 September at 8pm. No particular experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to be involved in the pastoral issues of our parish. If this opportunity interests you, please arrange to speak with Cheryl Cardoso (Cheryl_Cardoso@hotmail.co.uk) and me to find out more about what is involved. Anthony Inglese Chair, PPC anthony.inglese@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

Church Cleaning: Please check the Narthex for dates.

Hillingdon Food Bank – Next collection Tuesday 19th September 2023. They are in need of tea/coffee, sauces, rice, juice, long life milk, tinned fruit, toilet roll.

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023 +24th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

16th / 17th SEPTEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
PATRICK O ROURKE RIP
9:30AM INT. SAMRAAT TIMILSINA

11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

Jim Richards, Andrea (Annie) Allen, Eamon Nolan, Arthur Sudbury

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY



Robert James Moynihan
Ema Fernandes

Dear parishioners,

'Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?'

This week's Gospel reading invites us to consider the teaching and the example of Jesus concerning forgiveness. Have we ever found our selves in a situation where it was difficult to forgive someone who offended us? Forgiveness can be very hard in certain situations, and for this reason it can take a long time before we bring ourselves to forgive our offenders, especially if they are people we trusted.
Sometimes we have to ask for the help of God by admitting, 'God, I really want to forgive, but I do not know how to; please help me to forgive. In response to Peter's question above, Jesus tells us about the number of times to forgive those who offend us: seventy times seven times. This means we should forgive countless times.
To forgive simply means to give another chance to the person who offends us. Maybe by our forgiveness they will realise their mistake and repent. Each time we say the Lord's prayer we ask God to 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' God continues to forgive us and continues to wait for us to change and become better people. When we ask him to forgive us as we forgive others, we are making a promise to him that we are going to forgive the many people who offend us. Forgiveness paves the road to reconciliation. Jesus gives us not only his teaching but the supreme example of forgiveness as he prays for those who are crucifying him; that they will be pardoned for 'they know not what they do.' Let us reflect this week on how important God's mercy is for us personally in our lives and therefore how much we could grow in our willingness to forgive others. To err is human but to forgive is divine.

God bless you

Fr Martin

PASTORAL LETTER The Cardinal has written a pastoral letter for this weekend. Printed versions are available at the back of church or the letter can be viewed on the website, under News.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM -formerly Home Mission Sunday, now named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel. Today offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. There is a second collection after all masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next SVP meeting will take place today, **Sunday 17th September** 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.

Thank you for your offerings to help the upkeep of the church. Donations can also be made using this scan code