MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

25th SEPT to 1st OCT 2023

DAY	CHURCH	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 25TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BILL MAXTED RIP
TUES 26TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GERHARD BACH RIP
WED 27TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT HILDA MINOLI ST VINCENT DE PAUL
THURS 28TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
FRI 29TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INT HILDA MINOLI SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS
SAT 30TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION** ST JEROME
SUN 1ST OCT		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ANNE AND LES WRIGHT RIP INT EARLROY EDWARDS THANKSGIVING -FR MARTIN

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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.

COMMUNITY SHIELD AWARD FOR CHURCH GROUNDS 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.

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 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023 +25th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



23rd/24th September

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
GORDON WALLACE RIP
9:30AM THANKSGIVING FOR THE FOLK GROUP

11:30AM MADELEINE HORSBURGH RIP

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

+Mgr Peter Anglim, Bill Maxted, Les Wright, Merle and Alec Roke, Bernard Meleady

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Ema Fernandes



Dear parishioners,

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

When hearing the Gospel passage this Sunday about the workers who arrived at the 11th hour in the vineyard we might perhaps consider the question of whether or not life is fair? Pondering this we might begin by looking at the Son of God. Jesus was certainly not treated fairly. In fact, it is hard to conclude that anyone who has ever lived received a more unjust treatment than Jesus, at least from an earthly perspective. He was perfect in every way. Jesus treated everyone throughout His life with perfect virtue; he never lied, cheated, stole or hurt anyone in any way. Yet we all know what happened to Jesus; he was falsely accused, dishonestly judged, brutally abused and murdered on a cross. From an earthly perspective, it is clear that this was not fair. However, Jesus' suffering and death was not tragic; it was glorious. His Cross was not an instrument of injustice, it was his throne upon which he established his new Kingdom. Through Jesus, God can turn injustice into love and mercy. Once mercy enters the picture, all apparent injustice is turned upside down and must be looked at from a different perspective. From today's parable we can understand that God has chosen to bestow his mercy on all who turn to him, however 'late' they appear to arrive. We cannot earn the right to God's mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of "gift." Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God's mercy if they repent. Let us reflect, today, upon how we can grow in our appreciation of the tremendous gift of God's mercy in our lives so that we can pray for God to bestow the fullness of his mercy upon everyone in this world when they turn to him with a contrite 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.

Daily Mass– changes from 2nd October

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.

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