MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

16th –22nd October 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 16TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARY CONWELL RIP
TUES 17TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARIA SCIBOR RIP ST IGNATIUS of ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR
WED 18TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS HILDA MINOLI ST LUKE, EVANGELIST
THURS 19TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	INTS ANGELA KULAN ST PAUL OF THE CROSS
FRI 20TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 21ST	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS PAULINE FITZGERALD **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** MEMORIA OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 22ND		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	ANTHONY MULLIN RIP SUAN MULLIN RIP INTS ANNA HORTON JOSE MENDOZA LOZANO RIP

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SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS—APPOINTMENTS Fr Martin will be meeting with the families on **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.

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.**

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM MASS The team are looking to expand volunteers for serving coffee on a rota basis, it would be a shame if this has to stop. 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. It is not a big commitment, but a very worthwhile role for the benefit of the parish. If you would like to find out more, please e mail her on annaellul@live.co.uk or contact the parish office.

CAN YOU HELP? A carer, working in a nursing home where one of our parishioners lives, is in need of winter coats for children aged 1 and 3 years. Please let the parish office know if you can help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Hillingdon Food Bank – Next collection **Tuesday 17th October.** Thank you to everyone who contributes to the donations. The weight of our last collection, combined with that of St Lawrence Church was 98.6kg, the equivalent to emergency parcels for 5 families.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 18th 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 will be an SVP meeting on **22nd October** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. All are welcome to come along to the meeting and to learn about the work of the SVP. They support individuals and families locally who are in need. Thank you to all who kindly responded to the request for white goods & furniture - the recipient is extremely grateful and is settling well in her new flat.

November Dead List –Month of the Holy Souls envelopes will be available in advance, from next week onwards, for completing names to be included in the mass intentions for the repose of the souls of loved ones during the month of November.

Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch—7th December 2.15 pm Douay Martyrs School are delighted to again be able to offer Christmas Lunch in 2023. Places are limited, so if you are interested please let Josien know, and she will liaise with the organisers at the school. Telephone 07752158967

SUNDAY 15th October 2023 +28th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



14TH / 15TH OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
MATILDA MULLIN RIP

9:30AM INTS GINETTE HUMPHREY

11:30AM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS



SICK PARISHIONERS

Josie Butler, Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, Laura Swan, 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

Matilda Mullin, Barbara Bailes, Bridget O'Sullivan, Clement Grant- Ross, Tina-Marie Galvin, Daisy Sutherland, Sheila Miles, Patrick Tobin, Fr Duncan Adamson

RECENTLY DEPARTED



Liam Potts

Dear Parishioners,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

This Sunday we hear Jesus tell a parable in which a king wants to invite people to celebrate his son's marriage. Due to the lack of enthusiasm in those invited, the king has to throw open the invitation to a much wider group. We can see in the parable a message about the different ways people might respond to the Gospel message. Some may be indifferent. Some might be so consumed with worldly endeavours that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, may seem irrelevant. Others, like the chief priests and elders, might be good at playing a part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but may in fact be hostile to the will of God. In the parable, when the wider invitation was sent forth to all people, some finally responded. How completely do we respond to Jesus' invitation? To answer that question properly, we must 'read' the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the centre of our lives and concludes by making his will the sole purpose of our lives. The ultimate expression of this love and charity, and of the 'wedding feast of the Lamb', is that Jesus is willing to give up his life for us so that we can be part of the king's celebration in his kingdom. Let us reflect, today, upon how charitable we are toward others and whether we want to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity seeks to do everything necessary to help us grow in the love of God. As we reflect upon on the place of God's love in our lives, let us pray that we can welcome his invitation and allow our wholehearted worship of him to transform us into a gift of love for others.

God bless you

Fr Martin

MASS COUNT

This weekend there will be a mass count at all masses. This forms part of the Pastoral statistics provided by each parish.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Training for new Altar Servers will start today, **15th October 2023** after both the 9.30 and 11.30 Mass. If you have already made your First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server please see Liam after Mass.

MISSIO, *Today, Tomorrow, Together* There will be a retiring collection next weekend, 21st / 22nd October on World Mission Sunday.

THE FORTY MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES – There is an excellent series of TV programmes being made by Shalom World TV, about the Forty Martyrs of the penal times. There are two episodes featuring the Father of Fr Martin, Dr Dudley Plunkett. These can be found at the following links and also the other episodes. St Polydore Plasden https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/the-humble-martyr-st-polydore-plasden & St Philip Howard https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/11-years-in-prison-for-choosing-to-be-catholic-st-philip-howard