MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

23rd –29th October 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 23RD	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LEESHA GUILFOYLE RIP ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
TUES 24TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS FR MARTIN & FAMILY ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET
WED 25TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BERTHA NODDER 100TH BDAY
THURS 26TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	TINA MARIE GALVIN RIP Ss CHAD AND CEDD
FRI 27TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 28TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS OF DAMIEN **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
SUN 29TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	INTS SR TERESA HARRINGTON INTS KYLA EGAN PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, there will be a number of masses offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be included in these masses, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form too. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

THREE HOURS A FORTNIGHT! Can you spare three hours a fortnight to help with light cleaning duties in the presbytery, to help maintain the offices and house and support Fr Martin / Parish office. The previous cleaner who had been with the parish for many years has not been able to continue. This is a paid post. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved, salary and days, please have a chat with Fr Martin before the end of October.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

All Saints day—1st November, Holy day of Obligation, Masses Vigil Tuesday 31st October 7.30pm and 9.30am on Wednesday 1st November.

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 1st November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

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 22nd October 2023 +29th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



21ST/22ND OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
ANTHONY MULLIN RIP & SUAN MULLIN RIP

09:30AM INTS ANNA HORTON

11.30AM JOSE MENDOZA LOZANO RIP

FOR OUR PRAYERS



SICK PARISHIONERS

Caroline Donnachie, Angela Fahy, 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

Betty Bensted, Anthony Mullin, Suan Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou, Tom McKearney, Ted Blundell, Julia Hoy, Tina Marie Galvin, Kathleen Murchan, David Barker.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Sydney Home,
Liam Potts



Dear Parishioners,

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

This week's Gospel reading tells us of the Pharisees seeking to ask Jesus a trick question about the legitimacy of the Roman axes that they had to pay. This questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod's soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. However, Jesus' answer was perfect: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." Without violating the Law of God, Jesus also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard him 'were amazed, and leaving him they went away.' Jesus, as the truth made incarnate, shows us that there is a way out of all apparently irresolvable human situations and conflict. Jesus never attacked when he was attacked. Jesus did not defend himself irrationally. Jesus did not shy away from confrontation. Jesus did not manipulate the truth to his own advantage. Instead, Jesus always spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in the same trickery. The only way to ultimately resolve anything is with the truth. Jesus was so uncompromisingly attached to the paramount truth of God's love and presence in our lives that he could not relinquish this for anything. Jesus shows that when we do this it can resolve all situations. If this truth is rejected, as it was with Jesus, then it may still cause suffering but we will not be living in deception. Jesus accepted the suffering of the Cross and so proved his sincerity and won our salvation for us. Let us reflect, today, upon how we work to resolve differences when they arise. Do we see others as an enemies? Or do we strive to be like Jesus who put God first and desired that all people could come to know his love? If the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then all our communication will imitate Jesus and we can pray that the best and most peaceful resolution will be the result.

God Bless You
Fr Martín

MISSIO, *Today, Tomorrow, Together* World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary in Kenya who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The will be an SVP meeting today, **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 help individuals and families locally who are in need. Thank you for supporting the SVP Summer raffle - the draw took place on 27th September which is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Please find a list of winning tickets in the Narthex.

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