MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

9th –15th October 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 9TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EMA FERNANDES RIP ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
TUES 10TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS MARGARET DALTREY ST PAULINUS OF YORK
WED 11TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS HILDA MINOLI POPE ST JOHN XIII,
THURS 12TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	INTS FR MARTIN BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS
FRI 13TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 14TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARY O'SULLIVAN RIP **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** ST CALLISTUS
SUN 15TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MATILDA MULLIN RIP INTS GINETTE HUMPHREY THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Training for new Altar Servers will start on Sunday **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.

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 is a display in the Narthex about Carlos Acutis and his life. His feast day is October 12th, 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.

100 CLUB WINNERS -Congratulations to Ivonne Higgison, Tom Lynskey and Rosie Boyle winners in October draw. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy after mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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.

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. 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.

World Mission Sunday– There will be a retiring collection on **21/22nd October**

SUNDAY 8th October 2023 +27th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



7TH / 8TH OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)

PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP

9:30AM INTS RICHARD MAUDE

11:30AM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS

Josie Butler,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

Michael Keating, Fr Eugene Langdale (founding Parish Priest), Bridget Potts, Matilda Mullin



Dear Parishioners,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.'

In the scripture verse above from this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus concludes his parable of the Tenants. In this parable, the tenants refuse to acknowledge the owner of the vineyard and end up putting even his own son to death. Jesus uses this story to outline what we call our 'salvation history'. The Father is the owner of the vineyard, which represents the people of Israel. The tenants are those who abused the prophets who were sent to gather the fruit of God's Kingdom. The son in the story is the Son of God who was mistreated, rejected and ultimately put to death. The most amazing thing that has ever happened in this world is the death of the Son of God. It is amazing for many reasons. It's amazing that God the Father allowed his Son to be brutally murdered by evil men. It's amazing that the Son did not call upon the myriad of angels to stop his persecution. It's amazing that Jesus spoke words of forgiveness from the Cross as his own mother looked on. It's amazing that from this event the gift of eternal salvation has been made possible for us. Only God, in his everlasting love, could bring forth the greatest good from the greatest evil. Nothing could be more evil than the brutal murder of the Son of God, and nothing could be more glorious than the transformation of that heinous crime into the definitive act of salvation for the human race. Jesus is '*the stone rejected by the builders, which has become the cornerstone*' of the new life of grace to which we are called. Let us reflect, today, upon the glorious fact that if God can use the suffering and death of Jesus to bring salvation to the world, he can also use us in ways that are beyond our imagination. We might not be famous or especially influential in today's world. We might encounter much suffering, persecution, or hardship throughout life. Regardless of our own life situation, God desires to use us for great things and to bear an abundance of good fruit for his Kingdom. Let us commit to being part of this mission, and allow God to use us as a cornerstone of his grace in this world.

God bless you,

Fr Martin

MASS COUNT

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

CAFOD—HARVEST APPEAL TODAY 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. Donation envelopes are at the back of church or give online at **cafod.org.uk**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The will be an SVP meeting today, **Sunday 17th September** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. Thank you to all who kindly responded to our request for white goods & furniture - the recipient is extremely grateful and I'm pleased to say she's settling well in her new flat in Pinner.

HOLY BAPTISM Please keep the newest members of our parish: Ralph and Penelope Jennings and Andrea Sakalauskas and their families in your prayers as they are baptised this weekend and start their journeys of faith.