MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

13th November –19th November 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 13TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SYDNEY HOME RIP
TUES 14TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
WED 15TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PETER WHELAN RIP ST ALBERT THE GREAT
THURS 16TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	INTS NORA CAIN
FRI 17TH	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 18TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER AND PAUL THE APOSTLES
SUN 19TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	INTS TIFFANY BOLTON PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MARIO & LUIGIA PIRRONI RIP

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INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY– VIGIL LAMP There is a new blue vigil lamp that burns by the statue of Our Lady continually, using special candles that burn for 7 days. If you would like to make a donation towards the 7 day candle, in memory of a loved one or for the intentions of those in need of prayers, please complete an envelope at the back of church or contact the parish office. The intention will be put in the newsletter and a special card will be displayed by Our Lady for the week requested, starting on a Saturday. For any weeks that are not filled, the lamp will burn for the people of the parish. Suggested minimum donation is £5 to cover costs.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL We are pleased to be able to announce that the PPC has a new secretary. Many thanks to Patricia Barron who has come forward to take up this role on behalf of the parish.

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 for 2024, please complete the forms at the back of church and return them to the parish office by **30th November.**

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal cafod.org.uk/ipc Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Foodbank Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 14th November.** They are currently seeking donations of noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll, fruit puddings.

The Life Ascending Group—meeting next on **Wednesday 15th November** 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 meeting will be on **Sunday 26th November,** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. All are welcome to come along to see the work they do to help local people in need.

Sunday 26th November—Feast of Christ the King The 9.30am mass will be a children's mass. There will be no children's liturgy but there may be some crowns!

Community Connex– Sunday lunch will be served on **26th November** with activities of a Scottish theme. Cost £15 per head to include drinks. See leaflets for more information.

CHRISTMAS SAVE THE DATES: Saturday 2nd December An evening of song for Christmas-led by the Folk Group 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Bring your own food and supplies. A sign up list can be found at the back of church.

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER– Parish Carol service followed by a mini fayre, more info to follow over the next few weeks, to include timings, items needed / volunteer helpers. This is a busy time of year for us all, but it is a special time to be able to celebrate Advent / Christmas together in our parish– **SAVE THE DATE.**

SUNDAY 12th November 2023 +32nd Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
11TH/12TH NOVEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP
09:30AM JOHN KEANE RIP
11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS
Pauline Fitzgerald, Caroline Donnachie, Angela Fahy, Josie Butler, Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, 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 ,Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME
Ann Murphy and Teddy Keating

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Michael Herbert



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY,

burns this coming week in loving memory of

Michael John Hill RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"The Bridegroom is here; go out and meet him!"

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable about a great marriage feast to help us understand the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. Among the attending bridesmaids, five were sensible and had extra oil in their lamps and five were foolish and ran out of oil. Jesus, the Son of God, has come to establish a covenant, a marriage, between God and his people. However, in this marriage it is the Bridegroom, not the bride, who is *given away* by the Father. The Good News of the Gospel tells us that *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.* This establishes God's eternal covenant with us through his Son, who has been offered as a sacrifice for our sins. We are all invited to this marriage feast and are asked to consider if our lamps will be filled with the oil of love of God and of our neighbour. If we can perceive the inestimable love being offered to us from God through Jesus, then we will find it most reasonable that we desire to offer our love in return, as our part of the celebration. Our local experience of this beautiful invitation is through our parish, both in the liturgical celebrations, especially the Holy Mass, and in the sharing of the life of our community together. The more our lamps are filled with the 'oil' of love in our lives, the more we share in the graces and blessings God wants to give to us and our parish. This month of November we draw closer to and pray for all the faithful departed, acknowledging the goodness of their lives, praying that God will give them eternal rest. This Sunday we especially remember all those who have given their lives for the cause of peace; all those who have died in armed conflict and been the victims of war. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed come to share in the fullness of the wedding feast of the Lamb in heaven. May our own lamps be lit, with the flame of faith and love, to help guide us to the Kingdom of Heaven to share in this great invitation.

God Bless You

Fr Martin

MASS TIME CHANGE **Sunday 12th November** Remembrance Sunday. The 11.30am mass will be start at the later time of 12 noon, to allow for those who wish to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Eastcote Memorial.

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN-Ashes of the late Moira Bennett will be interred today Sunday, **12th November** after the 9.30am mass. All are invited to attend. There will also be the opportunity to make a donation in her memory to the Lunch Club, for those may wish to.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES There will be a short liturgy (not a Mass) followed by the blessing of individual graves at Pinner New Cemetery at 2pm on **Saturday 18th November.**

HOMES FOR UKRAINE Caritas, the charitable arm of the Catholic church are partnering with SJOG, (who match homes for Ukraine families in the UK) There are leaflets about the scheme at the back of church for anyone who may be interested, along with prayer cards.

SAFEGUARDING Next Sunday, **19th November** after the 9.30mass, there will be the opportunity to meet the Parish Safeguarding reps and to hear about the work being done in our parish to make this a safe environment, especially for the young and vulnerable. This is not only for those directly involved in their roles within the parish but for anyone who would like to support and learn more about what is happening.