MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

20th November –26th November 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 20TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NEIL BUCKLEY RIP
TUES 21ST	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**HOLY SOULS** **THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
WED 22ND	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS ANGELA KULAN **ST CECILIA**
THURS 23RD	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	PADRAIG HENRY RIP **ST CLEMENT 1, POPE**
FRI 24TH	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 25TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BILL AND MARY O REILLY RIP **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
SUN 26TH		6 PM SAT 9.30 AM 11.30AM	INTS MARY, & TOM LYNSKEY AND FAMILY JIMMY MOYNIHAN PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS, NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES , VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/

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PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND FAYRE **SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER– Parish Carol** service at 3pm will be followed by refreshments and a mini fayre. Please see flyers and posters for details over the next few weeks for donations required and please sign up if you can help on the day. This is a busy time of year for us all, but it is a special time to be able to celebrate Advent / Christmas together as parish– Please **SAVE THE DATE.**

SACRAMENTS—CONFIRMATION If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 12pm, forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **end of January.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 11th May 2024, please complete the forms at the back of church to sign up to the programme starting in the New Year and return to the parish office by **30th November.**

COUNTER ROTA A new rota for 2024 can be found at the back of church for our loyal teams of counters.

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.

INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY– VIGIL LAMP Envelopes are now available at the back of church for intention requests for the 7 day vigil lamp.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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.

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.

Life Ascending Group—meeting next on **Wednesday 29th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

Foodbank Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 12th December.** The food-bank make hampers in time for Christmas. Please see the request list by the collection box for more details, this includes toys, books and sweets, as well as their long life items.

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– see posters for more details.

SUNDAY 19th November 2023 +33nd Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
18TH/19TH NOVEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
INTS TIFFANY BOLTON
09:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30AM MARIO & LUIGIA PIRRONI RIP

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
George Forrow

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Michael Herbert



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY,
burns this coming week
in loving memory of
Anne & John Molloy RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'Come and join in your Master's happiness.'

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear Jesus telling a story about a man who went on a journey and entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. This parable helps us to reflect on the most important part of our lives: the calling we have received to serve the will of God. We are invited to fulfil the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us. Every natural ability we have can be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying him and furthering his kingdom on earth. From a human perspective, we can see the natural gifts that God has given us as only the beginning. God has so much more he wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God's glory and for the furtherance of his kingdom. The greatest gift God has given to all of us is the revelation of his everlasting love through his divine Son, Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross for us is what opens the way into the kingdom of God for all of us. Today we can ask what further personal gifts or talents has our Lord entrusted to us. What gifts and talents do we have? As we think about our natural talents, we can consider how well we use them for the service of God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, "You wicked, lazy servant!" So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we may miss fulfilling our potential. However, if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow. Let us reflect, today, upon how diligent we are in our desire to fulfil the will of God in our life. Let us work at perfecting our daily expressions of charity. Let us commit our self to daily prayer. Let us desire to weed out all sin in our life. Doing all these small things well will allow our lives to grow in holiness so that God can one day say 'Come and join in your Master's happiness.'

God Bless you
Fr Martin

SAFEGUARDING Today **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.

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER—FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING The 9.30am mass next Sunday will be a children's mass with the folk group leading the singing. There will be no children's liturgy but there may be some crowns!



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.

INTERFAITH WEEK As we come to the end of interfaith week, we pray for our friends and family who belong to different religions. May our religious diversity bring neither hatred nor fear, but allow us to better appreciate the richness of God's love for the world.

HOLY BAPTISM We pray for Eliza and Cora Curtin who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community.