SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER + 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM **EVE** ANNE AND LES WRIGHT **(A) RIP**
9.30 PM WYN AND BILL MAXTED (**A) RIP**
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED

Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King, Bill Garvey , Sharon Evans**,** Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Henc Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.



THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS especially Marie Hardy **,** Pat Faille

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :

Eamon Nolan, Arthur Sudbury, Mgr Peter Anglim, Bill Maxted, Les Wright, Merle Roke, Bernard Meleady



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY burns this week in Loving Memory of

RICHARD DONNELLY
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

This Sunday Jesus tells us a parable in which a steward, who is due to lose his job, reduces the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favour with each of them so that they might help him after he has been fired. Jesus does not tell this parable because he approves of deception in business practices but to illustrate that those who may be motivated by worldly or selfish goals can nonetheless be a model of planning ahead for the best future for themselves. If we were to make a list of our goals hopefully, our primary goal would be the love, service and glory of God. Every other goal in life would fall into place if that is our central focus. This involves the virtue of prudence, which is called the 'mother of all virtues' because it involves the wisdom as to how to direct all our time and energy, goals and ambitions. Jesus used this wisdom to know that what mattered most to him was his love for his Father and his desire to save us all by this sacrifice on the Cross. Let us reflect, today, upon what our list of priorities looks like. Do we seek to do what God is inspiring us to do? If so, the ordinary things of life can become grace-filled ways by which we can glorify God. Let us pray for the gift of wisdom today and ask God to order our life so that everything we do is for his glory and for the salvation of souls.

God Bless You, *Fr Martin*

EVANGELII GAUDIAM is latin for "Joy of the Gospel" There will be a second collection after all the masses this weekend, for this home mission Sunday to celebrate the beauty of our faith and witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

THE SVP GROUP will meet this **Sunday 21st September**, after the 9.30 am mass in the library. All are welcome to come along and learn about the work the SVP do in the local community. They would also like to extend an invitation to **9.30 am mass on Friday 26th September** which will be offered for all members and those they visit, followed by a coffee.

PARISH MASS COUNT Over the next four weekends there will be a parish mass count to help with Diocesan statistics.

PARISH CATECHISTS TRAINING – Many of our parishioners have discovered the joy of passing on their Catholic faith in our parish through preparing our young people for the Sacraments, our Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings or in our RCIA course for adults. To help support this essential work we have invited the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation to run 7 training sessions for us on Tuesday evenings starting on the 23rd of this month. The first 3 evenings provide an overview for everyone involved: **What is Catechesis? (23rd September) Practical Skills (30th September) & The Spirituality of the Catechist (7th October).** The following 4 evenings focus on each specific area of catechesis: **First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation (14th October) Children's Liturgy (21st October) Confirmation (4th November) & RCIA (11th November).** These evenings will be in the Anglim Room from 7-9pm and will provide an exciting vision and support for all those involved in this beautiful and vital work of passing on our precious faith to others. The evenings are also open to anyone not yet a catechist but who would like to be more involved in the parish in this way.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING- Training for new Altar Servers will begin on **Sunday 12th October 2025** after the 9.30 Mass. If you are interested , please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS Fr Martin will be available to meet with parents and children on Wednesdays **1st and 8th October** for the signing of forms. Appointments from 4pm –5.45 pm. Please contact the parish office to book.

Mass Times
22nd September to 28th September

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 22ND SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SHEILA JONES **INTS**
TUES 23RD SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	GILDA KUMARATHASAN **INTS** ST PIUS
WED 24TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MADELEINE HORSBURGH **(A) RIP** OUR LADY OF WALSING-HAM
THURS 25TH SEPT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	ROSARY AND EXPOSITION
FRIDAY 26TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SVP MEMBERS AND ALL THOSE VISITED SS.COSMAS AND DAMIEN
SATUR-DAY 27TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARK NUNN **INTS** ST VINCENT DE PAUL **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 28TH SEPT		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	RICHARD KEATING **(A) RIP** RADLETT FAMILY **INTS** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – We are hoping to run another RCIA this year to help potential new Catholics learn about the tradition and teaching of the Catholic Christian Church. This is an ideal opportunity to ask friends, spouses, relatives, neighbours or colleagues if this might be a moment for them to find out more about the Church. Please consider who God might be calling to participate in this process and if we may be able to help them with an encouraging invitation. The evening sessions will begin in early October. Please provide the parish office with the names and contact details of those wishing to attend.

100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS—Bill Smyth would like to thank all those who attended last weeks birthday celebrations. He thoroughly enjoyed the event and thanks everyone for their warm wishes and prayers.

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust is recruiting for Clerks for two school boards, St John's Catholic Primary School and St Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School, both in Rickmansworth. . More information is available at https://www.eteach.com/careers/ascatonline/ or interested parties can contact Director of Governance and Compliance, Christina Reffold at governance@ascat.co.uk for more information.

1 BED FLAT TO RENT IN PINNER– few minutes walk from the high street, kitchen, good size bedroom and dining-room and use of communal garden. Available 15th October call 07792308912 £1550 pcm or see Teresa Timilsina at mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



PADRE PIO SPIRITUALITY RETREAT DAY—Sunday 21st September– starting with Holy Mass at 9am . Contact Elvalia 07598 846667 for further details.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **Wednesday 1st October** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups.

FOODBANK–next collection **Monday 6th October**. Thank you for your continues support and donations. The foodbank are desperately short of stock at the moment. The following tinned and cupboard / dried items are needed: Potatoes, puddings, fruit, noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll. Thank you

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Year 7 Open evenings on **Thursday 2nd October** 5.00pm—8.00 pm and open morning **Friday 3rd October** 9.00 am—11.30 am. https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/282/school-admissions

LIVE *STREAMING* *–For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.*

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/EASTCOTE/