SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER + 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
12TH/13TH SEPTEMBER

6.00 PM JOHN DONNELLY **(RIP)**

9.30 AM WYN AND BILL MAXTED **(A) RIP**

11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Tom Cole, Josephine McRae, Ida Houlden, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Bill Garvey , Ray and Elizabeth King and Angela Johnson.

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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Anita Burrows, Jim Richards, Andre Allen.



THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP
has been donated this week
for the intentions of
THE EDWARDS FAMILY





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week
for the intentions of

JAKE AND REECE

Dear Parishioners,

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Peter ask Jesus, *"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times"* Peter perhaps thought he was being generous but Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, *"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."* Up to that time, in the Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos (cf. *Amos* 1:3). So when Peter offered seven times, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure! But Jesus' response is not a precise numerical limit. It's a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God's own mercy toward us. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; he was inviting Peter into the boundless love of the Father. Jesus taught a parable that illustrates this clearly with a king forgiving the debt of a servant who owed a *"huge amount"* but when the same servant was asked to forgive a smaller amount from another person he would not do it. Peter would later have to try and understand how Jesus could willingly go to the Cross for all people and at the last moment pray for the forgiveness of all. Let us reflect today on the mercy we have received from God. Has God not been patient with us, gentle with our faults and generous with his grace? Is there someone in our life whom we have found difficult to forgive? May this parable encourage us to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Then the kingdom of heaven will truly reign in us.

God Bless You, **Fr Martin**

THE PPC would like to invite you to an open event on **SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT 3PM**, in the parish centre, with coffee/tea and cake. There will be a chance to look at the results of the Parish Survey undertaken earlier in the year and learn more about the needs of our parish and local community. If you would like to take a look at a summary of the results of the survey this can be viewed using the following link. https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/news/parish-survey-results/ All are welcome to come along—we look forward to seeing you.

HOME AND MISSION SUNDAY –There will be second collections after all the masses next weekend for Home Mission Sunday. This is the day the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. The following link is a reflection on this: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-the-joy-and-beauty-of-knowing-jesus-christ/

SEPTEMBER VISIT Our new parish decoration of the inscription of the words of the Our Father completed last year will be formally blessed by our new Archbishop Richard Moth on **SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER** at the 11.30 am Mass. There will be a buffet in the hall to follow. All are invited to share in this special event for our parish.

MASS TIMES

14th September—20th September

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 14TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOYONU HUNNU– MOIETT **INTS** THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
TUES 15TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOHN WALLACE **INTS** OUR LADY OF SORROWS
WED 16TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JAMES RICHARDS **(A) RIP** ST CORNELIUS
THURS 17TH SEPT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 18TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CURTIS FAMILY
SAT 19TH SEPT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TERESINHA PALAVER TRUS **(A) RIP** ST JANAURIUS **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 20TH SEPT		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	WALTER O NEIL **A) RIP** SAMRAAT TIMILSINA **INTS** LIAM POTTS **(A) RIP** TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY

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THE 100 CLUB draw took place last weekend for August. Winning numbers are Scott K. No 42, Angela K. No.43, Peter D No. 17. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy. Winning numbers displayed also in the entrance to church.

HOME-START HILLINGDON, a local charity that supports families with young children who are facing challenges such as isolation, poor mental health, financial pressures, and difficulties managing day-to-day family life, are currently recruiting Parent and Grandparent volunteers. Please see the community poster board by the front entrance to the hall for details.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

UNPACK THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TOGETHER—If you know anyone who may be interested or curious about the Christian faith St John Fisher church, North Harrow are running an ALPHA course with a chance to share, question and converse with others at the church. More details can be obtained from the following link. http//parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth/

FOODBANK next collection will be **Mon 14th September** They are in urgent need of sugar, long life milk, tinned vegetables & fruit, juice, noodles, jams, honey, condiments, tinned meat, soup, tomatoes, tinned puddings, rice, cereals. Thank you.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **Wednesday 16th September 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.

SVP—Will meet next on **Sunday 20th September** after the 9.30 mass in the Library.

ST JOAN OF ARC school open evenings for new year intake 2027 are on the following dates; **Thursday 1st October** 5.00pm - 8.00pm Open Morning - **Friday 2nd October** 9.30am -11.30am. Further information can be obtained from the following link. https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2918/open-events-2026#

GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC school open days –**Wednesday 23rd September** 1.30pm – 3.00pm, 5.00pm – 7.30pm **MONDAY, 28 September** 1.30 pm—3.00 pm **WEDNESDAY, 30 September** 10.30am – 11.30am To register and for further information visit our website: www.gunnersbury.com

FOR INFORMATION: MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE HOUSEBOUND AND UNABE TO ATTEND. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE VISIBLE ON THE STREAM, PLEASE SIT FURTHER BACK IN THE CHURCH.