SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026 + 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
24TH/25TH OCTOBER

6.00 PM	THANKSGIVING MASS–LUCKHURST FAMILY
9.30 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM	ISABEL NORTH **(L/D) RIP**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Izabel Malheiros, 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 & Elizabeth King, Angela Johnson, John Moore.

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



FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Tom McKearney, Ted Blundell, Julia Hoy, Tina Marie Galvin, Kathleen Murchan, David Barker, John Mc Mahon, Peter Hutchinson, Clair Wheeler, Sharon Evans.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week for the repose of the soul of

LINDA GRIMES

RIP





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week
in loving memory of

KATHLEEN MURCHAN (A)

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus answering a question about which is the greatest of the commandments. In his reply Jesus offers simply two commands which encompass the entire Law and the Prophets: *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind"* and *"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* These two commandments encapsulate the essence of the Christian way of life. What is love? The word 'love' is often merely equated with emotion, sentiment, or being nice. However, Christianity shows us that there is much more to love than this. The Christian understanding of love involves giving selflessly to others. Love is relational. If we love someone it not only concerns our feelings for that person but that we are willing to sacrifice for their benefit. Love is a choice. It is a choice to give freely of ourselves for the good of another. Jesus calls us to love God with our heart, soul and mind. Jesus wants us to love God with everything that we are. He invites us to love God because that is what we have been created for. A loving relationship with God is what is best for us. If we truly love God with all that we are then we will obey his commandments. The essential complement to loving God is also loving others. How can we love God without also loving those he has created? Jesus elsewhere even includes our enemies in this commandment. We are called to work for the good of even those who may hate us. In this way, we truly live out the Christian life. If we think this is impossible for us then we are probably right! It is only possible if we see the perfect way that Jesus lives these two commandments right up to his sacrifice of himself for all of us on the Cross. Let us reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbour. Does our life bear witness to these two great commands? Does our daily prayer arise from and lead to this two-fold love? Let us pray to allow God's love to overflow in our lives so that all people may come to know the beauty and truth of this Christin way of life in our world.

God bless you, ***Fr Martin***

ALL SOULS DAY –2ND NOVEMBER, there will be a special evening mass at **7 pm,** for all those bereaved who will have the opportunity to remember their loved ones and light a candle for them during the mass.

FUNERAL MASS OF THE LATE PAT WILBY will take place on **Wednesday 28th October at 11.30am,** with the Reception of the body into the church **Tuesday 27th at 5pm.**

LINDA GRIMES **RIP** As a parish we are extremely saddened by the unexpected death of Linda Grimes. Linda gave a enormous amount of time to the parish over many years and we are so grateful for her commitment and service to the church. Our sympathy and prayers are with John, her husband and their children Jack and Ellie and her husband Alex.

+ We pray for the repose of Linda's soul that she may be given eternal rest and that the family will be sustained and consoled by God at this very sad time. +



Fr Martin will be celebrating her funeral Mass at the **SACRED HEART CHURCH,** on **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER** at **11.30AM.** All are welcome to attend.

MASS TIMES

26th October-1st November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 26TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	KATHLEEN JENKINS **INTS** **SS. CHAD AND CEDD**
TUES 27TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **5.00 PM**	SHARON EVANS **RIP 1ST ANNIVERSAY** RECEPTION OF THE BODY—OF THE LATE **PAT WILBY**
WED 28TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	GILLIAN NEWMAN **RIP** **SS. SIMON AND JUDE** FUNERAL MASS–**PAT WILBY RIP**
THURS 29TH OCT	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 30TH OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	MARY RICHARDS **RIP**
SAT 31ST OCT	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ZACHARY QUINCEY **INTS HEALTH AND HEALING** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN 1ST NOV		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	PADDY MOLLOY **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH JOE AND MARGARET CUNHA **RIP** **ALL SAINTS**

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, we remember the Holy Souls at specific masses. If you would like your loved ones to be included, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your mass offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL At our meeting a few weeks ago with Fr Martin, the PPC wanted to thank everyone who came to the parish open meeting and participated so well in the discussion and everyone who completed the parish survey. We discussed how best to follow up the open meeting and survey by creating opportunities for people to become involved in what is going well in the parish and also in new possibilities, including intergenerational activities and contacts. Whilst recognising the pressures on everyone at the moment, we are keen to ensure that anyone who would like to help with the work of the parish, including any new initiatives planned should feel welcome and supported. We will say more about what we have in mind next few weeks. Anthony Inglese, Chair PPC

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. The closing date for applications is **30th November.**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **Wednesday 28th October at 2.30 pm** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SAINTS, HOLINESS AND MY DAILY LIFE—talk by Fr James Mctavish on how to live life to the fullest. **Wednesday 28th October,** Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip 7.15—8.30 pm—bring a pen.

SVP—Will meet this **SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER** after the 9.30 mass in the Library.

FOODBANK next collection will be **MON 2ND NOVEMBER** 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.

PADRE PIO– servants of suffering. A day with the spiritual family of Padre Pio to be held at the church of St Gregory the Great south Ruislip–**SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.** Please see poster in the front notice board for details.

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.