

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Mary Barratt, Johnson Lazar, Rose Vital, Ann Pope, Veronica Baltazar, Baby Emmanuel. *They will be prayed for at the 12 noon Mass today (Sunday).* **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** *They will be prayed for at 10am Mass on Saturday 26th October.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIGHTS: This week's dedication is for Laurel Baptiste RIP. If you would like to dedicate the candles on either side of the Tabernacle in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving contact Mary Wilfred in the parish office. (Suggested donation: £10).

COUNTING TEAM:
This week's team: Bernie's.

FOR YOUR READING

BIBLE ALIVE (£2.25p);
FAITH TODAY (£2.25p)
MY DAY BY DAY (£1);
OREMUS (£2.50)
FROM THE ARCHIVES (£3.50)
Available from the Papers' table

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION OF ADULTS - THE RCIA:

If you are interested in joining this group please speak to Fr Dennis. We hope to re-commence our course very soon.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Just a reminder that Fr Dennis will be meeting with the Special Ministers on Friday 8th November at 7.30 pm in the Bowden Room. If you are able to attend, please let the parish office know as soon as possible.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER Syrian Refugee Appeal

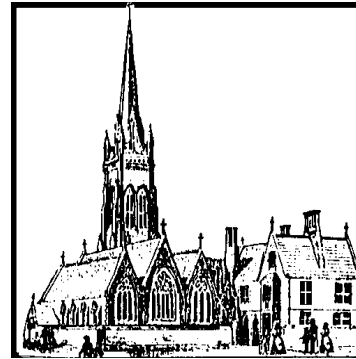
A BIG thank you to everyone who supported this important initiative - we raised £339.52 for the Syrian Refugee Appeal.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED PRAYER GROUP
Every other Tuesday after 9.30 Mass.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon	4	9.30 am	Mass	ST CHARLES BORROMEIO
		12 noon		ANN POPE RIP REQUIEM MASS
Tue	5	9.30 am	Mass	
Wed	6	9.30 am	Mass	
Thu	7	NO MASS		
Fri	8	9.30am	Mass	
Sat	9	10am	Mass	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
		10.30 - 11.30am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		5.30pm		VIGIL MASS (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
SUN	10	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
		9am, 10.30am, 12 noon Solemn Mass of Requiem,		
		3pm (Portuguese) 6pm		

Confessions: Sat 10.30 - 11am; 5.30 - 6.15pm or at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Saturday 10.30 - 11.30 am



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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Parish Mass Books p.157

3rd NOVEMBER 2013
YEAR OF FAITH

My Dear Friends,

Praying for the dead is a requirement of Christian charity and it is our privilege to do so. With this in mind the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion, and in November our devotion is focused on the Holy Souls.

The *Book of Remembrance* which you can see in the Sanctuary, has been placed close to the altar (the place where the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered and the promise of the Resurrection is made present) and each day a page will be turned to remind us to pray. Naturally there are far too many names in the book for them to be called out individually, but in this small way they will be remembered in a special way.

Next Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, when the nation pauses to remember its dead, a Solemn Mass of Requiem will be sung for those who have died, and continue to die, in war. On Wednesday 20th there will be a Mass of Requiem at 7 pm for us to remember our own departed loved ones, especially those who have died in the last twelve months. At this Mass those who wish will be invited to come forward and light a candle in commemoration.

Finally I am still looking to recruit volunteers for the *Meet and Greet* ministry which has not taken off in quite the way I had hoped! Please do give this some thought and send me an email if you can help.

God bless you all,

THIS WEEK

THU 9.30 - 11.30am PARENTS & TODDLERS GROUP

FRI 3.30 - 5.30 pm KIDS CLUB
6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

200 CLUB DRAW MEMBERS

If you are a member but do not receive the monthly email of prize winners, please send your email address to charles@noelfamily.co.uk.

CEMETERY MASS NORTH SHEEN

The Annual Mass for our parish (along with Holy Cross, Parsons Green and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Stephendale Road) is this Sunday 3rd Nov at 2.15 pm.

REPOSITORY

Volunteers are urgently needed to help run the Repository - after the 10.30 and 12 noon Masses. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Fr Dennis.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST'S FUND

The annual collection takes place next weekend. The money that is raised will be used to ensure that the elderly priests and those who are ill are well cared for.

Please be sure to take an envelope home with you today.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

**Please note the new time for Saturday evening Mass has now begun.
Confessions will be heard after that Mass.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12 noon Solemn Mass of Requiem

**At this Mass we will join with the nation in remembering all those who have died,
and continue to die, as a result of Man's inhumanity to his fellow Man.**

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Thank you very much for £1590.67.
Envelopes £1003.14; Loose £587.53.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

November is the month devoted to prayer for the Holy Souls. If you have not yet returned your list of names, please do so as soon as possible.

**Please note Year's Mind Mass
will be on Wednesday 20th
November at 7 pm.**

200 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

There were 121 members for the October draw, the winners are:
1. 88 £151.00 Tim Murphy
2. 65 £ 30.25 Claire Lonergan
3. 135 £ 30.25 Vera Treacy
4. 176 £ 20.00 Josef O'Connor
5. 124 £ 20.00 Frances Somers Cocks
6. 111 £ 20.00 Pierce Ryan
Congratulations to the winners!
Prize cheques will be in the post.

MEDITATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Meditation Group will be on Monday 4th November at 6 pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you have not completed a **Parish Registration Form** within the past two years or your details have changed, we ask you to do so by **30th November**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS: Parents with a child in Year 6 of Primary School who are applying for a place in a Catholic or a Church of England Secondary School for September 2014 will need a reference from a priest. Fr. Paul has now visited the Parish on three separate occasions and will not be returning. If you still need to get your form signed, please speak to Mary in the office, who will give you details of Fr Paul's new Parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES :

Please note that the dates for First Reconciliation have not yet been finalised. Our Parish team of Catechists will inform you of the correct dates as soon as possible.

BAPTISM PREPARATION : Registration for the next programme has now taken place. **Please note that this course will run every WEDNESDAY evening at 7.30 pm in the Bowden Room (NOT on THURSDAYS)** by Sr Margarida of the Verbum Dei. If anyone would like to help with running the course, please contact Sr Margarida on 07970 083252.

CONFIRMATION: Those wishing to make their Confirmation next year and who are now in Year 9 at school are invited to collect an application form from the 1st December. Forms may be collected after the Saturday evening Mass or any Sunday Mass. Please note that only the candidates may pick up a form.

WEDDINGS: We need at least 6 months notice and would ask that all who are planning to marry in 2014 to let us know by 31st October 2013.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: For those wishing to become Catholics or for Catholics who would like to know more about their faith please speak to Fr Dennis as soon as possible.

BEREAVEMENT DROP-IN: In view of the North Sheen Cemetery Annual Mass this Sunday 3rd November at 2.15pm, there will be no Drop-in Meeting on that day. Should anyone like a visit from a member of the Bereavement Support Group please contact Bernie: 020 7736 0386.