

## OPARISH TEAM

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**Mass Intentions:** please write the intention on the front of an envelope with your own name and preferred date and give to Fr Paul.

- **Infant Baptism:** If you wish to have your child baptised, please see and speak to Fr Paul after Mass
- **Confessions:** Saturday 10.30 -11 am or by appointment
- **Items for the newsletter** should reach the presbytery **by Thursday 4pm**, either by post or by email [goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk)
- **Want to receive the newsletter by email?** Give us your email address
- **Parish Office hours:** The Parish Office is open 10 am to 3 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (except Bank holidays)
- **Hire of the hall: currently suspended**, Sorry but the hall is not available for further hire
- **New to the parish?** please complete one of the blue registration cards and return to Fr Paul
- **In case you are admitted to hospital:** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.
- **School forms:** For parents who wish Fr Paul to sign their priest's reference form: please telephone or email to arrange an appointment.
- **Getting Married:** couples are reminded that six months' notice is required for a wedding, either in this country or abroad.
- **Visiting the housebound:** if you know of any elderly or housebound person who would like to be visited at home, please let Fr Paul know.



### Parish Diary

- **Pray the rosary weekly on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.** Contact Alvaro if you would like to join: [alvano@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:alvano@rcdow.org.uk)  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75311892635?pwd=OC8xaFZZZUx2amt3OFhCd09QWC80dz09> Meeting ID: 711 3775 6138P passcode: Wx48sB
- **Come and find your voice with our choir.** If you are interested, please talk to Mary, preferably after the 10:30 Mass
- **Visit the Repository** for your religious items after the 10:30 am Mass



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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Friends, a hallmark of a strong community is the way we **welcome** one another and engage with each other, even if it is just for short time at Mass. how welcoming is our community? Have you spoken to the people who gather around you at Mass? Do you see anyone in church who is often on their own? Please reach out to someone you have seen but haven't spoken to over the coming weeks so that no-one feels unwelcome at our church.

**CAFOD** Family Fast day will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please support the great work that CAFOD does by fasting on that day and giving the money you save to the collection which will be taken on the following Sunday.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, 34 of us will be going to **Fatima** on pilgrimage for 5 days. We will be praying especially for peace in our world at such a gloomy time and of course we will pray for each of you too. If you have any particular intentions, you can write them and put them in an envelope for me to take to Our Lady's shrine. A reminder to our pilgrims that you will need to arrange your own transport to and from Heathrow Terminal 2 for the early check in! I will meet you at the departure gate on the day.

Finally, remember that while I am away the **weekday** Masses have been reduced to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> but Sunday Masses stay the same.

May Our Lady of **Walsingham** bless us and pray for us.

Fr Paul

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9 am: <i>Parishioners</i> 10:30 am: <i>Patrick Keown RIP/Bert Pietsch RIP</i> 6 pm: <i>Giulio Bindi RIP</i>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10 am: <i>Mabel Santos RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10 am: <i>Richard &amp; Gabriela Grey RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9 am: <i>Patrick McDermott RIP</i> 10:30 am: <i>Isabel &amp; Tiago Veiga RIP</i> 6 pm: <i>Jyoti Ramchand RIP</i>

### Word for Today

“ If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.” (Wisdom 2:18 ) We can easily fall into the trap of thinking that the good suffer while the crooks thrive. It so often seems that crime pays and that turning the other cheek is only a mug’s game. Or is it?



### Texts for this Sunday’s Mass

**Wis 2:12, 17-20** *Let us condemn him to a shameful death*

**Psalm response:** *The Lord upholds my life*

**Jas 3:16—4:3 :** *Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness*

**Mark 9:30-37 :** *The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all*

**Foodbank:** 🛒 **This week’s much needed items are:** Washing capsules , tinned tuna, deodorant, empty egg boxes for 12 eggs in particular Thank you

**Open House Festival** Thank you to all who helped to make this such a warm and welcoming event. We had about 80 visitors over the 2 days and many commented on our beautiful church and friendly greeters and baristas. The tours/talks were most informative. Thank you one and all

**Harvest festival appeal - Finchley Foodbank:** Every harvest festival, Finchley Foodbank has relied on the donations of both food and money to help provide food to support people in our local community who are experiencing food poverty. There is always an increase in demand at this time of year, but this year with the added burden rises in the cost of living and increases to electricity and gas bills as we start to enter the autumn, your support is really needed this harvest. In addition to the weekly request, there is a shopping list of much needed non-perishable items on the noticeboard in the porch.

**Sackcloth and ashes** On **Saturday 28th September**, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. *"And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least... And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it."* (Jonah 3:5,10) Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch and invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

**Adults seeking Baptism and/or Confirmation:** We invite adults who want to become Catholics or be confirmed in the Catholic Faith to contact Fr. Paul for an initial discussion about the way forward. Speak to him after Mass or send an email to [goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk)

**Transfer to Secondary School: Bishop Douglass School OPEN EVENING on Tuesday 24th September from 5.30 pm- 7.00 pm** A perfect opportunity to hear from the Head of School, enjoy taster sessions, take a tour of the school and meet members of the teaching staff and students. Head of School speeches at **5.45pm & 6.45pm**

**International Mass at Westminster Cathedral for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 28 September, 6.00pm** Celebrant: Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The following day, **29 September is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR)**. The Church has been celebrating WDMR since 1914 The theme of Pope Francis’ message for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is: *‘God walks with His people.’* Read the Pope’s Message here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr24,pope,francis/>

**St James' Catholic High School, Barnet - 90th Anniversary** As part of the 90th anniversary celebrations, the school will be hosting an event for former pupils and staff at **3pm on Sunday 13 October 2024** at the school. This will include a mass, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with some familiar faces. If you would like to attend, please e-mail [admin@st-james.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-james.barnet.sch.uk)