

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY  
8 September 2019  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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## Sunday Collection: 1 September 2019

The collection for this past weekend was as follows:

Cash	£ 844.78
Planned Giving	£ 474.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1318.78</b>

Please remember the Diocese levies our parish at 33% (increased for 2018) of the weekly collections.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading: Exod 32:7-11, 13-14  
Psalm: 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19.  
Second Reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



Reflection: [www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish\\_docs/597-C-Ord-23-2019.pdf](http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/597-C-Ord-23-2019.pdf)



### MGR PHELM PILGRIMAGE

Mgr Phelim is going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land 9-19th September. He will pray for you. Please also pray for him.

### MEETING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

**8 SEPTEMBER 11AM**

Please stay after the family Mass on 8th September to meet catechists and hear about our CCD and FHC courses.



### MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Dear Parishioners

It's just over a week since I arrived here in St Albans. There are still boxes to unpack and I am not altogether familiar with new routines, but gradually I am settling into my new life and ministry in Hertfordshire. I just wanted to write to thank Mgr. Phelim and yourselves for the many kindnesses I have received over these last years whilst supplying and then living at St Mary's. I also want to say a very sincere thank you for the very generous gift I received on leaving.

You really are a very special parish and community. Certainly, I will remember St Mary's and my time with you with great fondness. As I said at one of the Masses, a priest without a parish is a bit like a fish out of water. Thank you for the ready supply of oxygen!

Please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you in mine.

With every blessing, Fr Michael

### FROM THE HOLY FATHER

“Realize that the Lord is full of gifts for us. He asks just one thing: that our hearts be open. When we say ‘Our Father’ and we pray, we open our heart, allowing this gratuitousness to enter. Often when we need some spiritual grace, we say: ‘Well, now I will fast, do penance, pray a novena...’ Fine, but be careful: this is not done to ‘pay’ or ‘buy’ grace. We do it to open our hearts so that grace might enter. Grace is freely given.”

“In our spiritual life we always run the risk of slipping up on the question of payment, even when speaking with the Lord, as if we needed to bribe the Lord. No! That is not the correct path... I make a promise, in order to expand my heart to receive what is already there, waiting for us free of charge. This relationship of gratuitousness with God is what will help us to have the same rapport with others, whether it be in Christian witness, Christian service, or the pastoral work of those who guide the people of God. We do so along the way. Christian life means walking. Preach and serve, but do not make use of others. Serve and give freely that which you have received freely. May our life of holiness be permeated by this openness of heart, so that the gratuitousness of God – the graces that He wishes to give us without cost – may enter our hearts.”

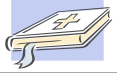
*Taken from Pope Francis' homily Sept 2019*



**AN EXTROVERT'S GUIDE TO IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**  
**SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2019, 11AM- 4:00PM**

Have you ever felt as if silence and spirituality is not for you? That it is only for quiet and earnest people and you would just find it impossible to be silent for more than one minute? Well this is the day for you! We are all fearfully and wonderfully made, introverts and extroverts alike and God has something for you, as you are. Come and spend the day trying new ways of praying and encountering the God who loves you - just as you are!

*Venue: Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH London*  
*Suggested donation: £30*



**CAFOD INFORMATION MORNING**

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB, 10AM -12.30PM  
 Come and hear Director, Christine Allen, who has first- hand experience of CAFOD's work in Uganda on how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk”

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER**

**25 SEPTEMBER, 6.30PM -8.30PM**

**VAUGHAN HOUSE, 46 FRANCIS STREET SW1P 1QN.**

Caritas Westminster invites anyone interested to a session covering the basics about becoming a volunteer on 25 September from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Vaughan House. Book by calling 020 7931 6077, or emailing caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or search for “Volunteering in the Community: Getting Started” on Eventbrite.

**SUPPORT VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY CLASSICAL CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER , 6PM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, CADOGAN STREET**



In one of the hidden architectural treasures of London, St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, the Janus Ensemble, alongside soloists Ariana Kashefi (cello) and Oliver Wass (harp) will present an evening of classical music, in aid of Caritas Bakhita House & Saint John Of God Hospitaller Services. Drinks and food will be provided during the intermission. Tickets are available to purchase by searching for the event on Eventbrite. [https:// www.eventbrite.co.uk/ e/support-victims-ofmodern-slavery-classical-concert-tickets61926624200](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-victims-ofmodern-slavery-classical-concert-tickets61926624200)

**ST CHRISTINA'S OPEN MORNING**

**8 OCTOBER , 9.15AM-11AM**

Saint Christina's is a Catholic Preparatory School in St John's Wood for girls and boys aged 3 -11 years. We warmly invite you to our Open Morning on Tuesday 8 October 2019 when you can meet our children and see our school in action. Please email us at [office@saintchristinas.org.uk](mailto:office@saintchristinas.org.uk) or telephone 020 7722 8784 to book your place.

**THE SUMMIT**

**18 OCTOBER 2019, 6:30PM-8PM**

**WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY**



The evening will consist of inspiring reflections, contemporary worship music and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Brenden Thompson (our previous Pastoral Assistant) of Catholic Voices will be one of the speakers and Cardinal Nichols has kindly agreed to speak and preside at exposition and benediction. The event is free and all young people of school age, students and young adults are invited. No tickets are required.

**LAUDATO SI' QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS**



‘Some strategies for lowering pollutant gas emissions call for the internationalisation of environmental costs. ... Since the effects of climate change will be felt for a long time to come, even if stringent measures are taken now, some countries with scarce resources will require assistance in adapting to the effects already being produced, which affect their economies.’ LS 170

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Saturday	18:30	Vigil Mass
Sunday	08:30	Mass
	10:00	Family Mass
	11:30	Solemn Mass, <i>Mass Intention: Patrick Norum RIP</i>
	18:30	Mass with hymns

Monday	09 Sep	09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent
Tuesday	10 Sep	09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent
Wednesday	11 Sep	09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent
Thursday	12 Sep	09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent
Friday	13 Sep	09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent

**PARISH SAFE-GUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** - Deirdre Allen  
She can be contacted in confidence at [hampsteadsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hampsteadsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk).

## **THE SACRAMENTS**

Baptism: usually on Saturday by prior arrangement with the Parish Priest

Penance: Saturday 6.00–6.25pm

Marriage: by appointment with the Parish Priest

Visiting of the Sick and Housebound: please arrange with the Parish Priest

Confirmation: annually by participation in Confirmation Programme

Convert Instruction: regular courses run by the Parish Priest

Mass Intentions: can be arranged through the Parish Priest

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

*Details for some events can be found in the newsletter  
or on the display board in the back of the church.*

- 08 Sep Meeting in church for parents of First Holy Communion children after the 10am Mass.
- 22 Sep Classes at St Dorothy's Convent begin, 11-12noon.
- 29 Sep Youth Mass, 10am, for the new academic year.
- 18 Oct The Summit Westminster Cathedral 6:30pm-8pm.

## **Catholic Teaching For Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools**

Our Pastoral Assistant, Mary Stanier, is responsible for the instruction of children who attend non-Catholic schools.

The classes take place every Sunday during term, beginning at 11am in St Dorothy's Convent, 99 Frgnal.

Children must be registered beforehand.

Please contact Mary:  
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