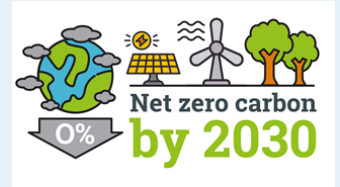


St Mary's Church Newsletter

1st October 2023

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the welcome and generous support you gave last weekend to Fr Denis from St Joseph's Primary School in Turkana Northern Kenya. If you wish to continue donating please visit: <https://www.newways.org.uk/>.

We are in need of at least two new members for our FINANCE COMMITTEE. It meets twice a year and fulfils a crucial function for our Parish. If you are interested in joining us, please email. We would love to hear from you.

As I mentioned last week we are having Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) registration on **Saturday 30th September not October as erroneously advertised last weekend**) at 17h00. Please come to the presbytery (4 Holly Place) to find out more and to enrol if you so wish. I look forward to seeing you.

Again as mentioned last week, please join our quiz team to represent St Mary's at the Churches together in Hampstead Quiz night on 13th October at 19h00 in aid of The Winch. We are now up to four members. It promises to be a fun evening and will raise money for an important local charity: the Winch. It is a charity working with local young people and children in Camden and nearby areas since 1973. They also run Belsize Community Library, a much-loved neighbourhood space for reading, creating and connecting people. Please email if you want to join the team.

CONFIRMATION It is staggering how some people behave when they don't get their way! Once again we have had to endure aggression and threats from a parent who was told their child could not join this year's Confirmation group. This has happened every year since I came here. It is of course wonderful that people want to be confirmed but we can't confirm everyone from the Archdiocese of Westminster here at St Mary's! We will be strictly adhering to the policy that you have to be parishioners and attend Mass here if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here.

We are looking to have drinks in the Parish Room on the first Sunday of December. Please let us know if you'd be up for helping out (and not just with the drinking!).

My leg is slowly improving by the way. I am hoping that some Roman sunshine will help it along. I am away in Rome from Monday to Friday next week. This means there are no weekday Masses here.

God bless, Monsignor Phelim

ROSARY TO BE BROADCAST WORLDWIDE FROM ST. DOMINIC'S IN CAMDEN

If you haven't already got plans for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th please join Radio Maria England at the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Dominic for the rosary. Starting at 15h00, it will be broadcast to every Radio Maria station around the world, boasting a reach of 500 million listeners, accompanied by beautiful choral music from the Rosary Shrine singers. Before the rosary there will be Mass at 11h00 at Tyburn convent, followed by a walking pilgrimage to the Rosary Shrine, stopping at St. James' Spanish Place. Bring your own picnic for lunch on Primrose Hill. After the rosary, tea and coffee will be provided with the opportunity to build friendships with Catholics from across London. To sign up, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/vhv36kjm>. You can find more details on our website, RadioMariaEngland.uk, or by emailing anna.fleischer@radiomariaengland.uk.

Masses

30 Sep 18h30, Mass Intention Nuala O'Higgins RIP
01 Oct 08h30, Mass Intention Gemima Lola-Peace RIP
10h00
11h30, Mass Intention
17h30—1800 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

No weekday Masses this week as Monsignor Phelim is away



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Open Mornings or Evenings:

- Our Primary School Tours take place every Friday morning until January 2024
- Our High School Open Evening takes place at 6pm on Wednesday 4th October
- Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place at 6pm on Wednesday 11th October

We look forward to welcoming you along soon. For more

The Season of Creation Events and Resources:

The Season of Creation runs until Wednesday, 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

It is dedicated to prayer and actions to care for our common home on the theme: 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. On the final day, Pope Francis will be releasing his eagerly awaited follow up to *Laudato si*. Pope Francis speaks openly about the devastating effects of the ecological crisis on people and the planet. He says that climate change is real, urgent and it must be tackled, asking us to remember that the climate is "a common good, belonging to all and meant for all".

Westminster Justice and Peace has compiled an extensive list of events and resources for the Season of Creation here: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october/>



FOODBANKS

A few of you have left donations in the kitchen. There aren't enough really to warrant me looking for someone to deliver them at this stage. Please would you consider donating and also stepping up to deliver the items to Sacred Heart Quex Road? The foodbank is open 6 days a week from the front door of the Parish House. The opening hours are 10h00 to 12h00 and 14h00 to 16h00. Thanks very much.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Anthonys RC Church, 5 Garrat Road, Edgware, London HA8 9AN on Saturday 14 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.