

**COVID SITUATION:** In the current uncertain situation please continue to be careful and to observe the basic precautions:

- Sanitize hands;
- Note that it is now compulsory again to use a face covering in church - **if you have a medical exemption please display your exemption badge as a courtesy to all;**
- Use all the space in church and be aware respectful of the space of others.
- Dress warmly for church as we have to keep the windows open for ventilation.
- If you are in any doubt about your health status, please stay at home, to help reduce the spread.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED:**

- Celia McManus RIP. We have learned of the recent death of Celia McManus, who lived in this parish for many years and will be known to many as she was active in many aspects of parish life. Her funeral has already taken place.
- John Keenan RIP. John's Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.00Noon at St Gabriel's.
- Douglas Lyn-Cook RIP. Douglas was a Knight of St Columba and worshipped for many years at St Bernard's. His funeral Mass will be on 11 January.

**NEWS ON THE STAFFING OF OUR PARISH:** Fr James writes: Cardinal Vincent has asked Fr Chinedu to move in January to become Parish Priest at Tollington Park. Whilst this is unsettling, as Fr Chinedu has only recently come to Harrow South and Northolt, the greater needs of the diocese at a chaotic time emerging from the pandemic make it necessary. We will be very sorry to have to say goodbye to Fr Chinedu just as he was starting to settle down here and get to know people and we must support him in prayer at a challenging time.

There's no change at present to our pattern of Sunday Mass provision, and so the Cardinal is sending another assistant priest to enable this pattern. Fr Carlos Quito will be coming to us from Highbury in January. There'll be more details when we have them.

**WESTMINSTER YEARBOOK 2022:** The new Yearbook including the liturgical calendar for 2022 and all details of Parishes and organizations of the Diocese is now available from the Parish Office at £4.50.

**MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick will take place at 2pm on Saturday 12th February 2022 at Westminster Cathedral. We are hopeful that the Mass will go ahead as planned and that we'll be able to welcome all those who wish to attend in person. However, at the time of writing, it is unclear whether this will be possible. Thus, plans are provisional at this stage. Parishioners planning to attend with wheelchairs should alert the parish office so that the cathedral can make necessary arrangements.

**ROOMS TO LET - OLDFIELD CIRCUS:** Double bedroom available at £600 pcm. Single bedroom available at £475 pcm. Rent includes bills and WIFI. Females only – Suitable for single professionals, non-smoker. Beautifully presented furnished rooms in a newly refurbished 3 bedroom house in Oldfield Circus – Northolt. House includes a large modern kitchen, two bathrooms, driveway, patio/garden and use of dining room. Close to shops. 10 minute walk or short bus ride to both Greenford and Northolt stations. Contact Veronica: 075 073 12015.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** As we start parish life again we will be building up the music as an important part of our worship, starting with reviving the choirs at 10am and 11am Sunday Masses. Do you want to help sing in a choir? Would you like to learn a bit about choir singing? All ages and all standards are welcome! Please speak with Simon, the Director of Music, or with one of the clergy after Mass. *"Whoever sings prays twice!" said St Augustine. Singing in the choir is a great way to serve God and it is also good fun and fellowship. It takes a little commitment and application, but it is well worth it!*

**PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR ENDORSEMENT:** Those who need to ask for a “Certificate of Catholic Practice” are asked to send an email to the Parish Address with the following information:

- Name of parents and full name of child.
- Date of birth of child.
- Residential Address
- Name of EACH school to which an application is being made.

As you will understand, following the normal criteria for issuing certificates, almost nobody would qualify. A modified process is being followed. After receipt of your email you will be contacted from the office.

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK:** The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary ‘DIY’ abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous ‘DIY’ abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

**LONDON JESUIT CENTRE:** Registration is now open for courses in the second half of the term at the London Jesuit Centre. For more information on the courses please visit: <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/programme>

**JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE:** On the diocesan website you can see a number of job vacancies that are available. For more details go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS:** See [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com) for information. There’s a regular programme of events around London. Trouble is they usually tell us about them with too little notice! If you would like to join the group for these interesting excursions, check the website.

**HARROW FOODBANK DECEMBER WISH LIST:** Tinned hot dogs, tinned fish (not tuna), tinned meatballs, stock cubes/stock pots, packet meat soup (cup-a-soup), long-life full-fat milk, adult toothpaste and adult toothbrushes.

They have plenty of: Baked beans, tinned soup, cereal, dry pasta/dry spaghetti, oats/porridge, biscuits, tuna and rice.

**HAND MADE ICON FOR SALE:** Cristinel Paslaru, who made the icons of the Baptism of Christ in St Gabriel’s and of the Holy Trinity in St Bernard’s is a professional Icon Writer from Iasi in Romania. He has made a new icon of St Christopher (25cms x 12cms) which is looking for a home. His price is £150. Cristi’s work is beautiful and of the highest quality. All questions or enquiries to Fr James.



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