

FR CHINEDU: As you know, Fr Chinedu is leaving to become Parish Priest at Tollington Park after just a brief time here at Harrow South and Northolt. Please pray for him as he prepares to take up new responsibilities. Fr Chinedu's last Sunday at St Gabriel's will be 16 January and his final Sunday, when he will be presiding at Mass at St Bernard's, will be 23 January. Please use those opportunities to say your personal farewells. The whole parish is grateful to Fr Chinedu for his ministry here in these few weeks.

SOME NEWS ABOUT THE COMING WEEKS: The high level of Covid infections still taking its toll around us makes parish life still very awkward - but we carry on with basic good sense precautions to make our buildings accessible to as many as possible. Please do take on board the regular appeals for more volunteer welcomers and cleaners - this is a simple way to help make things work well, and will help build up the parish for the future.

Fr Chinedu leaving is of course unsettling for us. Please pray for him and also for Fr Carlos Quito as he prepares to move here. Fr Carlos will not arrive until 4 February, so there is some uncertainty as I write about the provision of Mass on Sunday 30th January. Please look out for and listen for information about arrangements for that Sunday.

We still hope to provide a practical opportunity for us all to participate in the listening stage of the Synod process that Pope Francis has begun. Perhaps when the covid infection rate starts to recede this will be more easy to enable. Keep it in your prayers.

Fr James.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED:

- 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.
- Theresa Keenan RIP. Theresa's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 18 January at 12.00Noon at St Gabriel's.
- Malcolm Corey RIP. Michael's Funeral Mass is expected to be on Thursday 27 January at St Gabriel's.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: 12th January: Thursday 13 January sees the 25th anniversary of the founding of GCN. They invite all to join in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia the day before. Details at www.goodcounselnetwork.com

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK SEND NEW YEAR GREETINGS: With thanks for your support by prayer and financial donation, GCN write as follows: "I write at the end of another difficult year. A second year dominated by Covid 19 and the restrictions imposed on life to reduce its spread. And also a year which – for pro-lifers – was dominated both by more and more attempts in Parliament to loosen abortion laws and expand euthanasia and the "pills by post" method of abortion. These home abortions mean that abortion vulnerable women have suddenly become far more difficult to reach, to offer help to and that abortion has become even quicker, allowing less time for counselling or even for calm thought and decision making. This is something the abortion industry have claimed as a great victory – more women having more abortions, quicker and more cheaply (cheaper for the abortion provider, not for the "purchaser" which is usually the NHS) in their own home. Statistics tell a different story, showing women receiving the pills with no checks on who will actually take the pill, or on any of the medical facts (is she right about how far along in the pregnancy she is? Has she got health issues or mental health issues she isn't telling about?) and whether the woman is being abused or pressured. They also show that thousands of women have needed hospital treatment following their Pills by Post abortion.

Furthermore, the Pills by Post scheme, coupled with buffer zones at the busiest abortion centres here in London, have vastly reduced the number of women we can reach. The number of babies whose Mothers we have been able to support were down last year, and in response to these challenges we are developing new outreaches to reach and support Mothers at risk of abortion. We will monitor which approaches are most successful over the next few months and develop new services to meet the current challenges we face."

URGENT MESSAGE FROM St RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE: (SRRCC). The deadline for SRRCC Sixth Form applications is Friday 14th January. Apply by visiting our website: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/sixth->

form/sixth-form-admissions. We welcome applications from all faiths and none. If you have any questions, we would be really pleased to help. Feel free to email sixthformadmissions@srrcc.org.uk.

ALSO JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT SRRCC: We are looking for outstanding practitioners who can teach GCSE and A-level to join us from September 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. Current vacancies:- Deputy Subject Leader of Maths; - Teacher of RE; Subject Leader of Physics; - Teacher of Economics
Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience.

We are also looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to join us as soon as possible, Monday to Friday 11.30am to 1pm.

Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the role. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

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 £525 pcm. Single bedroom available at £350 pcm. Rent includes bills and WIFI. Females only – Suitable for single professionals, non-smoker.

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