

NEWS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 November 2022

GOOD SHEPHERD, NOTTINGHAM BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD CARVERS: Once again the Good Shepherd Community, made up of Christians from Bethlehem, will be visiting the parish over **THIS WEEKEND**, 5-6 Nov, with their huge range of olive wood products from the Holy Land. Please take a look after Mass and support them as you can. Great ideas for Christmas and to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND ANNUAL COLLECTION 5-6 NOV: Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services to provide care, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding. Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank You for helping to ensure care for those who have cared for you. Envelopes for Gift-Aid donations are in the foyer. Envelopes and posters carry a QR code you can use for online donations.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: During November Mass is offered regularly for God's grace in the Holy Souls. If you would like to add names to the list of those for whom Mass is offered, please take an envelope from the back of church in which you can put a list of those names, and enclose any financial offering you can make for the offering of Mass. You can return this envelope to either the parish office, the Presbytery, or to one of the boxes kept by the altar during November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered throughout November for the repose of the souls of those so remembered.

SVP MEETING THIS TUESDAY: 8th Nov at 7.30pm at St Gabriel's hall. Do come along if you wish to find out more about the work of the SVP and how you might become a volunteer in the parish.

Fr DUNCAN ADAMSON FUNERAL RITES: Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 10th Nov at 12Noon at the Most Sacred Heart church, Ruislip. Bishop John Sherrington will preside and Canon John O'Leary will preach at the Funeral Mass; Fr Gerard Quinn will receive Fr Duncan's mortal remains the previous evening at 6.30pm and preside at a Requiem Mass at that time.

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER PARISH LUNCH: There's a new date for your diaries. On the last Sunday of the Church's year let's celebrate together our post-Covid new beginnings and the joy of the Gospel. Our recent Parish Lunch was such a joyful event it will be good to be together again in this way.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES: The information we have is as follows:

- Northwood Cemetery - 2pm Sat 12th Nov.
- Pinner New Cemetery - 2pm Sat 19th Nov.
- Carpenders Park Cemetery - 1.30pm Sun 6th Nov.
- Clamp Hill Cemetery - 2.30pm Sun 13th Nov.

RESULTS OF RECENT COLLECTIONS:

- World Mission Sunday: £754.85
- CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: £207.49
- PACT (Prisons charity): £75

In addition, anything sealed in Gift Aid envelopes is forwarded directly and not counted in these totals.

REPOSITORY SHOPS: We need to get our shops going again properly, selling cards, candles, rosaries, books and all devotional needs. **BUT** this depends on volunteers prepared to make a commitment of time regularly to staff the shops on Sundays. Is this you?? Please talk to Fr James or drop in at the office to let us know. **ALSO** it would be good to find someone prepared to be in overall responsibility for ordering stock and doing rotas etc. This is a very valuable contribution to parish life, although it takes a bit of time.

NEWS FROM "GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK" Monthly National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life and an end to abortion and euthanasia. 17th November. See GoodCounselNetwork.com

CONTACTLESS MACHINES: We, like other parishes have been experiencing problems with the contactless payment consoles. We have made a little progress with determining the problems, but not yet as far as getting a solution. *Thank you for your patience. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and generosity in hard and uncertain times.*

APPLICATIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS: Families seeking the endorsement of applications to Primary Schools for 2023 should contact the Parish Office to arrange for an appointment to discuss these endorsements. Appointments will be on 10 December at St Gabriel's Church.

CALLING ALL SINGERS/MUSICIANS! MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS: During August there's less music at Sunday Mass. That reminds us how important music is to our worship and how, like anything valuable, it needs to be constantly renewed and developed. For the foreseeable future our Sunday Mass schedule is remaining as it is now, and we want to build up the music especially at 9am, 10am and 11am Mass. A GREAT WAY TO OFFER A MINISTRY TO YOUR PARISH IS TO COME AND JOIN THE SINGERS TO LEAD MUSIC AT THESE MASSES. Speak with the clergy or with Simon (Director of Music) if you can offer your talent in this way...and don't be shy!

CARITAS HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: See the poster in church. Caritas, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services have launched a service to bring together displaced Ukrainians with those in the Catholic community willing to host them for 6 months. If you have room in your home in these difficult times to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by the evil war, visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for information.

"MOSAIC" DIOCESAN NEWS BULLETIN: There are a few copies of "Mosaic" in the foyer of church, giving some stories and information about various initiatives, activities and voluntary work going on all around Westminster Diocese, and thus some information about how what we contribute to the central services of the diocese is used and deployed. Please take one.

YOUNG CATHOLICS (AGE 18-35 YEARS): Keep in touch with the Youth Ministry website at www.dowym.com for many resources. Particularly now "Words of advice for Catholic Young Professionals".

THE IRISH RAMBLING HOUSE SHOW: "Entertaining the exiles since 2000" at Salvatorian College, High Road HA3 5DY. Saturday 5 Nov and Sunday 6 Nov at 7.30pm. See poster. Info at www.irishramblinghouse.com

NEWS FROM "RETRouvaille"; A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme: a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FOR THE ATTENTION OF NEW STUDENTS IN LONDON THIS YEAR: Based at Newman House, Gower Street, the Catholic chaplaincy also has campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. For any students other than freshers there is also an opportunity to live in at Newman House, a catered lodging with attractive rates and its own chapel. The application form is available on the Chaplaincy website www.universitycatholic.net. *Families whose young people are going off to college elsewhere, encourage them to find the Catholic Chaplaincy. We can help with contact details. University and college chaplaincies are important parts of the mission of the Church.*

HELP EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in London and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>. Alternately, donations can also be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>. There's a poster in the foyer with a QR code and the above details, or just put cash in an envelope marked "Ukraine" and it will be forwarded.

NEWS FROM CARITAS WESTMINSTER: POVERTY CHALLENGE - SEE, JUDGE, ACT: Following the Pandemic many households face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice

in England and Wales has released a new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty. This can be downloaded at www.csan.org.uk

COST OF LIVING HUB: The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub to help people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debts, financial management and mental health support. Visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

GRANTS TO HELP WITH ENERGY DEBTS: Possible help from a charitable trust plus links to other advice providers at <https://fuelpoverty.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

THE CATHOLIC NETWORK: See the poster in church advertising this free digital on-line service, a point of contact and interaction for Catholics seeking to interpret the world we live in. Each week the network welcomes guests, commentaries, reflections and instruction, as well as news items about work being done by Catholic organisations. More information at www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk.

INTRODUCING CATHOLIC LISTENERS: Catholic Listeners; Diocese of Westminster, a new confidential listening helpline launching this month, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The number is 0800 448 0704.

This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OBLIGATION: The bishops of England and Wales have issued a new statement about the obligation of Sunday Mass for those who wish to be practising Catholics. The text is available in the foyer and on the parish and diocesan websites. In essence they say: *"We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply"*. The statement is called an "Invitation" for all to be putting Sunday and Holy Day worship in first place as of Pentecost Sunday. If you have any questions or queries about this please ask one of the clergy. Also available in the foyer is Fr James' digest of the previous statements by the bishops, called *"Sunday - It is our day."*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN OUR PARISH: As we emerge from the Covid period to a new reality, so too our approach to preparation for the sacraments needs to change. We don't have an official line on this in our diocese as yet, but Cardinal Grech, Chair of the European Conference of Bishops, memorably said in 2020 that if after Covid the Church went back to doing what we did before it would be suicide!

There are some radical new ways of thinking on this unfolding in some parishes around the UK as we wait for the bishops to take a lead. We will be a little less radical.

As Parish Priest I ask families and candidates not to come with particular expectations or sense of entitlement to what should happen when: candidates should come to the sacraments when they are ready, and the first step to being ready is that habitual Sunday worship in line with the "Obligation" should be the **established** norm for the families of small children - and the children be part of this - or chosen personally by those of teenage years and above. After that, we can start to look at the base on which to build. If you have any questions or observations, contact Fr James. (Notice issued March 2022)

(Copies of the bishops statement on Sunday and Holy Day worship of May 2022, and Fr James' digest of the previous statements by the bishops are available in the foyers of our churches and on the website. This will help to give context to the above.)



Support our parish.

You can make a donation to the parish by scanning the QR code or making a card payment on the card machine at the entrance of both of our churches.