



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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10 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 23rd SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME



Our Gospel today is a dangerous reading. It's one I think we can easily misunderstand and one we need to take in context of the whole Gospel message. On the surface it sounds like we are being told we have four actions to take when wronged by your brother. First, try and sort it out person to person, then if that fails to bring some friends to help sort it out, next bring it to the community and finally, if that doesn't work, shun them, as they are beyond saving. Does that sound like Christ's teaching to you? Well it doesn't sound like Christ's teaching to me! And it's in total contradiction to Paul's teaching to the Romans from our second reading. Paul's message is nothing new to us, we have heard Christ say the same thing in the gospels so we need to look at today's gospel reading with Love. So if we feel wronged we need to go see our friend with Love

in our hearts. In modern terms I guess that means there should be tea and cake as well as conversation and you should be doing the buying or baking. If that doesn't work it may be because it is difficult to hear of a wrong doing from the person who has been wronged, and that is assuming you are correct in thinking you have been wronged. Get some friends, people again who have heard Paul's message and will approach this next meeting with Love in their hearts, Love for you both. Let them lead the conversation it's not about you it's about what happened and it's about staying friends, staying brothers. If that doesn't work then the church, the Christian community must respond with Love. It must reach out to you and them and endeavour to make things right. Not with rules and regulations, not with courts and committees but again with Love, the one thing that can not hurt your friend. Finally, if all this fails, you should treat them as a pagan or tax collector. Surely that can't mean give up on them. Turn our backs on them. So let me ask you a few questions. How did Jesus treat tax collectors? Who is the patron saint of Tax collectors? And what was the profession of Matthew our Gospel writer of today? Jesus spent a lot of time with Tax collectors, pagans, sinners. He never turned his back on them, he came for them. In fact let's stop using the word them. He came for us all, you and me are sinners as much as any tax collector. If we are to treat our friend as a tax collector that means inviting them into our home, sharing a meal with them, talking to them, forgiving them. Matthew, our Gospel writer, is the patron saint of Tax collectors. Matthew was a tax collector in Capernaum when he first met Jesus. Matthew more than anyone, except maybe Zacchaeus, knew how Jesus loved him and how Jesus worked to save him. Our Gospel message today is that everyone can be saved. Do everything with Love and never give up on someone.

<https://www.deaconjohn.co.uk/2017/09/homily-23rd-sunday-ordinary-time-year.html>

"The Penny Catechism"

CATECHISM PROPER 1. GOD

1. Who made you? God made me.

2. Who is God? God is the Creator (Maker) of Heaven and earth and of all things.

3. Can we see God? We cannot see God, because He is a spirit without a body.

4. What is God? God is a Spirit, infinitely perfect. (Infinitely perfect means perfect in every way.)

5. Had God a beginning? God had no beginning. He always has been and He always will be.

6. What is the greatest truth we learn about God? The greatest truth we learn about God is the Blessed Trinity.

7. What is the Blessed Trinity? The Blessed Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons.

***** NOTICES *****

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Weekend there will be a voluntary collection for *Evangelii Gaudium*, formerly known as Catholic Education Sunday to support Catholic Education in our Diocese and country.

FR LUIGI: Please note that Fr Luigi will be absent from the Parish from Monday 18 until Friday 29 as he will be attending the General Assembly of the SDV Superiors in Naples.

PARISH SECRETARY: After four years of employment, we are bidding farewell to our secretary Sandra. We wish her all the best on her future endeavours and offer her our thanks for the work she has carried out in our Parish. Sandra's final day will be on Thursday 28 September.

BUFFET DINNER AND DANCE: The Vocationist Co-operators are organising a Buffet Dinner and Dance to raise funds for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The event will take place on Saturday 7 October 2023 at the Pope John Centre, 7 pm for 7:30 pm start. In line with this, we are knocking at your generous hearts for some donations for the prizes or any forms of sponsorships towards this initiative. Any donations and sponsorship would be of much help and very much appreciated. In matters of donations and sponsorships, please kindly contact/approach either Fr. Luigi or Fr. Rionelle and you can also contact the Parish Secretary through the Parish Office. Tickets are now on sale; the cost of each ticket is £20, children 5 to 12 is £10. There will be live music from Alwyn, Raffle and Bingo. Come along and support us!

AN EVENING OF SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP: Our Parish Music Ministry is planning to have an *"Evening of Songs of Praise and Worship"* on Sunday 29 October. In line with this, we are inviting everyone who are being gifted by God with the talent of singing or playing any musical instruments to please join the Choir and be part of this event. Rehearsals/practices would be carried out on the Fridays of the month of September. For those who are interested, please kindly contact **Lambert Pereira** on **07305 572506** and **Gabriel Fernandes** on **07424 318717** for further information.

HIGH SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: The Certificate of Catholic Practice and School Forms for Year 7 in 2024 will be signed in October, dates and information will be given in due time.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS: Attendance cards for all children from 2 years of age up to year 5 is ready to be collected from the Parish Office from Monday. This is a tool to help priests signing School Forms and to ensure you are practicing Catholic; all parents are encouraged to get a card for their children, even those who are at Mass every weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: From the first weekend of October, we are resuming the Children's Liturgy. This is something that we have put aside during the pandemic but now the time is right to resume it. We are looking for volunteers, men and women, who are willing to offer their service. The liturgy runs term time, so your services will not be required every Sunday. There will be a meeting for everyone interested on Tuesday 19 September at 7:30 pm in the Downstairs Hall; if you want to help and cannot attend, the meeting speak to one of the priests or Marie McDermott.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Applications for the First Holy Communion programme are now open and will close on Monday 25 September at 9am. The Programme is for children who are in Year 3 up to Year 6. More information on the application form; the application is online via our website. The Parish Secretary will confirm via email that the application has been received.

VOLUNTEERS AND SKILLS AUDIT: We are running an audit to see how many among our parishioners are willing to volunteer and what skills and talents we have among us. This will not mean that you will need to volunteer and offer your service immediately; it is just for the priests to know who is available and what talents they can rely on. Please return the form to the Parish Office through the letterbox.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Each stand has a lighter with it so please use it to light your candles and not use candles to light other candles, please also **refrain from taking candles around the Church**, especially lit candles as it poses a risk for yourself and others around you.

TRAVEL TO WALSINGHAM WITH WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY: Westminster Youth Ministry is taking a group of 45 young people (16-25) by coach to Walsingham as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage on 23rd September. The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. The cost is £35, which includes the pilgrimage contribution. Bookings are open until 16th September, so sign up now at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE - Sunday 8th October 2023. This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20 Fundraising goal: £300

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for The Diocese of London and The Diocese of Westminster Monday 11th - Monday 18th March 2024 Limited places are available, deadline is 30th September 2023 so please book promptly to ensure your place. Please note that a certain level of fitness is required for this pilgrimage as there are areas that the coach is not allowed access to and therefore walking will be necessary. For additional information please contact the Diocese on 01886 812 862 or enquiries@jjourneys.com. More information can also be found by following the link <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/news/ecumenicalhlpilgrimage2024/>

HESTON CATHOLIC CLUB: Saturday 16th September the Heston Catholic Club will be hosting a music night with Irish Band “McGinty and the Diddymen” alongside “Donegal Rambler”. Admission at door £7. Doors open 8pm. Bar until late.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS: During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary’s Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH would like to extend a warm invitation to perspective parents and their daughters to visit our high achieving school on one of our Secondary Transfer Open Days on **Thursday 14th September 2023** morning 9:30am – 11am and evening 4pm – 6pm. **Wednesday 20th September 2023** Morning 9:30am– 11am and evening 4pm – 6pm

***** USEFUL PRAYERS *****

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me; Within Thy Wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me; in the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to Thee That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever.

PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JUSTIN MARIA RUSSOLILLO

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of “Divine Vocations” and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the “Divine Union” of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (Three “Glory Be” in honour of the Holy Trinity)

SEPTEMBER 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 9th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Mary D'Souza RIP
Sunday 10th 23RD SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Izzy Darmoo RIP Thanksgiving, Our Lady of Good Health, Francis & Shilpa Mateus and Inacinha Barreto RIP Joseph Das RIP
Monday 11th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Bryson Rebello, Birthday Nick, Maureen and Declan McDermott RIP
Tuesday 12th <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Edmund Fernandes, Birthday Joao Raposo RIP
Wednesday 13th <i>St John Chrisostom</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary A B Fernandes and Maria R Cardozo RIP Anjali, Pascoal Mendes and Family Deliverance
Thursday 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Percila Pereira, Birthday All Souls of Cardozo Family Chinchinim
Friday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Vanisha Miranda, Birthday Harold and Nadia D'Silva and Family Deliverance
Saturday 16th <i>St Cornelius</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:30 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Monica Fernando, Thanksgiving Exposition and Adoration / Confessions Marianita Fernandes and Sebastiao Cardoso RIP
Sunday 17th 24TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Felicio Eleuterio Mendes RIP Salvador and Idalina D'Souza RIP Bartholomew Fernandes Death Anniversary Brigida and Milagros Gundayao RIP
* The Mass is celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel; please use the entrance from the Car Park. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass.		

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Phylliss Yvonne Bond, Kathleen Hudson, Peter Horlock, Errol Ashley Eden, Joun Barron, Emma Louise
McDade, Liam Kelly and Patricia Digby.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them;
may they rest in peace. Amen.*

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

9 TO 25 SEPTEMBER: First Holy Communion applications open

17 SEPTEMBER: Second Collection for Evangelii Gaudium (formerly known as Catholic Education Sunday)

19 SEPTEMBER: Children's Liturgy Volunteers Meeting

20 SEPTEMBER: 110th Anniversary of the Ordination of St Justin

20 SEPTEMBER: Adoration and Prayer for Vocations at 6:30pm followed by Mass

26 SEPTEMBER: SDV Cooperators' Meeting at 7:30pm

7 OCTOBER: Vocationist Co-operators Buffet Dinner and Dance

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

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