



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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17 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 24th SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 27:33, 28:9*. In the verses read today, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) tells us that we must forgive our neighbour if we want God to forgive us our own sins. We must be merciful if we hope to obtain mercy from God. We must not seek revenge on a neighbour lest God should take vengeance on us. If we remember our end in life we will keep God's commandments and we will not be angry with a neighbour who offends us. The **Second Reading** is from the *St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9*. In these three verses St. Paul emphasizes the fact that through our baptism we have been made members of Christ's mystical body, we have become brothers of Christ, intimately united with him in his death and resurrection. Whether living or dead we belong to Christ. It was for this purpose, to unite all men closely to himself not only in this life but especially in the next, that Christ became man and "dwelt among us." The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 18:21-35*. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved." We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million-dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbour for some offense he has committed against us?

Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbours who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-09-17>

"The Penny Catechism" CATECHISM PROPER 1. GOD

8. What are the names of the three Divine Persons in the Blessed Trinity? The names of the three Divine Persons in the Blessed Trinity are: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost.

9. How do we know that there is a God? Our own heart tells us that there is a God.

10. Who tells us all we ought to know about God? The Catholic Church tells us all we ought to know about God.

***** NOTICES *****

SECOND COLLECTION: This Weekend there will be a voluntary collection for Evangelii Gaudium.

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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE RECRUITMENT: There are varieties of jobs being advertised for roles within the Diocese, from Parish Administrators, to Bookkeepers, or Assistant Data Protection Officer. If you are looking for a job or may be interested to work for the Diocese, you can find out more at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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. 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. Please remember to bring your old card so we can keep record of your child mass attendance.

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.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO LONDON'S UNIVERSITIES: Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home.' If you are heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study. Your Catholic chaplains look forward to meeting you!

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@jcyjournays.com. More information at the following link <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/news/ecumenicalhlpilgrimage2024/>

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>

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school’s success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

***** 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 ST JUSTIN 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 16th	7 pm Vigil Mass	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
Monday 18th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Louis, Mary and Felix RIP John Goggin RIP
Tuesday 19th <i>St Januarius</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Joao Natividade, 5 th Death Anniversary Sr Mary Sabastian and Nabeel RIP
Wednesday 20th <i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary Thanksgiving Skye Mascarenhas, 1 st Death Anniversary
Thursday 21st <i>St Matthew</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Sebastiana and Joaquim Dias RIP Annette and Melitus De Mel RIP
Friday 22nd	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Caetano Da Silva, 2 nd Death Anniversary Scarlett Da Costa, Birthday
Saturday 23rd <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:30 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Peter Fernandes RIP Exposition and Adoration / Confessions Norah Claeke RIP
Sunday 24th 25TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Ann Mcglew RIP Thanksgiving for Job Received Joseph Rozario RIP Thanksgiving, Costabir Family

* 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:

Noreen Kenny, Malachy Doherty, Celia Galligan, Mary Cunningham, Anne Blackford, Stanley Snowshall, Antonia Quattrucci, Maria Classick, Silvana da Cruz, Dennis Mulqueen and Mary Fisher.

*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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