



Diocese of Westminster

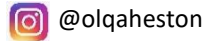
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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24 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 25th SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME



The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9. In this text the prophet urges the Chosen People to seek Yahweh, to come close to Him in friendship. To do this the sinner must abandon his evil ways. He need not fear: Yahweh is "rich in forgiving," He will forgive all sins of a repentant sinner. Though He is infinite and transcendent, yet He can and does come close to and is a true friend of all who seek Him. He is a personal God, not an abstract idea.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a. St. Paul wrote the letter from a prison cell in Rome or possibly Ephesus. It is a friendly letter, giving some news of his work to the converts in Philippi, warning them against certain enemies of the faith and exhorting them to remain humble. The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 20:1-16a. The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity. He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10 : 31)."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises."—*Excerpted*

from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-09-24>

"The Penny Catechism"

CATECHISM PROPER

Part 1. GOD THE FATHER, ANGELS AND SIN

11. How did God the Father show His love for us? God the Father showed His love for us by creating us.

12. Before God made us, did He make anyone else? Before God made us, He made the Angels.

13. Where do the Angels live? The good Angels live in Heaven. The bad Angels were cast into Hell.

14. Why did God make us? God made us to know, love, and serve Him, and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.

***** NOTICES *****

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.

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 to volunteer on Sunday 1 October right after the 9:30 am Holy Mass in the Parish Room, please see Marie McDermott.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Applications for the First Holy Communion programme are now open and will close this 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!

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@jcjourneys.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

ALTAR SERVERS MASS: The Archdiocese of Westminster and the Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral Saturday, 7th October 2023 at 2:30pm Principal celebrant Rt Rev. Paul McAleenan Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

GUMLEY HOUSE CONVENT SCHOOL: All prospective parents and future Gumley Girls, are warmly invited to attend the school Open Events this year. The dates for the Open Days are **Thursday 5th October 2023** (morning only) and **Wednesday 11th October 2023** (morning and evening). For more details please see the website <https://www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events/>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NON-RESIDENTIAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND FOR COUPLES: 30th Sept & 1st Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

***** 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/OCTOBER 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 23rd	7 pm Vigil Mass	Norah Clarke 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
Monday 25th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Soul of Vitorino Fernandes Special Intention
Tuesday 26th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Thanksgiving Mass Raiden Samuel Fernandes, Birthday
Wednesday 27th <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary Martha D'Souza RIP Kenosha Fernandes, Birthday
Thursday 28th <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Asher Fernandes, Birthday Mariana Jyoti Furtado and Denzel Pereira RIP
Friday 29th <i>SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Francis and Fatima Barreto and Rufina Mendes RIP
Saturday 30th <i>St. Jerome</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:30 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Exposition and Adoration / Confessions Joanita Carneiro RIP Gabriel Mascarenhas and Rosada D'Costa RIP
Sunday 1st 26TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Santan Maria Fernandes RIP Souls of Lelis Fernandes and Virginia De Souza Antoneta Fernandes RIP Maria Helena Braganza 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:

Adele Chambers, Michael Mulcahy, James Murphy, Patricia Morgan, Kathleen Piggott, Ulrich Goggin and Kerry Baker.

*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

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

1 OCTOBER: Children's Liturgy Volunteers Meeting right after the 9:30am Holy Mass

7 OCTOBER: Vocationist Co-operators Buffet Dinner and Dance

29 OCTOBER: Evening of Songs of Praise and Worship

9 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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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