



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

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29th October 2023 – 30th SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Exodus 22:20-26*. These verses cover the Israelites' duties toward strangers (non-Israelites), widows and orphans and the poor in general. They are a practical application of the law of charity in their dealings with their neighbours.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10*. St. Paul continues to praise the Thessalonians, not only for accepting the faith in difficult circumstances, but for the wonderful example their Christian life had already given to most of Greece.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 22:34-40*. The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal-clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbour fulfils all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God. Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbour. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbour is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbour as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbour is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbour in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbour weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbour who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbour in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

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

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-10-29>

"The Penny Catechism"

CATECHISM PROPER Part 3.

GOD THE SON, THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND ST. JOSEPH

29. **Who is St. Joseph?** St. Joseph is the foster-father of Jesus.

30. **How did Jesus die for our sins?** Jesus was scourged, was crowned with thorns, and was crucified.

31. **What must we do, to benefit by the death of Jesus?** To benefit by the death of Jesus we must belong to the Catholic Church and do as it tells us.

***** NOTICES *****

POLITE NOTICE – If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time. Thank you.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: When you enter the Church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. It may be a good exercise to switch it off or at least put it on silent before you enter the Church. If you want to talk to God, find a quiet place, pray and talk to Him.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next week there will be a second collection for sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Please help by supporting the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund.

ALL SAINTS: This is a Holiday of Obligation and therefore we have an obligation to attend Mass just like any Sunday. The Vigil Mass is on 31/10 at 7pm and on the day 9.30 am and 7 pm. Please bear in mind that at 9.30, we will have the school in attendance, but the Mass is open to everyone.

JOHN CORBETT JR RIP: We offer our most sincere sympathy to the Corbett Family for the death of John Corbett Jr. Please pray for his eternal rest and for his family, parents and daughters, and friends at this time of grief.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: We are eight weeks away from the celebration of Christmas and we have already begun preparation and planning, especially with the choir. We want to make sure that the Midnight Mass of Christmas will be even more solemn through the music ministry. We are inviting all those who wish to join the choir for this occasion to speak to Sandra Thurley, John Isaac or the clergy.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR: Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion for items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. You can find it at <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC> During advent we will have a trolley at the back of the Church for those of you who wish to give any donation.

HIGH SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: If you need a certificate to be signed, you can request an appointment on **Monday 30 October between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm**. If you need an appointment outside of these hours, please contact the Parish Office. When you come for your meeting please make sure you bring with you the Baptism Certificate of your child as well as the latest Mass Attendance Card, if your child has not been to Church regularly or often it will result in the form not being signed.

FIRE WARDENS: As part of our H&S requirements, we need to have Fire Wardens to help in case of evacuation. We need some people to help at any of the Masses. If you are willing to help please contact the Parish Office. Training will be offered to those who will be helping.

MINISTRY ROTA: The rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is ready for collection. If you have not received it by email, you can get a copy from the back of the church.

BINGO NIGHT: Some parishioners have been asking for a while for Parish Bingo Night, unfortunately we were not able to find a suitable date before the Summer Holidays. However, we can now inform you that we have decided to organise on for Friday 10 November 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. £5 per book, snacks will be available for purchase during the break.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: We are holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December 12noon to 3 pm, and like past years, this is a joint effort with The Rosary Catholic Primary School. We are looking for donations of bottles for our Tombola and our Bottle Stall, as well as Toiletries Sets and any other donation. Please do not bring clothes, books, DVD or electrics without a PAT test or that are not brand new and sealed.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024: Applications for Confirmations will close on Monday 30 October at 9am. Those who have applied will receive an email from the Parish Office by the end of the week. There will be an introductory Parents’ Meeting at 11am on Saturday 4 November in the Upstairs Hall at the back of the Church. This is a PARENT ONLY meeting; the candidates for Confirmation do not need to attend.

NOVEMBER MASSES: November is the month of the Holy Souls and many want to offer Masses for their loved ones. We only have 30 days in November and we have tried reserving Mass Intentions for the November lists people present, however some Masses have already been booked. We ask parishioners who intend to offer a Mass for family members who have passed away to offer it “For the deceased members of the xxx Family” so to allow others to offer theirs. In the coming weeks you will also find the envelopes for the November Lists.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: A calendar with dates of the blessing of graves within the deanery has now been published, you can find the time and dates of the Blessing for each cemetery.

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.

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.

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 **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN** a new online Laudato Si' circle based in Hampton and Tooting. We will study a chapter of Laudato Si' each month and we begin on Friday October 27th at 7 p.m. on zoom. For the link please contact johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com

*****SACRAMENTS*****

BAPTISMS: Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning on getting married we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we ask that you give us minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

***** 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*)

OCTOBER 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 28 th	7 pm Vigil Mass	John Cooke – RIP Anniversary
Sunday 29 th 30 TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Leao Francisco Coutinho – RIP Blyton & Joanita Robello – Wedding Anniversary Kaden Fernandes – Birthday Henrique Fialho – RIP
Monday 30 th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Olinda & Joseph Veigas – RIP Olavo Rodrigues - Thanksgiving
Tuesday 31 st	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Vigil Mass	Prayer of the Rosary All Forgotten Souls Joao Sequeira - RIP
Wednesday 1 st ALL SAINTS <i>Holiday of Obligation</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Maria Di Verniere – RIP Fr Lourdinho, John Francis, Francis Xavier Barreto - RIP
Thursday 2 nd <i>All Souls' Day</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary All Souls Deceased Vocationists
Friday 3 rd	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Dead List Souls of Isaac Family
Saturday 4 th	9:30 am Mass 10-10:30 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Gabriel & Noemia Fernandes – Intentions & Well-Being Adoration and Confessions Purgatory Souls - RIP
Sunday 5 th 31 ST SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Sean Mahon – RIP For Souls of Lelis Fernandes & Virginia De Souza All the Souls of the Fernandes Family Ismenia & Augusto Afonso + Deceased Family Members - 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 John Corbett Jr and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Patrick Caffrey, Delia Lawless, John Ernest Pitt, Violet White, Michael Innis, Denis Moore,
Robert Charles Bolton

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

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

30 OCTOBER: Confirmation application Deadline

1 NOVEMBER: All Saints' (Holiday of Obligation)

2 NOVEMBER: All Souls' Day

4 NOVEMBER: Confirmation Parents' Meeting 11 am (Upstairs Hall)

5 NOVEMBER: Confirmation Class 10.30am (Upstairs Hall)

6 NOVEMBER: Sick and Retired Priest Collection

10 NOVEMBER: PARISH BINGO NIGHT

12 NOVEMBER: FHC Class after 9.30am Mass

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.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and comes at no extra cost to you.