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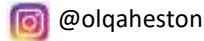
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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19th November 2023 – 33rd SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*. The verses chosen for today are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn in praise of the ideal wife. The author saw to it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6*. In this reading St. Paul continues his discussion of the *parousia*. He

tells his Thessalonian converts that they know as much as he does about the time of that second coming. He had already told them in his preaching that our Lord had said that it would be unexpected. However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day. The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21*. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning. Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true. For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory... Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still "*God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us.*" These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable. God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labour. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-11-19>

"The Penny Catechism" - Part 4. GOD THE HOLY GHOST AND GRACE

39. What is prayer? Prayer is speaking lovingly to God.

40. What is a good work? A good work is anything good done for the love of God.

41. Why did our Lord establish the Catholic Church? Our Lord established the Catholic Church to teach, govern, and save all men.

***** 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.

LITTERING: We have noticed that some people have a habit of leaving behind used tissues, please dispose of them on your way out or put them in your pocket and dispose of them when home. It is a matter of respect, hygiene and common sense, do not leave your rubbish for other to clean.

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: This weekend, Fr Luigi and Fr Rionelle will conduct a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Vocationists in aid and support of the Vocationist Missions. On Sunday 26 November, we are going to welcome representative of the Comboni Sisters for their annual Mission Appeal.

DECEASED CLERGY MASS: On Tuesday, we are hosting the deanery meeting here at Heston. As we are in the month of November, there will be a Mass offered for the deceased clergy who have worked in the Hounslow Deanery. Mass on that day will be celebrated at 12 noon.

CHURCH HEATING: We are looking into the heating system as it is showing some electrical faults; we hope to get it sorted ASAP. If you are feeling the cold, wear a heavier coat or an extra layer to keep yourself warm when you come to Church.

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.

CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Fair Raffle, £1 per ticket or £5 for the book, if you are taking books home, please make sure you return stubs and money to the Parish Office by 5 December. When writing your name and contact please ensure that it is written clearly.

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, or the clergy. Rehearsals will be on Saturday at 10.30 am in the Upstairs Hall.

TOY COLLECTION: On the First Sunday of Advent, 3 December, we are holding our annual Toy Collection in support of the Catholic Children Society. The Toys we collect will help families supported by the Society as well as bringing a smile on the face of children across London this Christmas. Please make sure the toys are brand new, age appropriate and unwrapped. If you are unable to bring it to Church on that Sunday you can leave it at the office. Toys will be delivered to the offices of the Society on Tuesday 5 December.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST: The Goan Community will celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier on 3rd December 2023. Konkani mass at 1pm in our Church followed by dance in Pope John Centre hall behind the church.

Tickets are on sale please see poster at back of the church for more details. All profits are distributed for charities in UK (Our Church) and Goa. If anyone would like to help or give a sponsorship, please contact Gabriel Fernandes on 07424318717

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.

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.

PARKING: We are lucky to have a rather large car park, something that not all Churches can afford. When you come to Church, please use the Car Park entrance on Eton Avenue rather than parking outside the

Church. Often, there are too many cars with some blocking the fire exit at the front making it difficult to have any activity outside the Church.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: November is the Month dedicated to the Holy Souls and we want to offer our prayers for deceased members of our families as well as for friends who no longer are with us. Envelopes for the Dead List are available at the back of the Church, please return them to the Parish Office. Masses will be offered for these intentions during the month.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI: We are looking into the possibility of arranging a Pilgrimage to Assisi, the town of St Francis and St Clare and where Blessed Carlo Acutis is buried, in April after the Easter holidays. The cost should be between £500 and £600, depending on accommodation and the programme we will follow. If you are interested, you can speak to the Parish Office or Gabriel Fernandes. Please note that the pilgrimage is not suitable for those who need assistance to walk, cannot walk long distances, uneven surfaces and steep streets as Assisi is a medieval town and roads can be very steep and not smooth.

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 would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

*****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 to marry, 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 need 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.

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*)

NOVEMBER 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 18th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Fredrick D'Souza – Birthday
Sunday 19th 33RD SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Diana & Michael Rodrigues – RIP For the Souls of the Ancestors of Francis & Shilpa Fernandes Mary Angela Barnabas – RIP Eliza Alphonso – RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Monday 20th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Placia Pereira – Thanksgiving Anthony & Joanita Carneiro - Thanksgiving
Tuesday 21st <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon Mass 7 pm Mass*	Deceased Clergy who worked in the Hounslow Deanery Lester Fernandes – Intentions & Wellbeing
Wednesday 22nd <i>St Cecilia</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary Pedro F Fernandes – RIP Ana Gracia Olimpa Fernandes - RIP
Thursday 23rd	9 am 9:30 am 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Gloria Fernandes - RIP Johnny Corbett - RIP
Friday 24th <i>St Andrew Dũng-Lạc</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Dead List All the Souls of the Maxem Village
Saturday 25th <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Edmund & Annie – Wedding Anniversary Adoration and Confessions Thanksgiving – Birthday of Shilpa Fernandes
Sunday 26th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Francisco Fernandes - RIP All the Souls of Colva & Gandaulim Village Joseph Saviour – RIP – 6 th Anniversary Souls of Joaquim & Rosaline
* 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

Thomas Desmond Chambers, Clementine Michael, Rosaleen Duffy, Nanette Ann Hayward,
John Paul Joseph Correia,

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

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19 NOVEMBER: Confirmation Class 10.30am (Upstairs Hall)

19 NOVEMBER: SDV Appeal in support of Vocationist Missions

21 NOVEMBER: Mass for the Deceased clergy who worked in the Hounslow Deanery (12 noon)

22 NOVEMBER: Vocationist Co-operators Meeting

26 NOVEMBER: FHC Class after 9.30am Mass

26 NOVEMBER: Mission Appeal – Comboni Sisters

3 DECEMBER: TOY COLLECTION

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: WRC DT 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.