



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

14th January 2024 – *SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

A Listening Heart



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B centres on the theme of recognizing and answering God's summons. In 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, the young prophet Samuel perceives God's beckoning during his slumber. Upon waking, he acknowledges, "I'm listening." This serves as a divine awakening.

Samuel's readiness to heed God's call sets an example for us today. In our daily lives, we might not encounter such direct divine communication, yet we're often faced with opportunities to listen and respond to God's guidance. Just as Samuel displayed attentiveness, we can cultivate an open heart to God's nudges.

This passage invites us to reflect on how we engage with God's invitations in our routines. Our response doesn't have to be grand or complex; a simple act of acknowledging and seeking to understand God's will can set us on a meaningful path. This story isn't about flashy revelations but about the willingness to be receptive to God's messages.

In our modern world, noise and distractions can cloud our ability to hear God's call. Samuel's story reminds us to create moments of stillness, even in our busy lives, to discern God's voice. As we contemplate this narrative, let's consider how we can adopt Samuel's attitude of attentiveness, responding with a humble "I'm listening" whenever God reaches out to us.

<https://young-catholics.com/3114/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/#thoughts>

"The Penny Catechism" - Part 6. THE COMMANDMENTS AND PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

59. What are some of the sins committed against the Ten Commandments? / 3

Against the Precepts or Laws of the Church: Not to abstain from meat on forbidden days.

Not to make your Easter duty. To spend the money parents give you for Church.

Against the Virtues: To be proud, jealous, envious, miserly, greedy, or slothful.

***** NOTICES *****

DECEMBER COLLECTION: During the month of December, our collection was £12,238.47 of these £1,519.95 was gift aid donations. May God bless and reward your generosity!

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 the 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.

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, we are welcoming a member of the Columban Missionaries for the yearly Mission Appeal. There will be a second collection towards their ministry and work.

SEÁN FEENEY RIP: Please pray for the eternal rest of Sean Feeney who has sadly passed away. Also, pray for his family at this time of grief.

ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO: On Thursday, we are celebrating the 133rd Birthday of St Justin Russolillo. To celebrate the Apostle of Vocations, we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations at 6 pm followed by Mass. Please join us and let us pray together for more vocations and for all priests and religious serving the Church.

BLESSED PALMS: If you have Blessed Palms from past Palm Sundays please bring them to the Parish Office so we can collect them for our Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Please make sure that Blessed Palms are brought to us by Sunday 11 February.

ALTAR SERVERS’ TRAINING: The training for new altar servers will be on Fridays at 3:45 pm for the children in Primary School and on Saturdays at 11 am for those in Secondary School.

DONATION ENVELOPES: We are at that time of the year when we need to put an order for Gift-Aid and Planned Giving envelopes and we want to make sure that we order the right number of boxes and do not have the Parish pay for boxes, which then will sit in the Office waiting to be collected. If you give your donations by Standing Order then we will not be ordering you a donation box, if you still wish to have a box of envelopes please let the Parish Secretary know so we can make sure we have our details up to date.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now booking mass intentions for 2024 up until June.

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.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: We have noticed that a number of families do not have an attendance card for their children. The attendance card is for children who are 2yo up to those in Year 5 and you will need for when you are going to apply for a Catholic School as it will help priests make sure you have attended Mass regularly and therefore they can sign the form. If you do not have one please contact the office.

HOW TO BE A SYNODAL CHURCH: Pope Francis calls for all the baptised to be involved in the Synodal Process - ARE YOU ? Join people from a range of parishes and backgrounds for a day of reflection, conversation, and action, to prepare for the October 2024 Synodal Assembly, in Rome. The event will take place on Saturday 10 February 10.30 am to 4 pm, at The Aula Magna, London Jesuit

Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. RSVP - FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk 020 8986 0807

DISCUSSION ON POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATE DEUM: Worried about the climate crisis? The Westminster cathedral group meet on Wed Jan 17 at 1.30 p.m. in the Hinsley Room. We will be studying chapters 1 and 2 of Laudate Deum Pope Francis' exhortation to COP28. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found online on the Vatican Website, just search "Laudate Deum". All are welcome and there is no charge.

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.

CONFESSION: Available every Saturday 10 to 10:45 am or on request. To book an appointment please contact the Parish Office.

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*)

JANUARY 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Jimmy Martin – RIP - Recently Deceased
Sunday 14th +SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	Annette de Mel – RIP (1 st Anniversary) Anthony & Pauline Treanor - RIP Rigobert Yindou Larry McGrandles - RIP
Monday 15th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Pat Stokes – RIP (Birthday) Camilo & Joaquim Da Counha - RIP
Tuesday 16th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Thomas Tighe – RIP (lately deceased) -
Wednesday 17th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	Prayer of the Rosary Lanzia Fernandes – Birthday -
Thursday 18th <i>133rd Birthday of St Justin Russolillo</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 6 pm 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Vocationist Family Holy Hour for Vocations Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday 19th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Gus Antoine – RIP Ida Fernandes E Palha – RIP
Saturday 20th	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving to St Joseph for Blessings Received Adoration & Confessions Liberata Gonsalves - RIP
Sunday 21st +THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	Marie McMahan & Noel McGlen Odette Ndoulou Joseph Rosario -

***Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel, please use the Car Park Entrance.**

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Michael O'Carroll, Catherine Bastille, Ann Sainsbury, Willie Teahan, Eileen Mohan, Margarita Hall, Pauline Britto, Eileen Mohan, Francis Moore, Pauline McGuinn, Mona Buck, Ellen Sheikh, Patrick Robinson, Peggy Baker, Magdalena Bonila, and Maureen Clarke.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14 JANUARY: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass and Extraordinary FHC Parents' Meeting after the 9:30 am Mass

18 JANUARY: Anniversary of Birth of St Justin Russolillo

18 JANUARY: Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations

18 JANUARY: Vocationist Cooperators Meeting after 7 pm Mass

21 JANUARY: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

21 JANUARY: Columban Fathers Mission Appeal and Second Collection

23 JANUARY: Finance Committee Meeting (PFC Members Only)

25 JANUARY: New Readers' Training at 6pm in the Main Church

28 JANUARY: FHC Class and Parents' Meeting after 9:30 am Mass

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.