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Normal Mass Times

Saturday
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
8.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass
12.00pm Mass

Weekday Masses
See back of the newsletter
or church noticeboard

Holydays of Obligation
7.00pm Vigil Mass
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Confessions
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am
and 5.00 to 5.30pm
or by appointment

Baptisms
Weddings (6 months notice)
Contact the Parish Priest

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time
3rd November 2013

1st Reading Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In this reading we are presented with a "God's eye view" of the universe and of our own lives. Yet, far from making us and the rest of our world feel small and insignificant, we are reminded of our own dignity and of the great value of everything God has made. For what God hated, he would not have fashioned! Every plant, every animal, every person God made is loved by God and deserves our respect and love as well. Do we love the universe, the solar system, our world, our fields and streams and mountains and valleys, our wild and domestic animals, as God the creator loves them? Do we love ourselves and other human beings as God the creator loves us? How can we do this? (Consider: The more we fill our lives with love, the less room we will have in them for sin. We will "abandon wickedness.")

2nd Reading Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

The writer of this letter is encouraging the Christians in Thessalonica. They are in the midst of a conflict. They are being led astray by a false prophet who has told them that the "day of the Lord" has already come!..

... The Thessalonians have been looking forward to the Lord's coming as much as anyone else, and to think that Jesus has come already and left them to their earthly struggle is a huge disappointment! It has shaken their faith. Is this all there is? We all hate to hear, "It was great! Too bad you missed it!" or "It's over, and there's nothing left to look forward to." We would never want to hear that about the coming of Jesus and his kingdom!

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

The incident in today's gospel may well be a God's view of each one of us! We are all "little," like Zaccheus, trying to see Jesus from a distance, and often getting ourselves up into trees or into other difficult situations and needing Jesus to come by and call us all back down to earth, back down to an honest relationship with him. "When you come down from there, and admit your need," says Jesus, "we'll talk, heart to heart."

(Page 157 in the Mass Books)

Collection Details
Thank you for your continuous generosity
27th October

Planned	£597.60
Loose	£481.50
Holy Ghost Fathers	£558.96
Missio	£554
Standing Orders	£552(weekly)

Pilgrimage To Lourdes
26th – 30th May 2014
There is a meeting on 12th November at 7.00pm for everyone who is interested. For information about the pilgrimage please phone Therese Bright 02087072192.

ELECTRONIC LINKS
The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week. **To subscribe, please email subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk**

Follow us on Twitter too:
twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7

Visit the Parish Website
www.stbridgets.org.uk
See the **Quick Links** on the front page and click:

Volunteer Online to go to a volunteer form if you would like to help the parish in any way.

Guide to the Church for a Tour Guide of St Bridget's

New Parishioners information can be found by clicking on the link near the foot of the front page.

We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – please follow the same link for details or ask in the Parish Office.

Sick & Retired Priest's Fund
The annual parish collection for Sick & Retired priests takes place next weekend. There are now almost 100 retired priests in our diocese, many of whom need a lot of support in their old age. Most of our priests work until their mid seventies and few have a home of their own or an immediate family to support them when they retire from active ministry. Our job is to ensure that:

- Every retired priest has somewhere to live and the equipment he needs if he is struggling with disability.
- Every priest is visited regularly to check that all is well, that he has enough to live on and that he is able to attend Mass and other events with his fellow priests.
- Every retired priest has home help, nursing care or sheltered accommodation if it becomes necessary.

Please take an envelope and bring it back with your contribution. If you pay tax you can add 25p for every pound you give at no extra cost, by completing the Gift Aid declaration at the back of the envelope.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH WE BOTH REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD

We will be doing this in various ways.
1. The November List
The November list brown envelopes can be found in the porch. You put the names of your loved ones with an offering in the envelopes, then place the envelopes in the box in front of the altar or give to Fr Stewart. They will be offered at every Mass during November.

2. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
We will remember and pray for All who have died as a result of war. Next Sunday we will as usual be joining the Act Of Remembrance at the war memorial after the 10.00am Mass. The police have already asked that the driveway to the presbytery be kept free from cars for safety reasons. It gives a place for the band and for people (as often happens) if there is not enough room outside the Church. They have also asked that parents keep a close eye on their children...

Fr Stewart's Thought For The Week

Are Struggles & Trials Always Bad?

Coming back from retreat I'm always struck by the sheer "busyness" of people's lives. For many of course this is exacerbated by what we call, "the struggles and trials of life". For some, it seems to be one thing after another and so the cry goes out "Why? Why is life like this?" There are of course lots of reasons – but all struggles are not necessarily bad.

There's a story of a boy who found a chrysalis with an opening in it. The boy could see a butterfly struggling to come out. He decided to help the process along and so split the chrysalis, freeing the butterfly. The butterfly had a swollen body and shrivelled wings. He waited and waited for the body to contract, the wings to open and fly ... but nothing happened! The butterfly could never fly. What the boy did not know, is the struggle required for the butterfly to get out of the chrysalis. That is the nature's way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings, which will eventually strengthen the body to fly.

Trials or struggles, are sometimes those things which we simply have to go through in life to get to where we want to be. We try to find short cuts... but they aren't there. We simply have to go through the process. This is just as true of studying for something or going through the awful pain of bereavement or any sense of loss. By going through struggles and trials, we can learn how better to cope with them in the future. We develop our life skills as well as our experience. In all this too, we learn things through our difficulties and struggles, which will help us to be more understanding of others whom we observe experiencing similar trials; we might even be able to help.

One thing is certain, if we didn't have struggles and trials, then like the butterfly we will not grow and we certainly won't fly!

...as it will be very busy. Our children are used to being able to wander freely outside the Church, but obviously on this occasion it is advisable they stay with their parents.

3. MASSES FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND ALL FORMER

PARISHIONERS

On weekend 16th/17th November all the Masses will be offered for our loved ones departed. There are lists at the back of the Church; one for each Mass- 6pm Saturday and 8.00am; 10.00am and 12 Noon Sunday. If you write down the names of your loved ones on the list of the Mass you attend, they will be read out at that particular Mass. You will also be invited to come forward and light a candle for each person and place it on the altar rail. We will also remember all former parishioners at these Masses.

It would be very helpful if you could write down the names of your loved ones in BLOCK CAPITALS.

St Bridget's Christmas Fayre – Sat 30th Nov 2013 - 12 noon to 4.00pm

Next Meeting – Wed 6th Nov – 7.30 to 9.30pm

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with the Christmas Fayre this year and to everyone who attended our first planning meeting on Tuesday 22nd October.

We still need more volunteers to help prepare and run stalls, in particular the Kids Lucky Dip & Kids Tombola

Please sign the list in the porch if you are able to assist in any way and also come along to the next meeting on 6th November. We are running lots of great stalls again this year but would also like to hear from anyone who runs their own small business and would like to sell gifts for Christmas e.g. jewellery, cards, hand-made toys etc in return for a small stallholders fee.

As always, we can't run the Fayre without lots of donations of new & nearly new books, unwanted gifts, toys in as new condition, unused cosmetics & toiletries and of course your wonderful cakes & biscuits. We will start collecting donations in the Church Porch or at the Church office from Monday 11th November so please start sorting out your items now ready to drop in when you are passing.

We are running the Parish Raffle again this year and will have books of printed tickets ready to collect after Mass from 9th November. This is a great fundraiser for the Parish so please collect some books to sell to your friends & colleagues.

For any questions or if you are interested in having a small business stall, running a stall or helping on the day, **please call or email Adrienne on 07974 453591 or email her at adriannemead@msn.com.**

"Inspiring Isleworth"

We are pleased to announce the formation of a working group to develop opportunities to bring the Isleworth area closer together as one cohesive community under the Banner of 'Inspiring Isleworth'.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Inspiring Isleworth Christmas Market - 7th December from 4pm to 8pm.

Repository Gift Shop - HUGE New Stock for Christmas Now Arrived

We already have many of these new items on display in the shop. Some are on sale and others are waiting to be priced. Restocking will be completed and the shop fully open for purchases by this weekend.

Chance To Develop Your Decorating Skills

We are offering to run group sessions in the hall for beginners wishing to gain confidence with their painting skills (decorating). All materials supplied.

Probably it will be 2 hours sessions or as agreed. Time to suit arrangement. Please contact Dave Rielly to join a group session. Email:

david.rielly023@btinternet.com Mobile: 07938228037

Regular Groups & Events

In the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

Monday

Friendship Club for Older People

Next meeting is the 4th November

Legion of Mary

Every Monday at 7.30pm

Tuesday

Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs

Next meeting 5th November

Wednesday

Little Angels Toddler Group (please note revised time)

Wednesdays 9.15am – 11.30am
Term Time Only.

Thursday

Church Cleaning after 9.00am Mass

Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 – 3.00pm

Friday

Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

£1.50 child, £2.50 max
9.15-10.15 am

Mental Health Drop-In 1.00-5.00pm.

Sunday

Refreshments after 10.00am Mass.

Sunday Breakfast

this Sunday after 8.00am Mass



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CATHOLIC CHURCH ISLEWORTH

Open after all weekend Masses

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FEAST DAYS, MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES OF MASSES

Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 2 nd November	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Nora & Edward Begley R.I.P (Anniv)
Sunday 3 rd November	Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.00am	Giovanni Forgione, Nicola Saverio & Gijovanni Cordonne R.I.P & Holy Souls
		10.00am	Patrick Barden R.I.P & Holy Souls
		12.00noon	Patrick Barden R.I.P (9 th Anniv) & Holy Souls
Monday 4 th November	St Charles Borromeo	7.00pm	Brendan Ryan R.D & Holy Souls
Tuesday 5 th November	Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 th November	Feria	9.00am	Mary Butler R.I.P & Deceased members of Butler Families & Holy Souls
Thursday 7 th November	Feria	9.00am	Comfort Annan R.D & Holy Souls
Friday 8 th November	Feria	7.00pm	Helena Kolczynska R.D & Holy Souls
Saturday 9 th November	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	10.00am	Holy Souls
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ena Hogan R.D & Holy Souls

Sick Ann Day, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Marie & Don Whitehead, Derek Luhr, Sheila Green, Patients at Lakeside, Doreen Riely, Lena Hines, Mr & Mrs Twyford, Maricel Dean, Margaret, Rose Cajanding May Kissane, Jack Brady, Kath Bolton, Pat & Roy Edwards, Maureen Pierce, Martin Russell, Richard & Lorna Atterwill, John Dennison, Christine Steele, Marie Smith, Maria Zehetner, June, Benito Rego, Edwina Rego, David Cooper, Frances Martin, Sr Anne Marie, Marie Donnelly, Philip Casey, Sue & Bob Young, Cathie Budge, Miriam Gutteridge, Pawla Dennison, Pauline Williams, Sophie Bordi, Joyce Ennis, John Okonjo, Onyeka Okonjo, Maria O'Leary, Kiana Gooding, Mai Kelt, Sheila Dodd, Eric Tuckwell, Edna Garrod, Emma Hennessey, Marie Seymour, Terry Sharpe, Bernard Frewin, Tony Richardson, Loretta De'Silva, Pamela Fernando, Tony Higginson, Maj Cunningham, Peggy Convery, Angela Convery, Bob Stainton, Margaret Mullin, Sheila Johnston, Simon Allad, Marie Aiyadoria, Mabel D'Cruz, Florence Harwood, Luigia De Nardo, Shirley Jackson, Charlie Ihme Jnr, Gloria Ihme, Angela Spencer, Sean Abbott, Odette Barnes, Benito Rego, Edwina Rego, Helen Fernandes, Jackie Mc Guinness, Philimena Mc Cormack, Cathie Duke, Flora Ziregbe, Christiana Ziregbe, Cliff Halliwell, Bryan Barnett, Irene Webb, Ron Aldrige, Ian Wilson, Cathe Fitzgerald, Thomas Fitzgerald, Martha Wilson, James Wilson, Cynthia Addison

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Brodnicki, Aurelia Serquiña

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace



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