

NEWSLETTER

29 OCTOBER
202330 SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME**On the Lord's prayer**

We need words to help us recollect ourselves and see what we are asking for; not to make us suppose that the Lord must be given information or swayed by words.

So when we say, 'Hallowed be thy name', we are counselling ourselves to desire that his name, which is always holy, may be held holy also among men; that is, that it may not be treated with contempt: and this for the benefit not of God but of men.

When we say, 'Thy kingdom come,' which will certainly come whether we wish it or not, we arouse our desire for that kingdom, that it may come for us, and that we may be worthy to reign therein.

When we say, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,' we are asking him for obedience for ourselves, that his will may be done in us as it is done in heaven by his angels.

When we say, 'Give us this day our daily bread, we mean by 'today' this present time. We are asking either for sufficiency, by expressing its principal part, signifying the whole by the name 'bread'; or for the sacrament of believers, which is necessary at the present time but of eternity.

When we say, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,' we are advising ourselves both as to what we should ask for, and what we should do to be worthy to receive it.

When we say, 'Lead us not into temptation,' we counsel ourselves to make this petition lest we be abandoned by his help, and either be deceived into consenting to some temptation or be so downcast as to give into it.

When we say, 'Deliver us from evil,' we bring ourselves to reflect that we are not yet in this happy state where we shall suffer no evil. This last petition in the Lord's prayer has such a wide scope that a Christian may in any trouble express his pain by it, pour forth his tears, begin form it, linger over it, and end his prayer at this point.

It is necessary by these words to impress the realities themselves on our memory. For whatever other words we may say-whether the devotion of the one praying precedes and forms the words to express itself, or accompanies the words and grows from them-if we are praying in the right way, we say nothing that has not already a place in the Lord's prayer. But whoever says anything that cannot be related to this prayer of the gospel, even though he is not praying unlawfully, he is praying in a fleshly, unspiritual manner; and I do not know how that should not be called unlawful, since people reborn of the Spirit ought not to pray otherwise than spiritually.

St. Augustine to Proba

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things.

We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

This was the prayer Fr. Timothy John O' Connor RIP, used to say after Communion. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS**October 28th, 2023**

6pm - Ints of the Holy Land

October 29th, 2023

9am— Pro Populo

11 am - Mrs Catherine Obi RIP

All Saints - 1 November

9.15 am - Fr T O'Conner RIP

8 pm Ints of Holy Land

All Souls - 2 November

9.15 am - Faithful Departed

November 3rd, 2023

9.15am— Ints of Fr F Wahle

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between
5.15-5.45 pm

**Readings for this
& next Sunday**

1st Reading—

Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalms 17; 2-4, 47, 51

Response v 2

2nd Reading - Thessalonians

1; 5-10

Gospel – Matthew 22; 34-40

1st Reading— Malachi 1;

14-2: 8-10

Psalms 130

2nd Reading -

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel – Matthew 23; 1-12

You will find nothing that is not contained in the Lord's prayer

He who says, for example, 'As you have been glorified in us, so be glorified in all nations', and, 'Let your prophets be found faithful', what is he saying other than, 'Hallowed be thy name'?

He who says, 'Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved,' what is he saying other than, 'Thy kingdom come'?

He who says, 'Direct my ways according to your word and let no iniquity master me', what is he saying other than, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'?

He who says, 'Give me neither poverty nor riches', what is he saying other than, 'Give us this day our daily bread'?

He who says, 'Remember O Lord, in David's favour all the hardships he endured', or 'Lord, if I have done thus, if there is wickedness in my hands; if I have given back evil for evil,' what is he saying other than, 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us'?

He who says, 'Rescue me from my enemies, O God, and deliver me from those who rise up against me', what is he saying other than, 'Deliver us from evil'?

And if you run through all the words of the sacred prayers, you will find nothing, in my opinion, that is not contained in that Lord's prayer. Hence there is freedom to use one form of words or another while praying, yet still saying the same things; but there should be no freedom to say different things.

We may pray this way for ourselves, for our own people, for strangers, and for our very enemies, without hesitation; though according to the nearness or distance of relationships different emotions will arise in the heart of the one who prays.

There you have, I think, not only the manner of your prayer, but also what you should pray for; not from my teaching, but from his who deigned to teach us all.

The blessed life should be sought, and requested from God. The nature of blessedness has been much discussed by many people; but why should we go to many people and much explanations? In the scripture of God it is put briefly and truly: 'Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord' In order that we may be of that people, and attain to contemplation of him, and everlasting life with him, 'The of the commandment is charity from a pure heart, and good conscience and unfeigned faith.

In the same trinity, hope is put in place of good conscience. Faith, then, and hope and charity lead to God the man who prays, the man, that is, who believes, hopes and desires, and gives heed to what he is requesting from the Lord in the Lord's prayer.

St Augustine to Proba

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

It is a tradition in the Church that November should be a time when we pray particularly for the souls of the faithful departed.

One of the ways we pray for the dead is to prepare a list of all the people special to us who have died and put that list in to the parish, asking everyone to pray for them. The result is that we are all praying for each other's dead friends and relatives.

If you wish to put forward a list of people you would like the community to pray for, write out the list (using, if you wish, the special lavender coloured paper provided) and put it in one of the Holy Souls envelopes you will find in the lobby of the church. If you wish to make an offering, put the money also in the envelope; this money will be used to fund Mass intentions for Holy Souls during the coming year. Either hand the envelope to me, or to our Sacristans, or into the collection basket at Mass.

From the 1st November we will put a special basket in front of the Altar.



The Catechetical Program 2023

Confirmation:

Application forms are on the table. If you are in year 9, and wish to make your Confirmation, the course will start on 4th November at 4pm- every Saturday. **Deadline for applications - Wednesday 1 November.**

First Holy Communions:

Application forms are now available, should you wish to have your child make their First Holy Communion, on the table in the lobby of the Church. Please take form, fill it in and hand one part into the parish office. The part with information for parents should be cut off by you and read properly as contain important information about the course. The course will commence on the 10th December 2023. Please, scroll down to see all dates.

1. 10. December
2. 17. December
3. 14. January
4. 21. Jan
5. 28. Jan
6. 4. February
7. 25. February

First Reconciliation: Saturday 2. March 2024.

1. 3. March
2. 10. March
3. 17. March
4. 24. March
5. 21. April
6. 28. April
7. 12. May

First Holy Communion: Saturday 18. May 2024.

Deadline for applications - Wednesday 1. November 2023.

Compulsory Parents meeting - Wednesday 22. Nov 2023.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The annual parish collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund takes place next weekend and all the money that is raised will be used to ensure that elderly priests and those that are struggling with ill health receive the care and support they need.

Most Priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at time of illness, is fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope on the table today. Please, take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at www.org.uk/donations - the envelope and posters feature a "QR Code" that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

You may also consider to becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please, take a leaflet home today. And please, continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy; active, retired and ill. Thank you.

Canon Gerard King

Chairman, Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Committee

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to London in November with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and Ireland chain of events).

The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 5 years on, over 150 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2023 will see 21 services across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

On the 26th November at 3.30pm in Central Hall, Westminster, we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services and as this is the most local service to you this year we wanted to share this information with you. So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

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Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative

Mr John Chesson - Data Protection Parish Officer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £324.33 envelopes: £196.10 contactless collection last weekend: £390.00 total: **£910.43**

Standing orders in **February - £5706**; , in **March - £3820**, in **April £4002**, in **May - £2533**, in **June - 3545**,
in **July - 2758**, in **August - 5713**, in **September- 2832**,

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church , we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

RICHARD HOUSE - London's first children's hospice

Richard House is a children's hospice based in the heart of Newham that has been providing specialised free care services to seriously ill children and their families across East London communities for over 22 years. We are now supporting over 300 families and are asking you to consider supporting Richard House.

Many parents of seriously ill children are unable to work due to complex medical conditions of their children, requiring 24/7 care, We offer free specialised care to these families and hope you can help us to continue to fulfil our mission. We get limited support from local authorities, with three quarters' of the money we need is coming from fundraising alone.

More information you can find on our website at www.richardhouse.org.uk

We hope you will consider supporting Richard House at this time!

Your sincerely, *Charlie Grey*, Community Fundraiser, charlieg@richardhouse.org.uk

School applications.

Fr Chris will be singing school application on Wednesday, 1 November between 10.30am and 2pm.

If you cannot make it during this time, please, contact the office to book an individual appointment.