**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th 2019 THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 16th*[St Edmund of Abingdon]*

 18.00 **People of the Parish**

SUNDAY 17th **[33rd Sunday OT (C) ]**

09.00 **Rafael Pino (Intns)**  11.15 **Norman Figueiredo (Intns)**18.00 **Holy Souls**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45*

MONDAY 18th  *[Feria]*

 10:00 **Holy Souls**TUESDAY 19th *[Feria]*

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 10:30 – 11:30 Exposition [no Benediction today]
WEDS 20th *[Feria]*

 **19:30pm** **Holy Souls – 40 HOURS COMMENCES**

THURS 21st *[The Presentaion of the Blessed Virgin Mary]*

 **07.30** **Holy Souls – 40 hrs**FRIDAY 22nd *[St Cecilia]*

 10.00 **Holy Souls – 40hrs**SATURDAY 23rd *[Feria ]*

 **10.00** **Holy Souls – 40hrs** *10:30 – 11:30 Confessions Avail.)*
 **17:00 SOLEMN BENEDICTION**

 18:00 (Vigil)  **Nicolina Ciccone RIP**

SUNDAY 24th **[ Christ The King (C) ]**

09.00 **Antoine Meemea (Anniv)**
11.15 **Tony Marono RIP**18.00 **Felicia Osunde (Anniv)**

**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 19th 19:00 Confirmation Class continues

Wednesday 20th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

 10.30 UCM Final Meeting *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

 **19:30 Mass to commence 40hrs devotion**

 **20:30 - 22:30 40 hrs devotion**

Thursday 21st **08:00 – 22:30 40 hrs devotion**

12.30 Bible Timeline continues *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

Friday 22nd **07:00 – Midnight 40hrs devotion**

13.30 Prayer Group (*Fr Bebb Rm)*

Saturday 23rd **08:30 – 17:00 40hrs devotion**

 **17:00 Solemn Benediction**

**COUNTERS**

This week 17th M & J Ferguson am
Next week 24th J Wildsmith am
 Mrs Fernandez pm

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £ 1,116.10

Sick & Retired Priests £ 732.27

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Rosemary Roberts,Teresa Bingham-Daly, Don Williamson, Anne Anderson, Amy D’Souza, Victor Kumaratharsan, Jean Vaughan, John Cash, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED**

We pray especialy for Olivia and Miguel who were both Baptised last weekend in our Church. We congratulate their families and assure them of our prayers. We pray also for those children soon to be Baptised here.

**UCM**

The UCM will hold a final meeting on Wednesday November 20th. All are welcome to join us.

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER**

There is an ancient and pious Christian practice of praying in November for those who have died. One Mass a day will be celebrated for the Holy Souls, and envelopes are now available to record the names of loved ones, in the manner of previous years.

**FORTY-HOURS DEVOTION**

As in previous years, there will be a traditional *Qarant’Ore* devotion celebrated in the parish in the days leading up to the Solemnity of Christ the King. (24th November). This will be a wonderful way for us to prepare for the season of Advent. We will commence with **Mass at 19:30 on Wednesday 20th,** and conclude with **Solemn Benediction at 17:00 on Saturday 23rd** please come and spend half an hour with the Lord during this time, if you can. Sign-up sheets are now in the church porch.

**ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES ON SUNDAYS**

As an experiment, we will now open the Parish Hall facilities during Sunday Masses. These facilities are fully accessible, are closer to the church entrance than the facilities in the office area which we currently use, and are better equipped for the larger numbers that we have on Sundays. Any feedback on this minor alteration will be welcomed.

**DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH NORTHWOOD HQ?**

Do you know that mid-week Mass is celebrated at the Base every first and third Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 in the Chapel? Anyone working there is welcome to attend.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**Christmas Mass and service schedule:**

**Sunday 15th Dec. (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

**3pm Parish service of carols, readings and prayers lead by Sunday School Chidren (Followed by party)**

**Christmas Eve:**

**Masses: 17:30 (families with children are especially welcome)**

**Midnight: Solemn Mass of the Nativity**

**Christmas Day:**

**Masses: 09:00**

 **11:15**

**St Stephen’s Day (December 26th)**

 **11:00 Annual Mass for Altar Servers**

We hope produce flyers for distribution in the neighbourhood soon.

**Christmas traditions in the home:** There are many wonderful ways in which we can prepare in our homes and families for the celebrations of Christmas. **Advance notice:** On the 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 15th), Fr Brian will bless family Cribs and nativity scenes. We invite anyone who wishes to, to bring these items to the Church on that day.