

NEW MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

New envelopes are now available in the lobby. They are much bigger and enable you to book up to 3 Mass Intentions. You can also use the envelope to book the Sanctuary Candle.

When asking to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a donation is made known as a stipend. **The suggested stipend for each Mass intention is £10**, the same as the sanctuary candle. These stipends together with other donations such as the Easter and Christmas Offerings, donations for baptisms, weddings and funerals, are what contributes to the upkeep of a parish priest.

If the person making the Mass intention donation is a UK tax-payer, we may be able to claim Gift Aid on that donation. If you are a UK tax-payer, please also complete the back of the envelope in full. This will enable us to claim a further 25p for every £1 that you donate at no extra cost to you.

TERESA GANNON RIP

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Teresa Gannon, who sadly passed away on Thursday 5th August. Please pray for Teresa and her family at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen*

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

The next Baptism Course will be on Monday 13th September at 7.30pm.

If you would like to baptise your child and register for this course, please contact the parish office and request a Baptism Registration Form.

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	7	Mass	6.30pm	Thomas Tiago Goes RIP Consolação Goes RIP Joana Fernandes RIP
Sunday	8	Masses	9.30am	Bridget Maye RIP (anniv) José Francisco Fernandes RIP
			11.30am	Carmina Gonsalves RIP Carlos Pereira RIP In Thanksgiving and for Good Health
Monday	9	No Mass		
Tuesday	10	No Mass		
Wednesday	11	No Mass		
Thursday	12	No Mass		
Friday	13	Mass	10.00am	Carlos Pereira RIP Inácio Xavier RIP In Thanksgiving
Saturday	14	Mass	6.30pm	Antonio Teles Pereira RIP For the Good Health and Wellbeing of Carol & Byron dos Remedios

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday	15	Masses	9.30am	Carlos Pereira RIP
			11.30am	Armando Luis RIP (Anniv)

Confession:
Appointments can be made when Fr Agustin returns in September

Please pray for: Hannah Tran, Mary Dykes, Clare Ashton, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan,
for those who died recently: Teresa Gannon, Carlos Pereira, Anne Wilson, Barbara Czaykowska, John Preston, Stefania Browne, William Swords, Mariano De Gregorio, Bridget Rozario, Sedley Gayle, Joseph Cedric Robertson, Margaret Taylor, José Fernandes and Eugene Garcia.
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Skuse, Hermegildo D'Souza, Michael McCarthy, Mary Turner, Mary Antony, Charles Hearn, Catherine Bourke, Callum Cunningham, Mary Cotton, Artur Caridade, Fernanda Holecz, John Doherty, Ellen Heduan, Patrick James Burns, Ann Murphy, Basil Keys, John Langan, Pamela Maher, Nancy Byrne, Maurice Griffin, Michael Buckley, George Hughes, John Daly, Martin Dunning, Armando Luis, Maureen Ahmed, Martin Gannon, Noel Hooper, Harold Wood, Arthur Tremayne, Susanne Hollis and Betty Halpin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Last Week Envelopes £528.70 Loose Plate £114.37 Standing Orders £510.00 Total £1,153.07



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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

1 Kings 19: 4-8 Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 John 6:41-51

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August is about the Church's specific vocation, that of evangelisation, and about the need for a reform which, according to Pope Francis, must begin with "a reform of ourselves" through an experience of prayer, charity, and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

In this month of August, the Holy Father reflects deeply on the situation of the Church, its vocation, and its identity, and he calls us to renew it "by discerning God's will in our daily life." For Pope Francis, in times of crisis and difficulty, the Church needs a reform that must begin with "a reform of ourselves" and "in the light of the Gospel."

Message from Pope Francis

The specific vocation of the Church is evangelisation, which isn't proselytism*, no. Its vocation is evangelisation; even more, the Church's identity is evangelization.

We can only renew the Church by discerning God's will in our daily life and embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit. Our own reform as persons is that transformation. Allowing the Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, reminds us what Jesus taught and helps us put it into practice.

Let us begin reforming the Church with a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices, without rigidity, but rather by moving forward based on spiritual experience - an experience of prayer, an experience of charity, an experience of service.

I dream of an even more missionary option: one that goes out to meet others without proselytism and that transforms all its structures for the evangelisation of today's world.

Let us remember that the Church always has difficulties, always is in crisis, because she's alive. Living things go through crises. Only the dead don't have crises.

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

During the month of August think and pray over what reform 'in the light of the Gospel' might mean, from your own experience of the Church. Be open to questioning some of your own assumptions; ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that might have gone unchallenged. Let the Trinity's gaze fall on you as you do this.

Think over and pray about what you mean when you talk about 'The Church'. Is it still, for you, the name we give to the institution and the mechanism of the Church, based in Rome and in the cathedrals and diocesan offices around the world, and maybe in the sacristies of our church buildings? Or is it, as the Second Vatican Council discerned, the entire People of God, united in praise, worship and the infinite mystery of God, who continues to seek out each one of us?

Courtesy of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network [Pray With the Pope - "The heart of the Church's mission is prayer"](#)

* Proselytism is the act of converting someone to a faith or belief. Pope Francis has often described how evangelisation should not simply be about 'making' more converts but about attracting people freely to Christ, and that the best way to attract people to Christ is through our witness to the faith. To be a good witness to Christ is to demonstrate our faith by our words, actions and attitude to the sacred mystery that we believe in our hearts.

MASS TIMES DURING AUGUST
2nd August - 3rd September

While Fr. Agustin is away on holiday, there is a change to the weekday Mass schedule. Masses times will be as follows:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
Private Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church will be closed all day	Church will be closed all day	Church will be closed all day	Normal Mass	Normal Mass	Normal Masses
10.00am - 11.00am				10.00am	6.30pm	9.30am & 11.30am

During this time, Fr Michael Heap, Fr Timothy Gorham and Fr Robin Burgess will be celebrating the Friday and weekend Masses. We welcome them back and thank them for their continued support.

The Parish Office will continue to be open during the week. If you need a priest, please call the office in the first instance and Ana can advise on who might be available. If your call is an emergency and there is no one here, please try one of our neighbouring parishes:

Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford - Tel 020 8578 1863
St Benedict, Ealing Abbey - Tel 020 8194 2300

**To all those who will be taking some time off during August,
we wish you a very happy and relaxing holiday.
May we all have safe journeys and keep each other in our prayers.**

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be open on the following days during August:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
11.30am - 3.30pm	9.30am - 2.30pm	Office Closed	9.30am - 2.30pm	11.30am - 3.30pm	Office Closed	Office Closed

COVID RESTRICTIONS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WHEN COMING TO THE CHURCH

- **Continue to book in advance.** It's not compulsory to do so but will save time when you come. If you do not book in advance you will be asked to register your attendance by either scanning the NHS QR code in the lobby (using the NHS app on your phone), or by providing your name/contact details to one of the lobby stewards.
- **Sanitise your hands on entering the church**
- **Wear a face covering when inside the church**
- **Leave some space between yourself and others from a different household (min. 1 space)**
- **If you are displaying symptoms of Covid, do not come to church**
- **If you have been asked to isolate, do not come to church (this also applies to children)**

Sunday Obligation

With the virus still in circulation, the Bishops recognise that some people continue to be fearful and have determined that it is still not possible, at the present time, for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday, thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is their hope that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

During August, we will continue to live-stream the Friday morning and Sunday 11.30am Masses.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Every adult with a any form of assets or savings should have a legal Will in place. If you're married or have children or other dependants, having a Will is a 'must, to protect your loved ones and see they are cared for. A Will speaks for you in the settling of your estate and it ensures your charitable wishes are fulfilled as well.

You may be surprised to know that most British households don't have a Will in effect! What's more, for those that do, bequests are most often made for the charitable benefit of health charities, mission aid organisations, and one of the biggest beneficiaries of all are animal charities, including the local dogs and cats home.

The church is often not thought of. Or thought of lastly. Of course that is fine if people's wishes are such, but I would like to think the Faith holds a higher place in the hearts and minds of many of our parishioners.

People make legacy gifts in their Will for many reasons. Sometimes it is to perpetuate their spirit by making a legacy gift to something they held dear during their lifetime. Others make legacy gifts to charities from which they have derived substantial meaning over the years, or to support causes they passionately believe in. Our Catholic faith fits all of these scenarios.

Regardless of whether you make a bequest, or add this parish to your Will, a Will is an important tool to protect your loved ones first and foremost, especially any children who will succeed you. Making a Will is also an important part of Stewardship; being responsible for the gifts God has blessed you with, investing them wisely, and putting them to good use, for the benefit of others, when you will no longer need them.

Many Catholics find including a bequest in their Will for the Church a rewarding and fulfilling way to continue their bond with the Church and continue their generosity and thanks for a lifetime of Faith. As a steward of this parish, shown by your offertory giving every week and in the sharing of your time and talents with our parish community, why not go further in the stewardship of your resources by remembering this parish with a bequest?

Think about it – if you were formed in the Catholic faith at a young age, baptised and confirmed, studied at Catholic school, married in the Catholic Church, sent your children to Catholic schools, and worshipped week in and week out – what great satisfaction there is in knowing that even after you've passed on, you are continuing to support the Faith. Leaving a bequest to the parish is a valuable and lasting way in which you can support the mission and ministry of our Church.

Therefore, the message today is to please get a Will made up, to ensure that your material blessings go to your loved ones, and to the causes you support. Without a Will, the distribution of your assets is left to the State and the courts.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to the church. The size and amount do not matter; bequests are not just for people of large means! Each gift can make a significant impact. This parish has greatly benefited from the proceeds of people's Wills in the past - such special gifts have helped us with important renovations and special capital projects that we could not have funded otherwise.

This information is so that everyone is aware of this meaningful way to support the Church. More information about how you can leave a bequest to the church is in the flyers available at the back of the church. Please take one!

Leaving a bequest is an important decision between you, your loved ones, and God. And of course we would be delighted if the parish was included in your specifications! Finally, please remember that a Will should always be drawn up by a qualified solicitor in order to be valid. The Diocese has published a useful sheet of suggested bequest language that you can take to your solicitor to use. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Please pray about this; consider your loved ones first, and whatever you decide, I thank you for your ongoing generosity and commitment to this parish.

May God bless you.

Fr Agustin