

**ELSA ROBERTSON RIP
FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday 10th September, 12.00noon

The funeral service for Elsa Robertson will take place here at St John Fisher Church on **Friday 10th September at 12.00noon**.

Parishioners, family and friends are welcome to attend the service and there is no need to book in advance.

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Elsa and for her family and friends at this time.

BLANCA DE CRISANTI RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Blanca De Crisanti who sadly passed away on 2nd September. Please pray for Blanca, her husband and their family at this time.

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

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	4	Mass	6.30pm	Sheila Murray RIP (Anniv) Evelyn Elizabeth Silva RIP
Sunday	5	Masses	9.30am	William & Margaret Beasley RIP
			11.30am	Joan Burke RIP (Anniv) Keith Murray RIP
Monday	6	Mass	10.00am	Marta do Rosario RIP
Tuesday	7	Mass	10.00am	Joseph O'Brien RIP In Thanksgiving & For Good Health
Wednesday	8	No Mass		
Thursday	9	Mass	10.00am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	10	Mass	10.00am	Sean McKernion RIP Blanca de Crisanti RIP
Saturday	11	Mass	6.30pm	Michael John Nee RIP
24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME				
Sunday	12	Masses	9.30am	Vincent McHugh RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	Carlos Pereira RIP Martin & Teresa Gannon RIP Philomena Feighery RIP (Anniv)

Confession: Please contact the parish office to book an appointment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Last Week:

Envelopes £ 444.00

Loose Plate £ 96.00

Standing Orders £510.00

Total £ 1,050.00

SUPPORTING AFGHAN REFUGEES

We have had some enquiries about how parishioners can support those who have recently arrived in London, many with just the clothes on their back! and are staying in hotels near the airport.

There are a number of charities asking for donations and you can find them online. Below are two charities recommended to us by Caritas.

<https://www.giveyourbest.uk/>

<https://www.qmccg.org.uk/>

We have also contacted Ealing Council, to find out the best way we can support as a parish and will update you as soon as we can.



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Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

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**WELCOME BACK!
NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE RESUMES**

Welcome back to those who have been away on holiday and those who are returning after a long period away from the church. We also welcome back Fr. Agustin and take this opportunity to thank Fr. Michael Heap, Fr. Robin Burgess, Fr Timothy Gorham and Fr Augustin Sawadogo for celebrating Mass over the last few weeks.

From next week, we will resume our normal weekly Mass schedule:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
Mass 10.00am Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass 10.00am	Church is closed all day	Mass 10.00am	Mass 10.00am	Mass 6.30pm	Mass 9.30am & 11.30am

Please continue to register your attendance when coming to the church. You can either scan the NHS QR code that is on the wall in the lobby (you will need to have the NHS app on your phone to do this), provide your details to a lobby steward, and for the weekend Masses, you can also book in advance via the parish website / call the parish office during office hours.

**CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE.
PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING INSIDE THE CHURCH AND SANITISE WHEN YOU ENTER AND LEAVE.**

The Parish Office will be operating as normal

Mondays: 11.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesdays: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Wednesdays: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Fridays: 11.00am - 4.00pm

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CONGRATULATIONS

to the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday:

TAYLOR CONDON ARGONES, OLIVIA RYCERZ and ALEX WINIARSKI

Please pray for them and for their families at this time.

WE ALSO CONGRATULATE...

THEO NATHAN CABRAL

who was baptised on Saturday.

Please pray for Theo as he is welcomed into the Holy Church, his parents and godparents.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION SEPTEMBER 2021

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Each month, Pope Francis asks us to join with him in prayer for a particular intention and this month's intention is timely in more than one way.

It coincides with the beginning of the Season of Creation (please see last week's newsletter), it also comes at a time when we are learning almost every day about more and more degradation of the planet and it comes in advance of COP26 - the international conference which starts at the end of October in Glasgow, where world leaders and campaigners will discuss the climate change emergency and hopefully commit to programmes of repair and ways to halt further damage.

As individuals we are all asked to examine our lifestyle choices. Contemporary living can often be wasteful and environmentally irresponsible. So much is done and made for our convenience. We are invited this month to seriously consider a lifestyle that is simpler and more environmentally sustainable. If we look hard enough, there are bound to be things we can forgo or do differently.

The Pope also reminds us that many young people are committing themselves to the cause. They are very aware, through work at school and by speaking to each other. They can help us challenge the way we live and provide alternatives. Ask the young people at home what they would do differently and get them involved.

The problem is a complex one and, on a global scale, the solution can seem to be an impossible one but, if we each change something, then that is a start.

During this month, pray and reflect on how we treat our common home - what do you notice in yourself that you should reconsider?

Find out more about the Season of Creation which runs from 1st September - 4th October www.seasonofcreation.org

WHAT SPECIAL GIFT DID POPE FRANCIS RECEIVE TO START THE SEASON OF CREATION?

What better way to start the Season of Creation than by offering Pope Francis a special gift. More than 100 Laudato Si' Animators from Italy gave His Holiness a handmade "Abraham's tent" on Wednesday 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which marks the start of the ecumenical Season of Creation. Following Pope Francis' Wednesday General Audience, the Animators gifted Pope Francis the tent, which is the symbol of the 2021 Season of Creation.

The Animators wanted to show His Holiness how the Laudato Si' Movement and countless communities around the world are caring for our common home, biodiversity, and all members of God's creation during the Season of Creation, which ends on 4th October, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. The Animators also wanted to express their hope for a society that becomes more attentive to others and all members of God's creation. Because, as Pope Francis has reminded us, "You will build the future, with your hands, with your heart, with your love, with your passions, with your dreams. Together with others."

Pope Francis' tent was built by Calabrian Laudato Si' Animator Daniela Manna and members of her arbresh community in Civita, in the province of Cosenza. The town was founded in the 15th century by Albanian refugees forced to leave their homeland and now welcomes refugees and asylum seekers. Daniela and others led by example by reusing materials to create the tent. They used newspapers that were ready to be discarded and repurposed straws and an old umbrella. Vinyl glue, hot glue, a ruler, and a skewer helped them finish Pope Francis' gift.

You can see videos of Pope Francis receiving his gift on the Season of Creation website. www.seasonofcreation.org



MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

To run the parish - prepare the church for Mass each day, provide the various ministries and stewarding during each Mass, deliver all the sacramental programmes, etc, requires **approx. 100 volunteer hours every week!** With the pandemic and some parishioners moving on, we are in need of more volunteers. Below are some of the volunteering opportunities we are currently in most need of.

STEWARDS FOR THE SUNDAY 11.30AM MASS

We are looking for volunteers who can help with opening and closing the building and getting the church ready for the 11.30am Mass. You will also be involved with greeting parishioners as they arrive and some light cleaning at the end of Mass. Training will be provided.

READERS FOR THE 11.30AM MASS

Being a reader is an important ministry. Readers bring the living Word of God to the congregation and so the ministry of the Word should be treated seriously and with great dignity. The Word of God is not simply read during the liturgy, it is proclaimed, yet not with theatrical show. It involves delivery the message of God with clarity, conviction and appropriate pace. It demands the ability to evoke faith in others by demonstrating one's own faith. The Word of God also needs to be understood and therefore we are looking for readers, preferably over the age of 13.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are looking to create another 2 teams of cleaners, who are available to clean on a Wednesday or Saturday early morning. At the moment we have only 2 teams, which means they have to clean every fortnight. The more teams we have, the less often each team has to clean! Guidance and cleaning materials will be provided.

We have found that teams of at least 4 people work well as 'many hands make light work'. If you are on your own or a couple and would like to help, we can group you with other volunteers, or perhaps you can persuade some friends to join you!

BRASS/SILVERWARE CLEANER

There are a number of brass and silver items in the church that need special attention. We are looking for someone who can spare 2-3 hours, every 2 weeks, on a weekday, preferably between 11.00am - 2.00pm. Guidance and cleaning materials will be provided.

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS

Throughout the pandemic, we have had collection baskets for your weekly donations in the lobby. In the coming weeks we will return to having collection bags, which will be passed round the church during the offertory.

We need 2 people at each Mass who can collect the bags and then pass them round. We would like to build up teams of collectors for each Mass, who can then perform this function on a rota basis.

If you would like to support the parish and are interested in any of the above roles, please contact the parish office email: perivale@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8997 3164

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people".
(1 Corinthians 12: 4-6)