

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.

If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website www.rcdow.org.uk/donation. You can also use the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster.

The care of priests in their old age, and at a time of illness, is a priority of the Church. It is a wonderful way for us to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Application Forms are now available for the next programme with St John Fisher. If you would like your child to join the next programme, please contact the Parish Office. **Applications close on 22nd November**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Application Forms are now available for the next Confirmation programme here at St John Fisher. **Young people in Year 8 or above**, who feel ready to prepare for this sacrament, can apply. The programme will start in February 2022 with a mix of face-to-face and online sessions and the Masses will take place in October. If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office **Applications close on 6th December**

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	13	Mass	6.30pm	For the souls of the family of João Mendonça
Sunday	14	Masses	9.30am	All Souls
			11.30am	Eugene Garcia RIP
Monday	15	Mass	10.00am	All Souls
Tuesday	16	Masses	10.00am	In Thanksgiving Epifanio Gonsalves RIP Laura Noronha RIP
Wednesday	17	No Mass		
Thursday	18	Mass	10.00am	Manuel Gonsalves Family
Friday	19	Mass	10.00am	All Souls
Saturday	20	Mass	6.30pm	Cipriano Crasto RIP and family Alfonso Brilo RIP & Gilma Restrepo RIP
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe				
Sunday	21	Masses	9.30am	People of the Parish
			11.30am	Alcinda Ramos RIP George Dos Remedios RIP

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

Please pray for: John McCarthy, John Lyne, Rebecca Sullivan, Hannah Tran, Mary Dykes, Clare Ashton, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkowa, 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: Timothy Mulcahy, Margaret Rattray, Blanca Crisanti, Elsa Robertson, Teresa Gannon, Carlos Pereira, Anne Wilson, Barbara Czaykowska, John Preston, Stefania Browne, William Swords, Mariano De Gregorio, Bridget Rozario.
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Margarita Hillman, Breda Connellan, Canice Connellan, John Duff, Frank Carroll, John Dunne, John O'Connor, John Hogan, Julie Thomas, Angela Beaney, Gwendoline Hughes, Richard Travers, Sheila O'Connor, Tim Hillier, Mary O'Reilly, Ann Leung Ki Fun, Michael Feighery, Virginia Robbins and Mary Young.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

<u>Last Week:</u>	Envelopes £ 309.10	Loose Plate £ 168.91	Standing Orders £ 429.85	Total £ 907.86
<u>Previous Week:</u>	Envelopes £ 448.80	Loose Plate £ 118.70	Standing Orders £ 429.85	Total £ 997.35



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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Daniel 12:1-13 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

14th November 2021

Parish Mass Book p.157

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday 14 November 2021 is the fifth World Day of the Poor. The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor." Developing a culture of encounter is a key theme for Pope Francis and an essential counter witness to what he describes as a culture of waste and indifference, a culture that casts aside human beings who are not considered to be productive or useful.

The theme for this year's World Day of the Poor is "for the poor you have always with you" from the words of Jesus at the Anointing in Bethany just before his Passion, an incident described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. Jesus is not saying that we should not work to alleviate poverty. In Mark's account Jesus says that we can show kindness to the poor whenever we wish. In John's account, the main objection to the use of costly perfume to anoint Jesus comes from Judas, but John makes clear that Judas had no love for the poor, but was a thief. He stole from the common purse. His words said one thing, his actions another. The Christian tradition is realistic about human beings. We are good, but flawed, wounded by sin. We do not believe in utopia in this life. There will always be poverty and injustice of some kind, but we are called to reduce its impact wherever we can.

The Pope goes on to say that the encounter with the poor is more than just charity, or acts of benevolence, important as they are. Our encounter with the poor should be a genuine sharing, an establishment of community, a desire to get to know those who may have been invisible to us. Pope Francis, in his other writings, pushes us further. It is not enough to work for the relief of poverty. In Fratelli Tutti, we are called upon to challenge the structural causes of poverty. In our society there is widespread injustice, many people who do not have what is their due, what they need to live a dignified and fulfilled life, and many people who have far more than they need. This is not a natural state of affairs, but the result of policy, which means it can be changed.

Poverty comes in many guises. In England and Wales, we do not always see the desperate material poverty which is evident in other countries, but it is there. In 2019, according to a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (<https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/uk-poverty-2020-21>) 2.4 million people in the UK, including 0.5 million children, experienced destitution at some point in the year, in other words they did not have enough to live on. The same report says that before the Coronavirus pandemic, 14.5 million people in the UK were caught up in poverty, equating to 1 in 5 people.

In our society, we also have people who experience the poverty of isolation and loneliness, homelessness, modern day slavery, trafficking, relational poverty, the experience of being abused or the victim of violence. These circumstances are often drivers of material poverty, or the result of material poverty. The Gospel calls us to a conversion of heart and this conversion, as Pope Francis says in this year's message for the World Day of the Poor, "consists primarily in opening our hearts to recognizing the many different forms of poverty and manifesting the Kingdom of God through a lifestyle consistent with the faith we profess."

Our society has been shaken by a global pandemic. The poverty which existed in our communities has been exposed and the hardest hit are those who were in poverty before the pandemic. Other types of poverty are on the increase, such as mental ill-health, domestic violence, food poverty.

From its entry onto the world stage in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, the Christian community was known for its service to the poor. This sign is needed now more than ever. The world is looking for hope.

Raymond Friel
CEO, Caritas Social Action Network



ADVENT GIVING 2021

It's almost unbelievable that Advent is suddenly only just around the corner. With only 2 weeks to go, it is at this time of year especially, that we turn our thoughts to our charity partners and look for ways to support them. Most charities are still seeing a significant reduction in donations and many have had to look for other ways of raising funds.

Despite all the difficulties, we would still like to support some of our Advent charities this year. Over the next few weeks we will be promoting the work that they do and how you can help. You can support as many of the charities as you like and, no matter how small your donation, they will all be extremely grateful.

Charity 1 - PACT (Prisoner Advice and Care Trust) - Operation Elf

Operation Elf is Pact's annual campaign supporting prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child. With your help, they can make the festive period a little brighter for families across England and Wales.

Every year more than 200,000 children experience the distress and heartache of having a parent in prison. Christmas can be a particularly painful time, but with your help they can make a big difference.

This year, by purchasing an extra gift card during your Christmas shop, we can make sure a prisoner can give a gift to their child to buy something they really want...

Step 1: Buy a gift card to the value of £10 that we can be sent to a prisoner's child.

Choose one that gives lots of options to a child. Children are different! Some may want to buy chocolate, others popular toys, a book, or they may like to put it towards a new jacket. You can buy a **One4All gift card** at the Post Office or online - and this can be used in lots of shops. Otherwise, choose department store gift cards. **Both Tesco and Sainsbury's sell a variety of gift cards too.**

Please send actual gift cards and not e-cards or e-vouchers as these are difficult to distribute.

Step 2: Send your donation to Pact

If you buy your card(s) online, you can choose to have them delivered straight to Pact at the address below. Alternatively, you can send your card(s) in an envelope to:

**Operation Elf
Pact
29 Peckham Road
London SE5 8UA**

IMPORTANT:

Please make sure that your card(s) arrive with Pact by **Tuesday 30th November 2021** to allow their Christmas Elves to share them with mums and dads in prisons to then give to their children.

I want to donate more than £10. What can I do?

That's fantastic! If you would like to donate more than £10, please purchase multiple £10 gift cards. For example, if you would like to donate £30, please buy three gift cards to the value of £10 each - and send all three to Pact.

I want to donate less than £10. What can I do?

We're grateful for every donation - thank you for your support. If you would like to donate an amount less than £10, please try clubbing together with friends to buy a £10 gift card or [make a donation online](#).

Can I donate books and toys instead?

We kindly ask that you do not buy books or toys for a prisoner's child this year as Pact will be unable to distribute them.

If you would like to donate a gift card but need help in doing this, please contact the parish office for advice.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 15th	Adult Catechesis	8.00pm	Church
Thursday 18th	Adult Catechesis	8.00pm	Church
Tuesday 23rd	Synodal Pathway - Listening Group	7.30pm	Parish Room
Saturday 27th	Senior Citizens Party	1.00pm	St John Fisher School
Friday 3rd December	Synodal Pathway - Listening Group	After the 10.00am Mass	Parish Room

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 14th November

This Sunday we remember all those who died during the two world wars and those who have died in combat since. It is also an occasion when we can remember all our deceased relatives and friends.

During this weekend, you are invited, after Mass to place a poppy on the cross that will be on the Sanctuary, as we remember and pray for all those who have died. Your donation towards a poppy will go to the Royal British Legion in support of all the work they do to help veterans and the families of those who have died. Thank you.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, Masses will be offered for all the names in the Book of Remembrance. The dates for these Masses are:

Monday 15th November	- 10.00am
Friday 19th November	- 10.00am
Thursday 25th November	- 10.00am
Sunday 28th November	- 11.30am

SYNODAL PATHWAY

Further listening groups - 23rd November & 3rd December

We will be hosting a further two listening groups on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm and Friday 3rd December at 10.30am after the morning Mass.**

All parishioners are welcome to come along to the parish Room to hear more about the synodal pathway, listen and share.

As part of this synod, we are being asked to reflect on our experience of journeying together as a church – on what our faith means to us, and how we have tried to live it. We are being asked to reflect together and listen to one another in order to discern what the Holy Spirit is doing in the church.

We are being asked to imagine, to dream about the Church we are called to be – how we can make hopes flourish, how we can stimulate trust, how we can bind up wounds and how we can weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from each other, how we can build bridges and enlighten minds.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY Saturday 27th November

We are hoping to go ahead with the Senior Citizens Party on Saturday 27th November. The party be held at St John Fisher Primary School, Sarsfield Road, Perivale, and will start at 1.00pm.

If you would like to come, please speak to Ann Smith or contact Ana in the parish office. Please let us know your name, how many places you would like to book and if you need transport to and from the school.

It is important for us to know who is coming so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you

NURSERY & RECEPTION APPLICATIONS Certificates of Catholic Practice

If you are applying for Nursery/Reception places for September 2022, attend Mass at this parish, and need a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your child, Fr Agustin has appointments available on the following days:

Monday 15th November 7.00 - 7.45pm and Monday 6th December 7.00 - 8.00pm

If you would like to book an appointment, please contact the parish office via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk

ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL Nursery & Reception - Open Days

For those interested in applying for Nursery or Reception, the school will be open for parents to visit on the following days:

**Tuesday 16th November @ 9am
Thursday 18th November @ 2pm**

Parents are welcome to go along and hear from the leadership team as well as have a tour of the school.

Further information on how to apply is available on the school's website

<https://www.st-johnfisher.ealing.sch.uk/Our-Catholic-School/Admission-to-SJF-school/>