



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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10th September 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time–Year A

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of
Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am Family Mass
12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm
Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am
Sunday-8.30am

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New beginnings...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a great pleasure to arrive in Pimlico Parish and to use this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Parish Priest. I am grateful to Canon Patrick Browne for leaving the parish in such wonderful condition, and to Fr Charles, Sarah, Jan and those who work for the parish for their warm welcome. As I arrive to the Presbytery and begin to unpack my boxes, I realize the usual experience of a priest to move house and job at the same time, which is something of a challenge. This is indeed a new beginning for the parish. Keep in mind that this is a change for me as well. So, I do ask for your patience as I settle in.

A little background about myself: My name is Fr Chinedu Udo. I am originally from Nigeria, of Igbo parents. When my family moved to England, we settled in Finsbury Park and St Mellitus, Tollington Park became my home parish. In 2009 I was accepted to study for the priesthood in Allen Hall Seminary by the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. Interestingly, the first parish we visited as new seminarians was Pimlico. Canon Pat Browne was very welcoming. I wouldn't have believed that I will be the one to succeed him upon his retirement.

I was ordained in 2016 by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral. I served as a Curate for five years in Enfield before being moved to South Harrow in 2021 which lasted only four months. I was appointed the parish priest of St Mellitus, Tollington Park (my home parish) in January 2022.

My next bus stop is Pimlico. I am very grateful to be here at The Church of the Holy Apostles. I look forward to meeting, knowing and working you all here in the parish. I will be relying on the parishioners especially all the wonderful volunteers who help to run the parish, to support me as I settle in to my new role.

Matthew speaks in today's Gospel of how we might win back our brother or sister, should there be a conflict between us. Matthew is offering us a path to reconciliation and healing. In reality, we will all, at one time or another, be in disagreement with others, and possibly with family or parish members. Matthew offers us an opportunity to find a different and better way of healing and forgiveness.

When people offend us, do we shrug our shoulders and say, "I will not forgive you", or do we try to win them back with love and understanding? Equally, what do we do when we are hurt by someone close to us? Do we ruminate on the hurt done to us, or do we seek to win back those who have hurt us by adopting a loving approach? Let us try to be more loving, merciful and offer words of love and healing to those we meet in our lives. All we can do is to give of our best, and to trust in the Lord and his grace. God bless you all. Fr Chinedu Udo

Announcements

Please pray for: Andrew Purves, funeral details later. **May he rest in peace.**

First Communion programme for children in Year 3 or older as at September 2023 will commence next Sunday 17th September 2023. Please download an application form online or pick one up from just under the lectern in the Church and return to Sarah asap, **BUT by the latest TODAY Sunday 10th September.**

We welcome our new parish priest Fr Chinedu Udo, who will be saying all the Masses this weekend. I know you will all make him very welcome.

Welcome back to all of you who have been on holiday, we hope you had a good summer and have come back refreshed! You have been missed.

Tea & Coffee after the 10.30am mass on Sunday resumes today.

The Monday club for senior citizens resumes on Monday 11th September at 2pm. Please do just come along it is a very friendly group who chat, have a cup of tea play bingo etc. If you have difficulty getting to the hall, please contact Jan the Hall manager as he kindly picks people up & drops them home in the Ambulance.

The Holy Apostles Sports Club starts again on Friday 15th September at 6pm to 7.30pm. It is for boys & girls age 7-12, promotes fitness, team work & is a great way to meet and have fun, all welcome.

Community Shopping Trips to the supermarkets at Clapham Junction resume on Friday 22nd September 2023. If you are interested please contact Felix on 07958 788 512.

Volunteers: There are lots of opportunities for you to help at the Holy Apostles & get involved. Please check out the groups on our website or pick up a leaflet from the porch. Helping is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and it really does build up our community so don't be shy we need you!

Fr Pat's retirement : We want to assure you that there will be an opportunity to celebrate Fr Pat's ministry, when the time is right and we can do it properly. In the meantime please let us all keep him in our prayers.

Thinking of decluttering? How many of us have old iPods, MP3 Players and Digital Camera's we no longer use in drawers at home? Why not donate these to CAFOD along with Jewellery (including broken), Games consoles, Tablets, old Mobile phones, SLR cameras and laptops? In doing so CAFOD will earn some cash and avoid the increase of landfill which is damaging God's Creation. Please put these in the box at the back of the church or deliver them to Sarah at the Priests House.

The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for August came to £6458.00. The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for August was £1889.50 & the Offertory envelopes for August came to £915.50. Thank you all very much indeed.

If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

The best way to support the parish is by standing order, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the “Donate” button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

Justice & Peace bidding Prayer: Refugees— Maggie McNally We pray that we be more aware of the fears and sufferings of the refugees.. Guide us in your compassion, to give us the understanding and wisdom to help the refugees.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils) These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Full details are available on our website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith would like to extend a warm invitation to prospective parents and their daughters to visit our high achieving school on one of our Secondary Transfer Open Days. On Thursday 14th September 2023 Morning 9:30am – 11am, Evening 4pm – 6pm and Wednesday 20th September 2023, Morning 9:30am– 11am, Evening 4pm – 6pm

Action Prayer: Our readings this weekend focus on our neighbour. "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Simply and to the point! The BIG catch is we need to love our neighbour as well as we love ourselves. Yikes! So it becomes mandatory to accept how God made us and that He made us good. Loveable. We need to be able to do that aspect of Love, so as to be able to eliminate the illusion of us vs them. Our Action Prayer this week is to target the old habit of thinking in terms of us vs them. What group gets us angry? Conservatives, Liberals, Refugees, Tax-evaders, Bullies--whoever, and start with just one group. Using every and any form of prayer, ask God to please help us accept and love that group, our neighbours. Listen. Be open. Desire more love. Often what we don't like in others will connect to something within ourselves that we don't like, don't accept, don't love...