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## 17th September 2023 – 24th 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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### Dear Friends , **The Synodal Process: The Church's Way of Proceeding**

In October, the Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome with Pope Francis to reflect on the Synodal Process with the overall theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Below is an excerpt from Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral Letter on the forthcoming Synodal Meeting in October.

...We can be clear, then, that this Synod meeting is not an ecclesiastical UN Assembly, nor a Church parliament or convention, nor a referendum on the teaching of the Church. In the words of Pope Francis, it is to be 'a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit', a setting out on a journey 'with the Lord always coming to meet us' (Pope Francis, 10 October 2021).

The overall aim of the October meeting has been clearly set out: how can we become a listening Church, one that is profoundly open to all, humble and seeking forgiveness - as we have been reminded in today's readings? Can we be a Church of encounter and dialogue which seeks to hold together, often in tension, fidelity to the truth expressed in her teaching and a compassionate love for every person? How can we be a Church of deep respect for all that is truly human, seeking to bring the gifts and talents of every person into the mission given by Christ? How can we be a Church which is constantly restless because we are incomplete, yet a sign and instrument of the union of all with God? The Synod must consider what processes, initiatives, and structures can help us in becoming a truly missionary Church.

It is not difficult to see that the agenda of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops is an agenda for us all: for each of us individually, for families, for every church association and group, for parishes, for the Diocese. The Synod is a journey we share. For this reason, I invite you today to be part of this historic process, not simply through following the reports that come from Rome, but in the thoughts and resolutions of your own hearts. How can we be more attentive to each other? How can we listen with our hearts to the distress and the joy of those around us? How can we make our community more welcoming? How can we find ways of enabling the talents and abilities of everyone to become part of our outreach, of that invitation to come to know the Lord?

The Cardinal concludes his letter with these words; 'May the coming month of October be a time of grace for our Church, both in the great gathering in Rome and in the circles of our lives here at home. May October, the month of the Holy Rosary, see us take up our rosary beads each day, asking our Blessed Mother to strengthen and guide us in this journey of faith.'

God bless you all

**Fr Chinedu**

# Announcements

**Please pray for: Andrew Purves** whose funeral will be at 10.30am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Westminster Cathedral, and **Annmarie Sinem** age 58 of Lillington Gardens, whose funeral will be at 11am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. **May they rest in peace.**

**The First Communion children & parents** meet today Sunday 17th September after the 10.30am Mass. For their first class, please do keep them in your prayers.

**Fr Chinedu Udo:** If you were not here last weekend we welcomed Fr Chinedu to the parish as our new parish priest, please do introduce yourself to him after Mass..

**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!

**Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary Schools:** If you require one of these forms completed, please email Sarah with your child's full name, date of birth and address & state how many forms you require. We can only complete these forms if you are coming here to Mass on a regular basis. Please contact: [sarahharcher@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sarahharcher@rcdow.org.uk)

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-5 year olds on Sundays 9:30-11am from 24 September**

This program provides an opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an atrium which will be set up in the St Paul's room and facilitated by specially trained catechists. The catechesis is rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy of the Church; and is inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education. Please let Louise know if you would like your child to join or to know more (07901 584 694)

**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.

**Allen Hall Seminary** is recruiting a person who could hold the combined post of Library Assistant and Academic Secretary. This role will support the staff of the Seminary and the student body which is made up mainly of those training for the Catholic priesthood. If you feel you have the skills to run the Academic administration of the College and to oversee the day-to-day operation of the College Library, please visit our website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/library-assistant-and-academic-secretary-allen-hall-seminary/> where you will find a full description of the position.

**Justice & Peace bidding Prayer:** Missionaries — Ruth Waddington - We pray for all missionaries who endanger their own lives in countries engaged in war. May they be given the grace and courage to continue to minister to those affected.

**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.

**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:** Forgiveness. Our readings this weekend deal with different aspects of forgiveness and how God forgives.

In the gospel, a servant is forgiven a debt by his master and then the servant turns around and doesn't forgive a debt owed to him. This gives us a clue that perhaps forgiveness is a two way street. We need to be able to forgive as well as be forgiven. Our Action Prayer this week is to do a personal inventory--do we feel someone hasn't forgiven us? Perhaps, we feel we didn't get the benefit of the "77x forgiveness rule". After all, we are very sorry. But have we forgiven ourselves? Jesus said to the adulterous woman being stoned, "...go and sin no more." To be able to avoid a sin, we need to understand how it happened. Once the circumstances are identified, we can authentically start the process of forgiving ourselves.

**Pope Francis monthly intentions for September For People living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.