Saint Luke's Pinner

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13th September 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm *Parishioners*
Sunday 9am *Neil Corcoran RIP (A)* **11am** *Mark Jenkins RIP (A)*
Monday 10am *Margaret Maher RIP*
Tuesday 10am *Billy & Margaret Maher RIP (A)*
Wednesday No Mass Church Closed
Thursday 10am *Joe Devine RIP (A)*
Friday 10am *Joyce Wardsworth RIP (A)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11-11.30am & 5-5.30pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Forgiveness is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So, forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual labourer. **Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party? What is the best way to show forgiveness?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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A message from Fr Tony

It is a great joy to be joining the parish of St Luke's, and I would like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I have received. I have already met so many kind and friendly people, and I am looking forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming weeks and months.

Perhaps I should tell you a little about myself. My journey to becoming a priest was not exactly straightforward! For many years I worked in banking, and if you had told me then that I would one day become a Catholic priest, I would not have believed you. I only became a Catholic in my early thirties, and some years later I began to recognise that God was calling me in a different direction. Eventually, I took the rather big step of leaving banking and entering the seminary.

Becoming a Catholic as an adult has shaped me in many ways. I remember what it was like not to know much about the Catholic faith and, above all, to encounter Jesus in a new way. Perhaps because of that, I have always had a particular love for helping people to discover the Christian faith for themselves. It is something I never take for granted.

I know that every parish has its own character, and I am very conscious that I am coming to St Luke's with a lot to learn! I am looking forward to discovering the life of the parish, meeting people, hearing your stories and finding my way around. I am sure I will have plenty to learn from you as well.

For now, I simply want to say how pleased I am to be here. I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to serve as your parish priest, and I am looking forward to what the coming years will bring.

Please pray for me as I begin my time here, and be assured of my prayers for you.

God bless,

Fr Tony



Children's Liturgy of the Word during **9am Mass today**.

Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion are invited to participate in a special liturgy designed just for them in the Parish Centre. During the Liturgy of the Word, they will hear the Gospel and engage in prayers and activities which allow them to reflect on the message of Jesus in a way they can understand**.** Please ensure they are accompanied by a parent or carer.

This week the **Sanctuary Candle** has been donated in memory of Barry Collins and our **Lady's Altar Candle** has been donated in memory of George Whitten. If you would like to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Lady Altar Candle in

memory of a loved one or a special intention, please advise the Parish Office of the name and date you would like.

We pray for the sick of our Parish - Breda Tuohy, Angela Morath, Robert Broeder, Kathleen Burgum, Merces Castro, Alan Loveday, Alda Figueiredo, Martin McDonagh, Jennifer Wilson, Janet Mote, Kenny Cummings, Artemio Tony Verita, Norman Figueiredo, Clare Craigie-Williams, Siobhan O'Keeffe, Duncan Webster, Anthony Breslin, Anna Rethnasamy, Irena Kalisz, Max Noble, Chris & Maureen Glynn, Sister Sarah, Janet Udden, Patricia Bugler, Angela Achenbach, Edith & Michelle Cassel, Jamie Cassel, Joseph Frasier, Joan Warland, Rathushan Premkumar, Mary Vaughan and all who are sick and those who care for them.

Sacramental Catechesis 2027

Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation

Further details regarding our sacramental formation pathways for next year will be made available later in the Autumn.

Please watch this newsletter for future updates.

'I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD'

Our Lord's description of the Last Judgment, reported in St Matthew's Gospel (ch25), tells us the awe-inspiring truth that, whatever we do to someone else, we do to Him.

So, FOR OUR NEXT FOOD COLLECTION FOR HARROW FOODBANK, LONDON'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN & FIRM FOUNDATION'S HOMELESS DROP-IN CENTRE, please:

- *Bring some food donations with you to Mass here next weekend 19/20 September* and put them in the crates at the back of Church,
- *OR take them to Pinner Baptist Church, Paines Lane, Pinner HA5 3BL on Saturday 26 September* at 10.30am-12.30pm.

Items needed include: tinned meat, fish and vegetables, coffee, tea bags and porridge oats. A list is on **the PAC noticeboard in the Church porch**, or **download the free *BankTheFood* app** via a link on Harrow Foodbank's website *harrow.foodbank.org.uk*. Many thanks for your support!

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Our Remembrance Book can be found at the back of the Church near the Lady Altar. In this book, we remember all those, whose ashes have been interred in our Memorial Garden. Each month the pages are turned and a list of names for that month are shown. This month we especially remember:

John Cranfield, Johannes Hendrik Le Roux,
Brian Andrew Bromley, Nicholas Achenbach, Adrian Williams,
Anthony Flack, Mark Jenkins and Stephen Tobin.

May they rest in peace

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th September – Friday- **CAFOD** Family Fast Day

2nd October -Friday – **Macmillan** Coffee Morning 10.30- 12noon

Catholic Mothers Group

Our next Catholic Mothers group is on Friday 18 September at 7.30pm in the St Luke's parish centre (and on the 3rd Friday of every month except August).
We welcome mothers at all stages for a discussion of a book on motherhood or spirituality, combined with drinks and nibbles.
Please get in touch with Charlotte (07769713599) for more information or just come along!

St Luke's Social Outreach Future Events

20th October – Tuesday – Autumnal Afternoon Gathering

1Ost December – Tuesday – Christmas Event

BINGO *Afternoon* – thank you to all those who came to support the event and amazing volunteers who made it a fun afternoon.

Tea and Coffee after Mass – There are refreshments in the Parish Centre after 9am and 11am Sunday Mass. Please join us for a cup and a chat!

Offertory Collections in August – Planned Giving Envelopes £830, Standing Orders and on-line payments £8,678.50, Plate and Contactless payments £2,759.60 – Your generosity is greatly appreciated!