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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 10TH OCTOBER 2021

‘I was in prison and you visited me...’

Prisons Sunday – the second Sunday in October – marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families, running through until the following Saturday. This mission began in England and Wales in 1975. It had its beginnings as a Roman Catholic initiative started by Bishop Victor Guazzelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, but quickly gained ecumenical support and became an ecumenical observance, receiving the patronage of: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster, the Archbishop of Wales and the Moderator of the Free Churches Group.

For more than forty years Prisons Week has encouraged the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

We invite you to pray the Prisons Week Prayer throughout the coming week:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities
of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another.

To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ
in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

*More information about the Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their
Families can be found at: <https://www.prisonweek.org/about/>*

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 10TH OCTOBER	9.15am 12.30pm 4.15pm	First Communion Class - Hall Baptisms Confirmation Information Session - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 11TH OCTOBER	5.30pm	First Communion Class - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 13TH OCTOBER	7.30pm 7.30pm	Alpha - Hall Alpha Prayer Ministry - Church	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 14TH OCTOBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT 9TH OCTOBER <i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST</i>	9.30am Stephen Norton RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Seamus Fagan RIP	
SUNDAY 10 TH OCTOBER <i>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Patrick Mantle RIP 6pm Dan & Ann O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Antoinette Moss (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 11 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Fr Jim Duffy RIP		11am Funeral - Patsy Tyden RIP
TUESDAY 12 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Verna Kendrick RIP		9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes
WED 13TH OCTOBER <i>ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</i>	9.30am Cathy Purtill RIP (Anniv.)	9.30am Margaret Tighe RIP	
THURSDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	9.30am Private Intention		
FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER <i>ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR</i>	9.30am Fr Stephen Delany RIP		11.30am Funeral - Ron Kerr RIP
SATURDAY 16 TH OCTOBER	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6pm (Vigil) For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 17 TH OCTOBER <i>29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am W.H. (Bill) Osgood RIP (Anniv.) 6pm Colin Lawrence RIP	10.30am Rosemarie Carter RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parishes



Mass Intentions

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop and Michael Gaukroger.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon and Alfredo Rock.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris and Robert Plourde.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PEGGY LANGDALE RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Peggy Langdale. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. Details of her funeral arrangements will be announced in due course

PATRICIA MARY TYDEN RIP

The funeral of Patsy Tyden will take place at St John Fisher on **Monday 11th October** at 11am followed by burial at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time.

RONALD KERR RIP

The funeral of Ron Kerr will take place at St John Fisher on **Friday 15th October** at 11.30am followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

CONFIRMATION

For those parishioners in Year 9 and above interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2022, parents and young people are invited to an information session on **10th October** at 4.15pm at Our Lady's hall.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know someone who is sick and housebound in our parishes who would like to receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so that we can be in contact with them.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available from this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

RCIA

If you are an adult wishing to enter fully into communion with the Roman Catholic Church then please contact Fr Andrew for more information regarding our RCIA course that will begin soon. If you know of any member of your family or a friend who this may be suitable for, please do pass on the message and encourage them to seriously consider this life-changing process.

ALTAR SERVERS

If any young person who has made their First Holy Communion would like to be an Altar Server, please could their parents email Fr Andrew stating which Mass and parish you attend for further information.

ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

This year Alpha launched on Wednesday 22nd September. We are inviting all parishioners to join some of the Alpha team at Our Lady Help of Christians church for one or more alternate Wednesdays from 7.30-8.30pm to pray for the guests and team attending Alpha. In addition to this we would also love to invite you to pray daily for our parish community and its ongoing formation. Maybe you could consider praying the following prayer:

Thank you loving Father for all those you have called to participate in Alpha; we ask your blessing upon all, both team and guests. Without you we can do nothing you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pour out your Holy Spirit and abundant blessings and gifts during this Alpha. May Alpha ignite or re-ignite the flame of faith in all hearts so that we may experience the wonder, joy and hope that being in relationship with you brings.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... Amen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT.

This year, the service in our local area will be hosted by St Thomas' Church, West Hyde on Friday 29th October at 2pm. The theme of the service this year is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and is based around a passage from the Gospel of Matthew. It calls on women, men and children to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, peace and love in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity, like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world. All are welcome to attend this service.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email then please email the parish office with your contact details so that you can be added to the distribution list.

BAPTISMS

For those seeking to register their child/children for baptism, please, email Fr Damian. For those who have completed baptism preparation, and who are waiting for the next available dates, please contact Kerry Van Rensburg.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

THE GARDEN CALVARY

You may have noticed over the past year that the garden Calvary is not in the best of condition. After over 100 years of exposure to the elements the wood of the cross is largely rotten. The parish Finance, Operations and Premises (FOP) Committee, is currently working on a plan for the renewal of the Calvary. The cost of this work will be significant at a time when the parish finances are stretched due to the pandemic. The FOP Committee has agreed that when we have finalized the plans and assessed the costs involved, we will appeal to parishioners for specific donations to support the restoration of this iconic, unique and much loved garden Calvary. There will be more details about this soon.

200 CLUB - congratulations to M Brady (£33), A Khurwal (£24.75), C Bridge-Madden (£16.50), T Jubber (£8.25)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH AND BLESSING OF OUR LADY ALTAR

It has now been confirmed that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will come to Mill End to celebrate Mass for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church and to bless our new Lady Altar on **Sunday 16th January 2022** at our 10.30am Mass. Please add this date to your diary and look out for more details regarding this celebration in the coming weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are planning to restart the Children's Liturgy group at the 10.30am Sunday Mass as soon as possible. We really need extra volunteers to help run the sessions. All materials are prepared by Liz and Regina, volunteers are needed to help on the day. New volunteers will always be paired initially with an existing member of the team. We have a team of 4 at the moment, 2 people are needed each week. Ideally we need a minimum of 6 volunteers therefore each person would only need to help once per month. If you are interested, please email me on liztownsenduk@gmail.com or speak to Fr Andrew or Fr Damian. All volunteers need to complete a DBS check arranged by the parish Safeguarding officer.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Following a meeting of the COVID task force, seating in the Church has been returned to the pre-pandemic set up, and the one-way system removed. Hymn books have also been distributed as we welcome the return of the choir and congregational singing. However, we would request that Parishioners continue sanitising their hands on entering the Church and wear a mask throughout Mass. Good ventilation continues to be a key safeguard against the spread of the virus and so the front and side doors will remain open throughout. However, recognising that we are now in autumn and temperatures are dropping, the back door in the main Church will be closed just as Mass commences should the weather and temperature in the Church require it. We also recognise that parishioners will have differing thoughts with regard to what they feel is a comfortable social distance to maintain between households and will provide notices that enable someone to request that the seat directly next to them is kept free. While it isn't appropriate to remove all restrictions at this time, we hope this is seen as a welcome step along that road

SCRAP METAL AND TIN CANS

So sorry, I am no longer collecting scrap metal as the market has collapsed. Thank you so much for your support over the years. Love and blessings, Mary 284975

MARY'S MINI ART GALLERY (GARAGE)

We now have nearly 50 artworks for sale: oils, watercolours, prints, a batik, cigarette cards, pewter, china, bamboo and embroidery. Also greetings cards. New items are being given every week. We have so far raised £702 for the **Cardinal Hume Centre** for the homeless in Westminster. Do call me to come and see. Mary 284975 xx

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE ON SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER

There will be a pilgrimage for the sanctity of life to Walsingham with the theme, 'the courage to proclaim the Gospel of Life on post-pandemic Britain'. The main programme commences with midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org> For those who are unable to attend, the Shrine livestream will carry the main events of the day.

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