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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 10th October 2021

Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11 Prayer leads to wisdom, which is far more important than all created things.

Hebrews 4:12-13 No created thing is hidden from God.

Mark 10:17-30 Those who leave everything to follow Jesus will receive far more than they gave up in the first place.

Mass This Week

Saturday 9th 6:30pm

Sunday 10th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 12th 7:30pm

Wednesday 13th 9:15am

Thursday 14th 9:15am

Friday 15th 9:15am

St Edward the Confessor

St Teresa of Avila

Intention

Jack Mudd (anniversary)

Pat Green (intention)

For Our Parishioners

Julie Hunt (intention)

Sr Virginia Lahidalga (RIP)

Refugees

Thankamma (anniversary)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (CO)

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Exposition (from 5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Next Steps It is our hope to move into our next phase of getting closer to the 'next normal' after the school half term, on the weekend of the Solemnity of All Saints, (October 30th/31st). A review of our situation and proposed next steps is available online. Please add any comments to the discussion document at <https://tinyurl.com/58tsbtjv>

Parish Re-boot As we move into our 'next normal' this is a very good time to look again at all our ministries and activities.

Readers I (Fr Philip) was disappointed about how few attended our session last week to review how we read in Church although thankful for those who did come. There will be another session for readers on Thursday 14th October at 7:30pm in Church. Please note that this is for ALL existing commissioned readers as well as those who would like to become readers.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr Philip will be holding a session for this ministry at 6:45pm on Tuesday 12th October. Again this is both for existing Extraordinary Ministers and for any who are new volunteers.

Servers There will be an introduction to serving at 4pm on Thursday 14th October. This is for new servers as well as servers who would appreciate reviewing how they serve.

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin with the first Parent's Evening on Wednesday 13th October at 7:30pm in the Sacristy; the first workshop for the candidates will on Saturday 16th October at 11:30am also in the Sacristy; and the Enrolment Mass will be on Sunday 17th October at the 10:30am Mass.

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) Several parents have already requested that Fr Philip certifies that they are practising Catholic families as part of school admission procedures. If you are eligible for such certification, please be advised that the closing date for secondary transfer applications is October 31st. If you want to arrange an interview with Fr Philip please see him after any mass to arrange an appointment. Note that Fr Philip will be away from after Mass on October 17th to 26th October. So do please make sure you arrange an appointment with him either this Sunday or next.

Synod Pathway. Pope Francis is encouraging the whole church to listen to each other. In our Parish we will have an open meeting, which will include our AGM, beginning at 2:30pm on Saturday 6th November in Church. There will be the opportunity to contribute for those who cannot make that time. This is our chance to contribute to a global endeavour of reflecting and sharing, culminating in a Synod of Bishops in 2023. More information can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and www.rcdow.org.uk/synod

RCIA We will soon be starting our journey of faith with adults seeking to explore catholic believing and belonging and preparing for baptism and/or confirmation and/or reception into the catholic Church. If you or someone you know wishes to be part of this please fill in the enquiry form available in the Sacristy as soon as possible.

We will sing the first verse one of this hymn at the beginning of mass as our Introit and the last two verses at the Offertory.

1/ For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2/ In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,

With a Father's Love The booklets for faith sharing groups for the *Year of St Joseph* have arrived. Please see Fr Philip if you asked for a book to be ordered for you. PDF version & audio will be available at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/> Those who had said they would form groups: now is the time get on with it!

Catholic Women's League At long last, the time has come when we are able to resume CWL meetings. Our next meeting will take place on Monday 11th October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. We would welcome anybody interested in finding out more about CWL to come along to this meeting. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

9-15th October 6, 2021 Baby Loss Awareness Week Whatever you are feeling it matters. Need a listening ear, or simply resources to help <https://blr.lifecharity.org.uk/blaw/> We also recommend 'Miscarriage & Early Baby Loss - caring for yourself & others' by Breda Theakston (formerly MFL lead for Leeds) produced by Redemptorist Publications

The Month of the Holy Rosary Praying with the rosary is highly recommended to every Catholic be that individually, in families or as a group. There will be a group gathering at 9:15am each Tuesday morning in Church to pray the rosary - everyone invited and welcome.

God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3/ For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.