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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 17th October 2021

Today's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11 The Lord calls us to commit ourselves to him. While that might involve suffering, there is the promise of joy to come.

Hebrews 4:14-16 In following Jesus, Christians follow someone who, like them, has experienced the difficulties and hardships of life. We can be comforted that he is merciful.

Mark 10:35-45 Jesus is a different leader – rather than seek glory, he seeks to be a servant and to sacrifice his life to save others.

Mass This Week

Saturday 16th 6:30pm

Sunday 17th 9:00am

10:30am

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Johanna Dunn (RIP)

Alan Gaunt (RIP)

Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week.

We also need someone to work a CD player at the 9am and 10:30am Masses next Sunday (October 24th)

Please see Fr Philip this weekend if you can help.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (CO)

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

Next Steps Thank you to everyone who contributed to the discussion of our next steps. You have been listened to and we will adapt what we do, taking into account your observations. We are committed to moving forward but we will not rush. I fully realise that we may seem to be moving too slowly for some and too quickly for others. There will be further steps to take and we will consult you about them. We will discuss our next 'next steps' at our AGM on November 6th with a view to clarifying our expectations for Advent.

From October 30th we will:

- use hymn books again;
- re-introduce rotas for those who take on roles at the Sunday mass;
- re-introduce Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and use two Ciboria to facilitate communion for the greater

number of people now attending -
Communion will however, for the time being, remain in one kind only;

- re-introduce the collection within Mass; and
- re-introduce the Bidding Prayers at the weekday masses.

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) If you are eligible for such certification, please be advised that the closing date for secondary transfer applications is October 31st. Fr Philip will be away from October 18th to 26th October. So do please make sure you arrange an appointment with him this Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet for Fr Philip's availability in the very last week of October – but this of course is getting very close to the deadline.

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

The Prayer of the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

- 1/ From heaven You came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live
***This is our God, The Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King***
- 2/ There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said

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.

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!

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.

November: Month of Holy Souls. The sheets for you to add the names of those you wish us to pray for in November and the envelopes are in the Sacristy.

The Passage a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk **020 7592 1886** (07928 703131)

- 3/ Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
- 4/ So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.