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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 8th September 2024

Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7 God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf.

James 2:1-5 Belief in Christ means that we should treat everyone equally. God does not favour the rich over the poor and neither should we.

Mark 7:31-37 Jesus heals both the body and the soul. He enables us all to see and hear more clearly.

Mass This Week

Saturday 7th 6:30pm

Sunday 8th 9:00am
10:30am

Tuesday 10th 6:00pm Weekday

Wednesday 11th 9:15am Weekday

Thursday 12th 9:15am Weekday

Friday 13th 9:15am Weekday

Intention

Tony Johnstone (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Niamh Jobsen

Paul Baron (RIP)

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Love in Action

In Thanksgiving for St Anthony

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the new school term

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Love in Action Sign up sheets for the small groups are in the sacristy. Following our online poll we shall have a face-to face meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesdays in the Sacristy. And an online meeting, time to be confirmed. Other meetings can also be arranged. If you wish to take part in the Zoom meeting (7pm Tuesdays) please send Fr Philip an e-mail and he will send you an invitation. It would be very helpful if people could volunteer to facilitate these meetings.

Servers Several of those who received First Holy Communion this summer have asked if they can serve and the answer is a most positive yes. We would always welcome more servers, both from our younger people and some a bit older, who maybe able to learn to

use the thurible (incense) and/or MC for special occasions. We have pencilled in the diary a training session at 3:30pm on Friday 13th September but we can arrange other times and dates. Please see Fr Philip.

Sacramental Programmes - First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Thank you to those who have already filled in forms. Please can any more forms be returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can get the right number of books and other resources. We would still welcome new people to join our teams of catechists, especially our Confirmation Team.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and other help at the Sunday Mass We have welcomed several new volunteers recently but we always need more. In particular we are facing a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for the 6:30pm Mass rota. If you are willing to help please see Fr Philip.

Westminster Eucharistic Festival 14th September, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and finishing around 4pm. Includes Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present.

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 26th September, 5:30pm to 8pm. Prospectuses and application forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the school the following week.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for September
For the cry of the Earth We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

LOVE IN ACTION



DIGNITY AND EQUALITY OF EACH HUMAN PERSON



“Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love”

Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, 274



The dignity of every human person, whoever they are, is the starting point for the Church's teaching around social justice. The Church clearly states that we are all made lovingly in God's image and likeness. We are all sisters and brothers of one another. If we truly believe this principle, then we are challenged to firstly realise that we ourselves are made in God's image and likeness, lovingly created by God. We are beautiful. This can be difficult for many of us to accept.



■ If someone was to ask someone who knew you well what good qualities you have, what would they say?

- Do you see these good qualities in yourself? Where do they come from?
- Do you see yourself as a child of God?
- When is it difficult to accept that you 'are beautiful and lovingly made'?



■ When do you encounter the image and likeness of God in others?

- What do you think Pope Francis means by achieving 'fulfilment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names'?



- How can you show how much you love God, through the love you show to others whom you meet? And those you don't see, but who feel the impact of your choices and decisions?
- How can you promote the God-given dignity of human beings this week?