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### Mass this Sunday: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Isaiah 53:10-11* Isaiah prophecies that it is Jesus, the suffering servant, who will be our saviour.

*Hebrews 4:14-16* From this reading we can take comfort and find confidence that Jesus is not remote from us but has shared and felt our weaknesses.

*Mark 10:35-45* Jesus tells his disciples not to argue about who is the most important of them but to imitate him in his service to others.

#### Mass This Week

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| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm  |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:00am  |
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#### Intention

The Synod on Synodality  
For Our Parishioners  
Jill Pinnock (RIP)

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| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 6:00pm | Weekday |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9:15am | Weekday |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:15am | Weekday |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | 9:15am | Weekday |

AlyKutty Thomas (RIP)  
Jane Knights  
Our Love in Action Project  
Fr Christopher Hogan (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

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

**Offertory By Credit Or Debit Card** A second card reader has been installed. It can be used for offertory, candles or any other donation. There is a slot on the top of the reader for non-contactless cards. Although the screen displays three possible amounts, you can take an option to enter any other specific amount, up to £100. If you are a taxpayer, please take the **Gift Aid** option. You will be asked for your details only **once for each card**.

**IMPORTANT** There are two small boxes to tick, i.e. touch. One is to include past transactions as Gift-aided, the other is to include future donations. Any transactions made with that card in the past, on the Sacristy reader, will then be recognised as being eligible for retrospective Gift Aid, as will any future donations on either machine.

**Love in Action** The *Action Planning Meeting* meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. This meeting will be to formulate a practical plan of what feasible action or actions we can take. There is an online form which can help us gather your responses and thoughts at <https://forms.gle/MEvkzoHbnrgNdax5>

**World Mission Sunday** This Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support **Missio**, his charity for world mission. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love.

Please also note: The time has come to empty your *Missio* mission boxes. Brown Envelopes are on the table in the Sacristy as you come in. Please pick one up, empty your box and return the envelope to the red box in the Sacristy as soon as possible.

**Certificate of Catholic Practice** Some schools do ask for a *Certificate of Catholic Practice*. Fr Philip did ask that eligible families wishing to see him about this contact him by last weekend but several families did not. The only times Fr Philip before 31<sup>st</sup> October are on the sign up sheet in the sacristy.

**Pastoral Letter** Cardinal Vincent has sent a pastoral letter which we shall hear this weekend. The text is available at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/wp-content/uploads/sites/203/2024/10/241013-Pastoral-letter-Assisted-Suicide.pdf>

**The Light Party** is returning on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Coombes Community Centre and they need at least 35 volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact Louise Bradley on 07742 927160 or [louise@louisebardleyva.com](mailto:louise@louisebardleyva.com)

### **Clear & Simple Book Club**

"How to Have Conversations That Lead to Conversion" by André Regnier is a response to Pope Francis's challenge in The Joy of the Gospel, for the Church to "dream of a 'missionary option'" We shall read parts of the book together and discuss how we can use it. There will be two options from 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Registration for Wednesday afternoons (2-3pm): <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6srzMuHdTnmd1P4WygZlvWJHTwjz86>

Registration for Thursday evenings (7:30 - 8:30pm): <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/egister/tZlqcu-tpjwjG905Hq-G30shho2Fm-mXCvau>

### **Justice and Peace Commission Lecture**

Friday 1st November at 7pm in Farm Street Church, will be given by The Rt Hon Baroness Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary General, on the topic 'Delivering Peace in a Multi Polar World'. In her address Baroness Scotland will reflect on how we might contribute to building a culture of peace and not war in a world where there is on-going conflict in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen and elsewhere. Tickets are free and can be booked with Eventbrite. A donation of £5 is recommended to cover the cost of refreshments.

**Our new Lectionaries have arrived!** We will use them from Advent Sunday. There will be a Parish study afternoon to look more closely at the new translations on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm. Whilst this is for everybody and all are welcome, it would be very good for readers and musicians especially to come along to be introduced to the new books we are to use.

Books for use at home and in the pew on Sundays will be released shortly. If you have not yet ordered copies for yourself, there are three main editions becoming available:

- CTS <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary/> (Scroll down to *People's Missals*)
- Redemptorist Press <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/your-new-sunday-missal-esv>
- The Hodder Sunday Missal (ESV-CE and Abbey Psalms): available to order online (St Paul's, Amazon etc.) or in good bookshops.

If you do order any of these do please double check, as booksellers continue to offer the old (Jerusalem Bible and Grail Psalms) translation, only in use for the next month. What you will need is the ESV-CE and Abbey Psalms.

### **The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School**

currently has a vacancy for a foundation governor, who would need to be a practising catholic and also **not** have any children at the School.

The role of Governor is an essential element of managing a school of this size and is key to their success, as recognised in the Schools recent Ofsted report.

If you would be interested in this role, or like to know more, please contact Mrs Leslie Radcliffe [radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk](mailto:radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk)

### **Children's All Saints Party - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

November 2- 5pm Church Hall. Come along for a fun filled afternoon. We'll have a fashion shown, games and crafts for the children and some good fun together. We invite children to come dressed up as their favourite Saint, and kindly ask for some bring and share savoury or sweet snacks (no nuts please).