



Sunday 3rd October 2021

THE 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.


**Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B**

**Weekday Readings
Year I Week 27**

**Divine Office
Week 3**

For children,
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THIS WEEK

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| Sun 3 Oct
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm | 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Zenon Handzel RIP
Coral Clashby & daughters Ints
Gaspar Deveza RIP
Richard O'Dwyer RIP (8th)
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| Mon 4 Oct
9.30am | S. Francis of Assisi
Peter Golden Jnr RIP |
| Tues 5 Oct
9.30am | S. Faustina Kowalska
Fleur & family Ints. |
| Weds 6 Oct
9.30am | St Bruno
Sean & Annie Toal Ints. |
| Thurs 7 Oct
9.30am | Our Lady of the Rosary
Pamela Jamayo RIP |
| Fri 8 Oct
9.30am | ferla
David Shawyer RIP (10th)  |
| Sat 9 Oct
9.30am | S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
Baptiste Fernandes Ints. |
| Sun 10 Oct
6.15pm (Vigil)
8.30am
9.45am
11.15am
5.30pm | 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Lucille Thomas Ints.
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Gaspar Deveza RIP
Kevin Lowe RIP
Jack Murphy RIP (40th) |

TODAY'S MASS



The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. At first glance, the first and second part of today's Gospel seem unconnected. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24*
God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:9-11*
Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:2-16*
Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus. We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist"
S. Teresa of Calcutta

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida,

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Maya Billson

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Patrick Padmore, Claude Fernandes

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter Golden Jnr, Jacqueline Waddington

SANCTUARY LAMP

Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Today in the Gospel Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a concession in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Each of us in our paths of discipleship are called to seek the Lord and his grace in our state of life.

In the second half of the gospel the parents who brought their children to Jesus wanted Jesus to lay his hands upon them. They knew of the healing power, both physical and spiritual, which came from Jesus' touch. Jesus, in turn, rebuked his disciples for hindering the children from coming. No doubt the disciples wanted to shield Jesus from the nuisance of noisy children. But Jesus delighted in the children and demonstrated that God's love has ample room for everyone. No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. May we never hinder our youth from coming to the Lord to receive his blessing and healing power. And as we grow with age, may we never lose that child-like simplicity and humility which draws us into Christ's loving presence.

NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the covid restrictions. At present we invite you to continue to wear your mask but this is a choice for you to do or not. If you wish to social distance the stewards will direct you to where you can go.

THIS SUNDAY there is a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

FUNERAL MASS of PATRICK PADMORE on Friday 15th October at 10.30am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

SUPPORT WEEKLY FLOWERS AT ST. GEORGE'S

How you can help.....

Give a general donation in an envelope handed to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team (these can be found at the back of the Church).

A special donation of arranged flowers for one week. Perhaps for a Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or in Memory of a loved one. An indication of costs follows:- Please place donations, name and words in an envelope and hand to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team. (Envelopes are at the back of Church).

Costs as follows:

A vase of roses placed on Our Lady Altar = £12

A vase of roses in front of the Lectern = £12

One arrangement on the tall stand of a mix of flowers & colour chosen by the Flower Team - please ask the Flower Team for a quotation

Two arrangements on the tall stands of specific flowers and colour would have to be discussed with the Margaret or Lucy and a quote obtained

(note: we expect roses and mixed flowers to last a week but this depends on the Grower and Supplier)

The "Flower Team" regulars are Margaret, Lucy, Joyce and Celine who normally arrange flowers each Friday morning.

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: After months of restrictions we now need to carefully and slowly rebuild many of the ministries that have not been possible. Were you a:

- Reader?
- Server?
- Singer/choir member?
- Cleaner?
- Steward/welcomer?
- Catechist?

Can you continue where you left off? Would you like to start in a new ministry? If our parish is to thrive, we need YOU to help and think clearly where you might use your talents in the rebuilding of our community. Parents, can you encourage your children? This is the time for fresh blood and new talents. We have the resources if you are able to give them. It's up to You - please don't leave it always to someone else!

WHAT A GENEROUS PARISH WE ARE!...

Recently we raised:

£1329.00 for Marys Meals;

£2500.00 for EVC Uganda (Confirmation Candidates Sponsored Walk);

£1100.00 for the Macmillan Coffee Morning (with no coffee or anything—thank you to Rosemary Turnbull).

SIGNING SCHOOL FORMS—THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

In the parish centre:

Secondary Schools 6.00-8.00pm Thursday 14th October

Primary Schools 6.00-8.00pm Friday 10th December

All in the parish centre. Please obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice & a supplementary form from the back of church. These must be completed before-hand.

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICES sadly during the lockdowns the companies making church votive candles suffered with a lack of demand. As a result the prices of our votive candles have shot up. Very reluctantly we have had to raise the price. So please note: **LARGE CANDLES:£1.50, SMALL CANDLES 50p.**

THE NATIONAL ANNUAL COUNT continues at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend. The count measures attendance for each parish across the diocese. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops Conference and to the Vatican in Rome to count attendance world wide. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number for funerals which have taken place here. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE began Wednesday 29th September. * Wednesday sessions at 7.00pm. Info & registration: www.comeandsee.org Free of charge—Live streamed. Its not too late to join.

PARISH CENTRE & CAFÉ: this will be slowly opening up for small groups and we hope to have it all up and running as usual by Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass.

Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22 - This coming **Tuesday 5th October at 7pm** is the first session for the children as they begin preparing for their First Reconciliation. Parents/Carers should have received an email on Friday with details of the entry/exit point for their Catechist Group. If, for any reason, you have not received it please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST. GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - Our local Catholic Primary School currently has spaces available in Year 3 and Year 5. If you would be interested in one of these places for your child please contact the school direct at 020 8422 1272 (option 2) or office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022 Please keep an eye on the newsletter for enrolment dates.

CHURCH CLEANING - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome!

ALTAR SERVING - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Confirmation in this Parish takes place for those in Year 10 & above. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed please keep an eye on the Newsletter from mid-November onwards for details of registration on next year's Programme.

WORK TO BE DONE some of you may remember that the church boilers broke down last year. The limped along for a while but then they had done their 25years work! They are due to be replaced in the next month making us warm and cosy for the winter.

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer or you have changed your address please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE. On the diocesan website you can see a number of job vacancies that are available. For more details go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

A DAY WITH MARY: Westminster Cathedral Saturday 16th October. Entry Procession begins at 9.45am Holy Mass with the Cathedral Choir at 10.30am. The day concludes at 4.00pm.

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MARRIAGE? Founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples who need some support. Marriage courses for those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, are also available. For more information go to: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/>

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires
of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 127:1-5*

R/. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

1. O blessed are those who fear the
Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands
you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R/.*

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *R/.*

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! *R/.*

Second reading: *Hebrews 2:9-11*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 17:17*

Allelula, allelula!

*Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.*

Allelula!

Gospel: *Mark 10:2-16*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Lam 3: 25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

Through Christ our Lord.