

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>MON 4 November</b>	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	8.30am 12.00noon	Leonora Alvarado, RIP John Baulk, RIP
<b>TUES 5 November</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Holy Souls Catherine Ihekwoaba, RIP
<b>WED 6 November</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Holy Souls Mario Savaglio Anni, Pere, Savaglio families, RIP
<b>THUR 7 November</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Leelamma Abraham, RIP Anthony Ryan, RIP Polish Mass
<b>FRI 8 November</b>	feria	8.30am 12.00noon 7-8pm	Stephen Kiely Asif Gabriel, Birthday Eucharistic Adoration
<b>SAT 9 November</b>	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	11.00am 6.00pm	Leroy Stuart-Berrisford, Birthday Patrick Keating, Anniv
<b>SUN 10 November</b>	<b>+32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Pro Populo (For the People) For those who died in war Mark Crabb, RIP Polish Mass William & Jennie Browne, Anniv

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday from 11.30am and 5pm, Friday from 8pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 4.30pm -5.30pm, Tuesday 9am-11.45am, Friday from 7pm

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER : Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.** That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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**Sunday 3rd November 2019**

**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings for this Sunday are on page 157 of the Parish Mass Book

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### TODAY'S MASS

*"Today salvation has come  
to this house"*

*God is lover of life and his imperishable Spirit is in all things. He overlooks people's sins so that they can repent. His love reaches its fulfilment in Jesus who have come to save every person in the world if only like Zaccheus they wish to meet him and lead better lives. Today Salvation has come to us too if we are prepared to welcome Jesus into our hearts.*

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

In this reading we are presented with a "God's eye view" of the universe and of our own lives. Yet, far from making us and the rest of our world feel small and insignificant, we are reminded of our own dignity and of the great value of everything God has made. For what God hated, he would not have fashioned! Every plant, every animal, every person God made is loved by God and deserves our respect and love as well.

**Second Reading:** *2 Thessalonians 1:11--2:2*

The writer of this letter is encouraging the Christians in Thessalonica. They are in the midst of a conflict. They are being led astray by a false prophet who has told them that the "day of the Lord" has already come! The Thessalonians have been looking forward to the Lord's coming as much as anyone else, and to think that Jesus has come already and left them to their earthly struggle is a huge disappointment! !

**Gospel:** *Luke 19:1-10*

The incident in today's gospel may well be a God's eye view of each one of us! We are all "little," like Zaccheus, trying to see Jesus from a distance, and often getting ourselves up into trees or into other difficult situations and needing Jesus to come by and call us back down to earth, back down to an honest relationship with him. "When you come down from there, and admit your need," says Jesus, "we'll talk, heart to heart."

**Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford**



Last week the Westminster Historic Churches met to discuss the application for the replacement benches. However, a decision has not yet been reached regarding this application. The period for consideration by the committee has therefore been extended for further review but please be assured that you will be informed of the outcome as soon as a decision has been reached. The final decision will be placed in the parish newsletter.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** We will have blessing of graves in Vicarage Farm Road and North Watford Cemeteries on the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.

**THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK.** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. At present, 80 priests are receiving support from the fund after years of dedicated service to God and their parishioners. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs such as ensuring they have a suitable place to live, and regular visits from carers when they are sick. Best of all, you'll help give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored for  
Geoff and Avril Berrisford, RIP

**PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon 4</b>	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Prayer and life workshop	7.00pm
	RCIA	8.00pm
<b>Thu 7</b>	Confirmation Initial session	6.45pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
<b>Sun 10</b>	Tea and coffee after	11am Mass

**LIFE ASCENDING/ASCENT** - join us for a Harvest Lunch, to include Pumpkin Soup, Autumn Fruit Salad and Apple Pie - on Tuesday, 5th November. Time - after midday Mass and the Rosary - in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome; contact Winnie Brady on 019223 334998 for more information. **Coming up** - Visit to St Albans Cathedral for midday Mass and Lunch in November; Winter Canal Cruise with mulled wine and mince pies in December; Festive meal at the Moon Under Water in Advent - and more ...

**7 DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** Are available now. You can request for this either in the Repository if it is open, if not in the parish office or see one of the clergy. A maximum of two names on the memorial candle please. The cost is £5.

**ALTERNATIVES BABY BOXES** are short of toiletries (talc, soap, cream/Vaseline, cotton wool, bath wash). If you can help, there is a box at the back of the church for donations. Thank you.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Richard Reuth, Suzanne Ryan, Kathleen Connolly, Patrick Collins, Joseph Michael Perera, Joyce Dyer, John (Jack) Sheehy, Peter Pumilia, Esther Tavares, Josie Deane, Martin Sills, Derick Crisp.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

William (Pat) Carney, Stephen Kiely, Patrick Keating, Mario Savaglio.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

**THE CATENIANS; Motto - Faith Family and Friendship.** The Catenians will be here **next weekend** to tell us about their association and the various activities they get involved with. Several men from the parish are already Catenians, new members are welcome.

**FISH /CHIP & QUIZ EVENING** on November 9th at St Johns church hall, Escort Road, Watford. Email sign up is necessary for the fish & chips night [www.saintjohnswatford.org.uk/whats\\_php](http://www.saintjohnswatford.org.uk/whats_php). Also there will be a concert in St Johns church Sunday 24 November 4pm. Payment is accepted on the door for the concert. All details can be found on St Johns web site.

**IRISH & HOLY ROOD SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL DANCE** will be on Saturday 16th November 8.30pm till Midnight at Holy Rood Social Club on Tolpits lane. Tickets are £5. Please contact Elizabeth Timmons on 01923 233254 for tickets and more information.

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER**—Begin the season of Advent and new liturgical year with fresh spiritual energy in the tranquil Niland Centre. We welcome Fr John Hemer for our annual reflection day on **Thursday, 28 November** (from 10am with Holy Mass at 2.30 pm). Refreshments provided (from 9.30am). Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £15. Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Details and registrations: 07746 707 247 or [events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk](mailto:events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk).

**ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.** Are you seeking an outstanding education in a Catholic Primary School in the parish for your child? We would love to welcome you at St. Anthony's where, due to families moving away, we still have a small number of places available for this year in all classes from Year 2 to Year 5. Please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Pauline Wilson, on 01923 226987 as soon as possible. Information about the school can be found on our website [www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Loose £849.80 Envelopes £ 536.22**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY**

**COUNTERS NEEDED.** Are you free on some Monday mornings? We are in need of a few more volunteers to join our dedicated teams of counters who meet on Monday mornings 9.15 to 11.30am approximately. No experience needed. Training and support given.

**'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS', YEAR OF THE WORD 2020.** "The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith..." Evangelii Gaudium. Throughout 2020, commencing on the first Sunday of Advent this year, 1st December, The Catholic Church in England and Wales in partnership with Bible Society, is focusing on meeting Christ in the Scriptures. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation on The Word of the Lord and the 1600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. Together these anniversaries provide a compelling rationale for a deeper diocesan-wide engagement with the Word of God. We will be having sessions at Holy Rood on TUESDAY 3rd/10th/17th DECEMBER IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTER THE 12NOON MASS AND AGAIN AT 7.30P.M. Choose which one you would like to attend. Themes will be announced next week.

**JOB VACANCIES** If you or your friends and family are looking for a new opportunity in the Diocese of Westminster, please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>