15-OCT - 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Image of a banquet symbolises the blessings God has in store for His people

Responsorial: Psalm 22:6

R: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tries not to depend on material things, but trusts in the Lord for what he needs

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

God is like a king who invites us to a banquet. Many refuse their invitation



- God invites all, but expects us to come with a good heart.
- The garment is the desire of the heart to be a follower in name and deed.
- While Jesus is totally the inviting one, he wants us to remain with him. The heart that follows is the heart that wants to love, and that desire is the wedding garment.
- Jesus sees into the heart. What we look for is the sincerity in what brings us to God.

Recall a time you felt invited by God to help a neighbour.

Offer that thanks to God now.

Lord, make my heart compassionate like yours.

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SUNDAY, 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

4.00pm - Tamil Mass

MONDAY, 16-Oct Mass: 9.30am

15-Oct

TUESDAY, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

17-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, ST LUKE, Evangelist

18-Oct Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 19-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 12.00noon: Requiem Mass of Millicent Madge

20-Oct Thompson

7.00pm – Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY, Mass: 9.30am

21-Oct 6.30pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, Management of the sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

4.00pm – Syro Malabar Rite

POPE'S INTENTION - OCTOBER 2023

For the Synod -We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Please join the Parish Community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on Friday, 20th October at 7.00pm during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. All are welcome.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Millicent Madge Thompson who died on 15th September 2023. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 20th October at 12noon followed by a burial at Alperton Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

PARISH GET-TOGETHER SUNDAY: The Justice and Peace Ministry warmly invites all parishioners for the Parish get-together on 22nd October at the Pastoral Centre from 9.00am to 2.30pm. Begin with breakfast favourites and then delve into variety of lunch delights including kids' menu, cakes, face painting, henna and raffle. Let us all cherish this day in fellowship in reconnecting, sharing memories and strengthening our parish family.

ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDREN PARTY: To celebrate All Saints Day, the Parish will be organising an All Saints party for the Children on Saturday, 4th November 2023 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. Children can dress as any Saint and come for the party. Registration forms are available at the Porch. Last date of submission is 29th October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS):

The Catechism classes will start from Saturday 4th November. The parents meeting will be at 5:15pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Pastoral Centre. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent attending the preparatory meeting. There is no need to bring your child for the meeting.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: With effect from 3rd December 2023, the 7.30pm Sunday Mass will be brought forward to 6.30pm at the request of parishioners.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday 22nd October is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission on sharing God's love with all people.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): There will be a meeting of candidates who have enrolled for the RCIA classes at 6.00pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Marian Centre. The RCIA classes will start from Thursday 9th November. Attendance is mandatory for all persons attending these preparatory meetings. Other details of RCIA Classes will be announced later.

REFURBISHMENT OF PRESBYTERY: Due to the most welcome growth in the number of parishioners in our parish in recent years, we are finding that our administration facilities are limited by our office space and accordingly, we are seeking to expand this section of our presbytery. At the same time, the residential accommodation in the presbytery has seen only limited modification since being constructed in 1915 and an upgrade to approach modern standards sought. These two elements have been the subject of design and are being costed.

In relation to the Presbytery refurbishment work, our Parish office would be moved to Marian centre this week (Oct 16th /17th). So for any Parish office related work please visit Marian centre instead of the Presbytery. Apologies in advance for the inconvenience caused.

Save the date for the Parish Christmas Party 2023: The Parish Christmas Party is back this year and will be held on Saturday, 9th December from 12noon to 6pm at the Oakington Manor School hall. Tickets and further information will follow in November.

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity. We spoke at the end of each Mass in late July and were delighted by the total given – a terrific £2480.76! This will feed 129 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.