

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,192.83 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £3,504.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Coming to Mass. Please wear a face mask. Use the hand gel which is provided. Keep a safe distance from others. Take Holy Communion with outstretched hands. Do not touch the statues. Do not gather. If you can come to Mass on weekdays, please be generous and refrain from coming to Sunday Mass so that those who are working during the week or those with families can attend Mass too, as there is no Sunday obligation at present. Thank you.

Registration for First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2021. All those who have now registered will receive confirmation of the dates, times and venue of both First Holy Communion/Confirmation sessions and parent's meetings once all necessary arrangements have been confirmed.

We are still looking for catechists/volunteers to assist with both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes in 2021 and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for these sacraments to consider putting their names forward. Full training will be given. Please speak with Mgr Roger after Mass.

Solemnity of All Saints is on Sunday 1 November 2020.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 November 2020. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table as you leave church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Gift Aid. The parish has received £13,846.37 in *Gift Aid* for the last financial year 19/20. These monies make a significant difference to our parish finances, and don't cost you, or the parish, anything extra. In order to claim *Gift Aid*, donors simply have to sign a Gift Aid declaration form and donate via envelope or by standing order. If you can help the parish by Gift aiding your donations please contact the parish office.

Catholic Mothers have produced a beautiful planner for 2021 at a price of £19.75 (which includes a 10% discount) plus postage and packing. Slightly large than A5 in size there is a planner for each month with an inspirational quote from a female saint. Then it has a week to a page with each day divided into morning, afternoon and evening sections. Each page has a quote from Pope Francis or a saint across the top and a prayer down the side. The readings for the Sunday Mass are also given to help you share them with your family at home. But that's not all—at the back there is a section with prayers for various occasions and also many traditional prayers which will bring back a few memories. Then there are some wonderful activities you can do with your children or grandchildren on various days like chalking your doors on the Epiphany or making grandparent fridge magnets on the feast of Our Lady's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. And finally there are some lovely seasonal recipes for the whole family to

use at different times of the year. The Diary would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it. If you would like to purchase a planner please let the parish office know either by telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Parent Governor, Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School. The next parent governor election is due this Autumn term. Parent Governors are elected by other parents in the school. All parents or carers of registered pupils at the school are eligible to stand in the Parent Governor election. There is a Parent Governor Election Procedure document on the school's website. If you are interested please email the Headteacher at: admin@conventinf.brent.sch.uk

Diocesan News

Sunday Reflections for October, are kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, for 'The God Who Speaks' initiative. Please see below the reflection for Sunday 18 October. For more information on the 'The God Who Speaks' please visit the website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/> Also, see the updated website for further resources and ideas <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Meditate: Right from the beginning coins carry an image representing the ruler who order them to be minted. This image refers to the ruler. When the Pharisees present the coin to Jesus to trap him, Jesus tricks them instead. In a veil manner, he refers to the book of Genesis. Each of us was made to carry the image of God in us and to give him back what is his due. Praise and thanksgiving belong to him.

Act: A way of giving back to God our life is by praising him. Perhaps, set aside some time to thank God for the things he has given to you.

The Passage To commemorate 40 years of their charitable work and the homeless people they have supported during this time, The *Passage* will be launching a very special cookbook, *A Taste of Home* with a Foreword from HRH The Duke of Cambridge, and exclusive recipes from over 100 household names. A Taste of Home is priced at £25 and can be pre-ordered at Waterstones, or purchased online and from other book stores, to coincide with The *Passage's* anniversary month. All profits will go directly towards supporting people who are street homeless and in housing crisis during a particularly testing financial time. Please visit www.passage.org.uk/tasteofhome for more information.

Readings at Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4—6

Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1—5

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

Gospel: Matthew 22:15—21