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Office hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm

Mass Times

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Monday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Thursday: Closed for 'deep cleaning'

Friday: 9:30am

Saturday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Church closes after all Masses

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays (except Thursdays)
and Saturdays:

One hour before morning Mass
and Friday 6:00pm—7:30pm

Confession

At Call



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Father Mark writes ...

I am delighted to have been appointed your assistant priest, and I look forward to meeting, and getting to know you, over the coming weeks and months. I have come from Holy Trinity church in Brook Green. I was born in Cumbria (the Lake District). I have lived in the Diocese of Westminster for most of my adult life, apart from the time I spent seven years in Brazil, living in *Bahia de Todos os Santos* (Salvador, Bahia of All Saints) and, consequently, I speak some Portuguese.

I am sad to arrive amidst all the restrictions of a pandemic making it difficult to meet you, however, it may be divine providence that I begin my ministry here as we celebrate the feast of All Saints this Sunday. During the church year, many lives of well-known saints are celebrated. This feast celebrates, in a special way, all those saints whose names we do not know, but nevertheless are in heaven and are united to us as part of the mystical Body of Christ.

In our gospel reading, we hear the Beatitudes from Jesus' well-known Sermon on the Mount. The Pope has said, 'The Beatitudes are the equivalent of a Christian's identity card. If anyone asks, "What have I to do to become a good Christian?" the answer is obvious'. Just like the first disciples, we are called to live out the Beatitudes. On our faith journey, we are called to live by Christian attitudes even in times when we mourn, face insult or persecution. We are to care for the poor, hungry and thirsty, to be merciful, pure in heart and bring peace to all we meet. If we live like this on earth, we are preparing ourselves for eternal life in the kingdom of heaven with all the Saints.

Father Mark

Those who have died recently: Fr John Michael Miller, Bernard Mahon, Jean Bergeron, Kathleen Flynn

Those who are sick: Kit Mahoney, Mary Gavahan, Nuala Murphy, Monica Lynch

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward & Ann Ryan, Michael O'Malley, John O'Sullivan

Those Baptised: Daniel Jiv Zayden Ong

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,545.06 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £3,504.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sick and Retired Priests' collection. The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and 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 - the envelopes and posters also feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online.

Young People stewarding over Christmas. We are hoping to put on extra Masses over Christmas and would need additional help with stewarding and cleaning. It would be great if some of our younger people 16+ could put their names forward for this. It may get you out of peeling the potatoes for Christmas lunch! Please email or telephone the parish office as soon as possible.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 November 2020 at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

Blessing of graves. The annual blessing of graves this year cannot happen because of the level of COVID-security prerequisites that would have to be in place: the cemetery authorities would determine the number of people who could be in the cemetery at one time and the parish would then have to accept full (COVID) responsibility for them by providing stewards before, during and after the event at all entrances and exits, as well as 'tracking and tracing' details; the 'Rule of Six' would have to be maintained by all family groups with no mingling and no general gathering at the beginning of the service. Furthermore, many more mourners might reasonably be expected because of the number of deaths due to the pandemic. Rather, this year in due course there will be a printed prayer to take away and go privately or as a family (while socially distanced mixed households are allowed outside) to the cemetery to pray at the grave. A Plenary Indulgence applicable to souls in Purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who on one of the days from 1—8 November inclusive visit devoutly a cemetery and pray for the dead. Also 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 would like to make, and post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November 2020. The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

Funeral Notices

The Cremation service of the late Jean Melvin Bergeron will take place on Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 1:30pm at West London Crematorium

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Bernard Mahon will take place on Thursday 5 November 2020 at 12 noon followed by Repatriation to Ireland

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

The God Who Speaks—Sunday Meditations 1 November 2020.

Meditate: A saint is someone who has met the love of God and this encounter changes his or her life radically. The gospel for today's mass is a description of what that change looks like, and hence a saint is someone who is poor in spirit, meek, peace maker and so on with the result that he or she becomes truly blessed. We don't need to make an effort to become like the person these beatitudes describe but we do need to have a meeting with the source of blessedness, God our Father.

Act: Many of us are called after a saint, take some time to re-search the life and/or writings of that person.

CAFOD All Souls, Memorial Mass for deceased supporters can be joined online on Monday 2 November at 6:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by CAFOD's Chair of Trustees, Bishop John Arnold, with music, readings and prayers from CAFOD staff and supporters around the world. Please register at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>

Pact (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) will be running 'Operation Christmas Elf 2020'. Instead of the toys that they would usually ask for, this year they are asking that you buy a book token to the value of £10 that can be sent in a Christmas card to a prisoner's child. You can buy book tokens online from www.nationalbooktokens.com or from all local bookshops. If you buy your book token online, you can even choose for it to be delivered straight to Pact's Santa's Grotto! (which is really their office; 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA. For more information please visit: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/news/operation-elf>

Readings at Mass

All Saints

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2—4. 9—14

Psalms Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

Second Reading: St John: 3:1—3

Alleluia Verse: Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1—12