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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th/18th October 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Readings Next Week: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40



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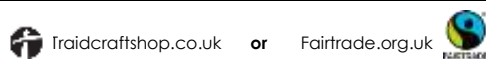
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MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv



Reminder: The clocks go back by one hour next weekend 24th/25th October

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

"Thanksgiving"

"It is truly right and just always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord Holy Father" - this phrase, from the beginning of the Preface, is a daily reminder that we should give thanks to God at every opportunity. In these unusual times that may seem to run counter to what we are experiencing, in the face of so much anxiety, uncertainty and suffering.

Yet gratitude – saying thank you – is a beautiful thing, which means so much more than a few words. It can bring a positive light to almost everything and can help us to feel better in ourselves and about our situation. Here are some suggestions for each day that may be helpful in creating an atmosphere of positivity, encouragement and hope.

First thing each morning, say thank you to God for the gift of the new day. It may well still be busy and there will still be challenges and opportunities, but by recognising that the day is God's gift to us, helps to situate it in its reality.

Then, as you look back on the day, find three things that you can be grateful for. They may well be very small: a beautiful sunrise, a good conversation reconnecting with someone, the smell of freshly brewed coffee, or some other evocative scent... or it may be something larger. Whatever the three things may be, give thanks to God for them. There is a further (and important) part to this exercise. Think of three more things that have been challenging, or that might have gone better – and give thanks for these too! They are opportunities for growth, for learning and for recognising that everything we are and do depends on God. In that sense we are composing a nightly "thank you letter" to God. It's always nice to be told "thank you"; how much more pleasing must it be for God, Who is Love, to receive our thanks, when we offer them simply for the sake of gratitude? So - try to get in the habit of saying "thank you" to God for all that He gives us - and say it to others too. The results are often pleasantly surprising and unexpected!!

Let's pray for each other.

FR. JOHN LOUIS

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 17 | 11am 6pm | Pat Frost RIP Raymond Beirne RIP (Church) |
| Sun 18 | 9am 9am 11am 11am | Dermot Doran RIP (Church) Don Wijesuriya RIP (1 st Anniversary) (Parish Centre) Barbara May Light RIP (Church) Deceased members of the Lee Family RIP (Parish Centre) |
| Mon 19 | 11am | Francisco A Fernandes RIP |
| Tues 20 | 11am | Sister Mary Steedman |
| Wed 21 | 11am | Jacinto Fernandes RIP |
| Thurs 22 | 11am | Sister Nora's 50 th Jubilee Intentions |
| Fri 23 | 11am | Graham Johnston RIP |
| Sat 24 | 11am 6pm | Anton Fernandes RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Graham Johnston RIP (Church) |
| Sun 25 | 9am 9am 11am 11am | Sister Nora's Intention on the celebration of her 50 th Jubilee (Church) Mark Tabor RIP (Anniversary) (Parish Centre) Nguyen Family – Good Health RIP (Church) Theresa Molloy RIP (2 nd Anniversary) (Parish Centre) |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Van der Puye Family Intentions | | |

MASSES

- Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in **Church only**.
 - Sunday 9am **Church and the Parish Centre**
 - Sunday 11am **Church and the Parish Centre**
 - On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am and during Confessions there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Saturday. Mass will be at 11.00am.
 - Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers
- Two metre distancing and everyone over the age of 11 should wear masks unless exempt and have proof of exemption.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON:

Funerals: The recent guidance states that the number allowed to gather for a funeral liturgy remains at a maximum of 30. It states explicitly that this does not include those who are working; this will include the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards etc. Hence the number of attendees permitted is 30.

Baptisms: From Monday 28th September, the number of people attending the baptism liturgy outside of the normal pattern of worship is limited to 6 attendees, includes child to be baptised.

Weddings: From 28th September, the maximum number attending a wedding liturgy is limited to 15 attendees, which includes the bride and groom. Those working are not included in the 15.

NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App: On 24th September the NHS launched its Covid-19 Test and Trace App. This app has been developed to assist the Government with its test and trace policy and uses a smartphone. The app works by using the 'Bluetooth' system, which all smartphones have. It registers any other phones within a certain distance, which also has the app installed. This takes place between the phones themselves and its entirely anonymous.

The app registers a contact if the two people have been within a certain distance (less than 2m) of each other for a certain amount of time (more than 15 minutes), according to what is known about the transmission of Covid-19. No information is sent to the NHS or other bodies. If for any reason a person wishes to delete the app from the phone, all the data is also deleted. Similarly, if the app registers that someone you have met recently has been tested for Covid-19, it will tell you what you need to do. People who do not have a smartphone will still be covered by the existing manual track and trace services, which will continue as at present.

TRACK AND TRACE

It is now a legal requirement that all parishioners and visitors attending Mass in the church will need to provide their surname and phone number (one member of each household).

We are required by the Government to record details of all who attend church during the Covid-19 pandemic. The privacy impact of those whose personal data is recorded in the register is minimal because the register is kept securely and the information is divulged if required by the Government is only kept for 21 days and then shredded. Thank you for your understanding and support.

GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group. Rule of 6 applies at all times.
- **Face coverings are mandatory in Church and all those attending must wear a face covering which should be kept on during the whole service - mouth and nose covered.**

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email johnhabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

CONFIRMATION 2020-21

Confirmation Enrolment for those wishing to be confirmed in 2021 opens from this weekend – 16th/17th October and will remain open until the weekend of 31st October/1st November. Those wishing to enroll for this first set of sessions should email Theresa Fernandes – theresafernandes@aol.com for an application form. There will be 5 weekly sessions beginning on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm. The sessions will be delivered by Zoom. Further details will be given at enrolment. A second course will be offered in January 2021.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

NOVEMBER LISTS

We will not be providing blank sheets this year. Please bring in a sheet, from 1 November, with the names of those you wish to be remembered and place them in the basket on the table by the bottom step of the altar.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Having received guidelines from the Bishop we will, sadly, not be having the blessing graves this year.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Luzia Severino, Jane Christina Kavanagh and Joyce Mary Melin, who passed away recently.

Luzia Severino – Cremation on **Thursday 22nd October** at 10.40am at South West Middlesex Crematorium

Jane Christina Kavanagh – Cremation on **Thursday 22nd October** at 3.20pm at South West Middlesex Crematorium.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

On World Mission Sunday we remember the Church across the world and unite ourselves in prayer for each person, made in God's image and likeness:

We pray for the Pope that he may effectively lead the world in building bridges of love and understanding between peoples.

We pray for people who suffer prejudice and are unable to freely practice their religious faith: that God will bless them and give them the courage and strength that they need.

For children with special needs, and their parents and families: that they will be given all the love and support they need.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Father, we bring our prayers before you, confident of your care and support. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

SCHOOLS

Reception Form signing will start after half term.

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS