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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12 September 2021

Saturday 11th September

5.30pm Gertrude Charles
Intention

Sunday 12th September
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Harty Intention

10am Verediana Fernandes RIP

Monday 13th September
St John Chrysostom
Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Arden Nelson RIP

Tuesday 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NB 10am Funeral of Anne Mary
O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am David Blatt RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 16th September
Ss Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

NO LITURGY

Friday 17th September

7pm Fatima Perera RIP

Saturday 18th September

5.30pm Maria Smith Intention

Sunday 19th September
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Taylor Family Intention

10am People of the parish

This weekend – Faith and good works go together

In the second reading from Saint James he reminds us that faith has to be accompanied by deeds! Following Jesus our Lord in our Catholic tradition can never be a simple wish-list; a pious hope. What would be the point, Saint James asks, of encouraging others to keep warm and eat well – if we don't supply the means? Our discipleship of Christ has to be real and hands on; not necessarily dramatic and attention seeking but practical and positive.

Returning to 'normal' for our Sunday collection

This weekend – we will see the return of the blue bags for the offertory collection; 3 bags, one for each block. Collectors needed! The kind contributions of you the good people of the parish will be carried up with the bread and wine in the offertory procession. This is an important sign - joining our gifts to the Eucharistic offerings.

Anne Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Anne died, having recently received Holy Communion and the Last Rites from Father Michael at home. A well-known parishioner and family – her funeral will take place this Tuesday 14 September at **10am (NB)**. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Eucharistic Congress and Papal visit

This weekend, Pope Francis is in Budapest – Hungary, celebrating the concluding Mass of the Eucharistic Congress. It began last weekend and has brought together thousands of people; including many visiting Cardinals from all over the globe. Occurring every ten years or so – a Eucharistic Congress is a worldwide gathering of men and women to worship Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, to focus with delight on Eucharistic prayer, devotion and teaching. The Mass is at the heart of our Catholic life! Afterwards, the Holy Father will travel to Slovakia for a few days making a pastoral visitation of that country.

Prayer and fasting for Afghanistan

Yes, Pope Francis has asked the worldwide church to 'cry out to God' for Afghanistan. He suggests some serious 'fasting' for the country and its people. Prayer and fasting (together) are traditional ways to 'cry out to God' in any special need. We have all been following events – not just as a media message but with compassion for all involved.

A word from Father Michael

“Last weekend I spoke about some changes in my life in the coming months in terms of retiring from parish ministry. Of course, it is not as if retired clergy give up priestly duties, saying Mass etc. These continue, often helping out in parishes. This is my hope. At the moment the focus is on completing the new floor for the sanctuary. It will be a blessing, in every sense, when it is complete.”

CAFOD – protecting God’s creation

CAFOD have written to all parishes as part of their ‘climate crisis appeal’. There are special envelopes available – which can be dropped into the regular collection. Thank you.

Calling parents for our First Holy Communion Programme 2022

We will have our usual First Holy Communion Programme in 2022. This will be for children who are just now starting in year 3, or above, in school. If you would like more information at this stage, please make yourself known to Carol-Anne after the Sunday 10am Mass. Any of the stewards can point you in the direction of Carol-Anne to say hello. Father Michael will announce dates and provide application forms in a couple of months’ time.

Notification from the Bishops of England & Wales

At the beginning of the pandemic and lockdowns – the bishops announced that the ‘Sunday obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass had been lifted/removed for the time being’. We all understood the reasons for this. Now, our bishops have written to say that the obligation to attend Mass (preferably in person will be re-imposed on the first Sunday of Advent – 28 November. Being physically together for the Eucharist, for us as Catholics is not just a requirement – it is also our weekly chance to meet and receive Jesus our Lord.

Father David Kolo in Uganda

Father Michael writes – “Times are very tough in Uganda with limited supplies of the vaccine, schools and most institutions closed. Remember that Father David is now a Head teacher / Chaplain in a diocesan secondary/boarding school. Thanks to one or two kind donations I have been able to send him a little support from Stanmore, as well as our remembrance and prayers. May God bless and protect this good and holy priest.

Readers Rota

<u>11 September – 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>12 September – 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>18 September – 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>19 September – 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwubelu
<u>25 September – 5.30pm</u>	Noreta Reece	<u>26 September – 8am</u>	Daphne Byron

Counters Rota

<u>12 September</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>19 September</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>26 September</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

