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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/10 October 2021

A good man ready to follow Jesus and yet!

The gospel this weekend is a famous text. With great willingness and determination - the man KNEELS before Jesus with openness of heart. This is not a man of empty gestures. He asks the right question - 'Jesus what must I do to inherit eternal life? He is ready to listen to Our Lord who reminds him of the sacred commandments. The man is able to reply- 'Master, I have kept all these, from my earliest days'. Jesus knows the heart of this man - just as he knows our inner reality. The Lord doesn't simply say 'well done - that is enough'. Jesus knows that there is one more 'invitation' which the young man needs for true discipleship; and He says to the man kneeling 'There is one thing you lack'. Perhaps the young man wonders whether it is a special prayer or gift to the temple? Instead we are told by the evangelist Mark - that 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said "there is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything (NB) you own and give the money to the poor, then come follow me". Poignant words complete this episode. 'The young man, his face fell at these words: he went away sad for he was a man of great wealth'. Jesus understands that the man is acquainted with love in its most basic form, but now Our Lord invites the fellow into radical love - abandonment to the will of God. This has meaning in all our lives. (Father Michael)

A 'celebrity' parishioner! Great British Bake Off

Those who follow the BAKE OFF programme on Channel 4 Tuesdays - will have seen that Crystelle Pereira is making her mark with her ability each week. Crystelle is the daughter of Derrick and Elaine and, with her two sisters, a well-known parish family. Well done Crystelle – your home parish will follow your progress with our full support and affection.

Pope Francis explains the SYNOD

The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. Rather it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.' (Vademecum 1.3)

Cardinal Vincent has asked each parish to find two individuals willing to help promote the Synod in this first phase of parish/diocesan sharing. If YOU are willing - please have a word with Father Michael. Thank you

Saturday 9th October
St John Henry Newman, Priest
5.30pm Lisa Pomroy RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 10th October
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am Anne O'Sullivan RIP
10am Amandini Family Intention
Monday 11th October
9.30am Gerard O'Shea RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 12th October
9.30am Francis Martin RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday 13th October
St Edward the Confessor
Patron of the Diocese
9.30am Margaret Intention
Thursday 14th October
NO LITURGY
Friday 15th October
St Teresa of Jesus
Virgin & Doctor
7pm Anne O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday 16th October
5.30pm Linda Kiakides Intention
Sunday 17th October
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am Alic Smith RIP
10am Clency Lutchmaya RIP (Obeegadoo)

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.

Father Michael: "sometimes we get things wrong!"

'The last 18 months or so have been challenging in so many ways, for homes and families, working patterns and much more; for parish life and opportunities for priest and people to be together. Perhaps you have felt that as your Parish Priest I misunderstood! Perhaps something of parish life/suggestions during the COVID journey have been clumsy and caused 'offence' to you and yours. Please know that I am sorry and I deeply regret any hurt I have caused. The fundamental truth is that I love and respect the parish and each parishioner and family. You are all in my heart and my prayers.'

Harrow Deanery meeting

The next gathering of Harrow clergy and pastoral workers will take place on Monday 11 October in Sudbury parish - where Monsignor Jeremy Fairhead (the Dean of Harrow) is Parish Priest.

SINGING - with joy!

'There are some blessings in our Masses in the hall/church! One of the striking ones for me is the singing at the 10am Sunday Mass. Truly, it is much BETTER than in the church. The words on the screen make a difference and the combination of Jade, Cameron and Marcello leading-is powerful. People of God - keep on singing loud and clear. Praising God with our voices is a special experience together.' (Father Michael)

The Salvatorian College: Wealdstone

On Friday 24 September - the new College buildings were blessed and solemnly opened. Standing proudly next to Saint Joseph's Parish Church - the 'new' college opens up a new and exciting future for Catholic education in this part of the diocese - working closely with local and nearby Catholic Primary Schools. This is a big step forward and Stanmore parish is proud to congratulate everyone involved.

The month of the Holy Rosary - October

Just a reminder that throughout the month - the rosary will be said either before Mass or afterwards depending on the day. The rosary is a holy and dependable prayer. Please take time to say the rosary at home; on the bus or anywhere else!

Readers Rota

<u>9 October – 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>10 October – 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>16 October – 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>17 October – 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>23 October – 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>24 October – 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu

Counters Rota

<u>10 October</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
<u>17 October</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>24 October</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

