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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8/9 October 2022

Saturday 8 October

4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
People of the parish

SUNDAY 9 October

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 4]
Annual Mass attendance count 4
8.00 **Mass** Kay & Alec Moody
(Wedding Anniversary)
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Mrs Rosita Bertha Fernandes RIP

Monday 10 October

Feria 28th Week of the Year
No Mass *Rosary: Joyful Mysteries*

Tuesday 11 October

St John XXIII, Memorial No Mass
Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday 12 October

St Wilfrid, Memorial No Mass
Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

Thursday 13 October

St Edward the Confessor, Feast
No Mass
Rosary: Luminous Mysteries

Friday 14 October

St Callistus, Memorial
Friday abstinence No Mass
Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 15 October

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Memorial
No morning Mass
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Patrick & Deirdre Kehoe RIP (Anniv)
Rosary: Joyful Mysteries

SUNDAY 16 October

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Mrs Agnes Snyder RIP

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

BEFORE MASS – A Prayer of Preparation **ALMIGHTY GOD**, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship.
AND AFTER THE 10am MASS there are refreshments (often homemade cakes), and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our ‘cenacle’, our ‘Upper Room’ – after the 10 o’clock Mass.

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ‘Prisoners Sunday’

The Order of Mass can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book -- first from p.7– then after the Bidding Prayers, from p.15, and from the Lord’s Prayer, p.56. (New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.) *The Readings for today’s Mass are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.149–51*
The psalm response is: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The most ancient understanding of the Eucharist is that of the Lord’s Supper (not the ‘Last’ Supper) or ‘the Breaking of Bread’. But by the second century it was principally called ‘The Thanksgiving’ – *eucharistein* in Greek. When we gather together to celebrate the *Eucharist*, we are deliberately giving *thanks* to God. The term came into common currency when Justin Martyr used it in AD 160. He laid out one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass in his book. It’s great because it’s like stumbling upon a children’s Sunday school class from the 2nd century. It offers a simplified version of Catholic theology intended for those who had no idea what a “bishop” was, or even what “Amen” meant..

Thanksgiving is absolutely central to our faith – the central theme in last week’s Mass readings. Thanksgiving is an essential expression of faith. So many of the psalms, the prayers of the ancient Jews adopted by the Christians, and identified with Jesus’s own prayer, are prayers of thanksgiving. Who could imagine a life of faith without thanks and the singing that goes with it? There are over 175 references in Scripture to singing in praise to the Lord. It’s what God’s people do ... or are supposed to do, as an expression of thanks. It’s a theme that runs through today’s readings.

First Reading (OT): 2 Kings 5.14–17 The miracle of Namaan’s cure from leprosy links the OT reading to today’s Gospel. But it is the dynamic of *thanksgiving* which is the more profound link between the two stories. Namaan (a Syrian general, not an Israelite) wants to give thanks for the miracle that he has benefitted from and expresses it in the traditional way. He offers a

gift to the prophet Elisha, but the prophet refuses. Which leads us to think about giving and receiving. Alfred Delp, the German Jesuit executed during World War II, wrote: “Start straight away to give. It is the eternal givers

who ultimately defeat egoism in our world. You will see that once you start separating yourself from things and giving, you will start receiving.”

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 2.8—13 Paul is keen to emphasize the faithfulness of God. If we remain faithful too, we shall be saved. That is the burden of his message, and he is so assured of it himself that it gives him courage and determination in prison. He offers up his sufferings for the sake of those who have been chosen. He then adds a prayer or a hymn (which the early Christians must have sung) and which highlights the fidelity of Jesus to those who love him and belong to him.

Gospel: Luke 17.11—19 The OT reading told us the story of a foreigner (Naaman) being healed of leprosy. Luke tells us about the healing of ten, nine of them Jews, the tenth a Samaritan (a foreigner). The nine Jews fulfilled the Law in reporting to a priest, having the cure of their leprosy recognised and certified, and receiving clearance for re-integration into mainstream society. For them, fulfilling the Law had the issue done and dusted. The Samaritan alone thought to come back, to acknowledge what Jesus had done for him, and thank him. Their faith had saved all ten, yet it was only the Samaritan who recognised that it was through God’s power that he had been cured and gave thanks for what he had received.

Grateful thanks to Fr Guy Sawyer for being willing and able to celebrate the Masses this Sunday, and next week’s Vigil. Please express your thanks direct to him.

It’s Rosary month ... and while I am away from the parish this week we shall stay together in prayer by saying it – see the weekly calendar. Do you want a really good – short but proper – book on the Rosary, either because you’re new to it, or it’s never really helped you? Try Romano Guardini: *The Rosary of Our Lady*. It’s first rate. Simple, clear, bears re-reading. Jump on Amazon - though I think it’s cheapest on Cenacle Books at the moment. <https://www.cenacle.co.uk/>

Guardini ... “The Rosary does *not require any special preparation*, and the petitioner does not need to generate thoughts of which he or she is not capable in the moment, or at any other time. Rather, (s)he steps into a well-ordered world, meets familiar images, and finds roads that lead to the *essential*.”

Today we collect your **Family Fast Day** envelopes – either in the usual collection or in plates at the back of church. If you *haven’t* yet done it, or even taken an envelope, it’s simple! Take one *today*, we’ll collect them again next Sunday. Envelopes in the Narthex.

Today is also **Prisoners Sunday**. Many of the saints have been imprisoned; Jesus was. *Please pray* for all who are in prison, staff, visitors, chaplains and prisoners alike. Check out <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-sunday>. More donation envelopes in the Narthex.

Tomorrow is dedicated to an equally good cause – **World Homeless Day**. At the least it should prompt Christians’ prayer. Look for posts from Caritas Westminster on social media.

Holy Souls month coming ... start making a list of the faithful departed you want remembered at the altar.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our Relaxed Recital concert on Sunday 25 September. We had a nice time and raised £100 for our nominated charity Roko 20 Academy in Kenya. The money will provide 5 months sponsorship for a child. Thank you for your generosity. *Daniela Amasanti-DeBono*

PARISH QUIZ ... Saturday 22 October ... Fish & Chips and Raffle Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start. Reserve your Team / Table now! Open to all adults and Year 9+. It’s (strictly) limited to 8 persons per table, and we can have a maximum of 16 tables. TICKETS are £15.00. Any questions? then telephone or email John McIntyre on 07758 938340 | johnmcintyre@me.com. If you have no questions, but just want tickets, John will be selling them after all Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil included) on **8 and 9 October and 15 and 16 October**.

Readers Rota

<u>8 October 5.30</u> Monica Clifford	<u>9 October 8.00</u> Georgina Martins
<u>9 October 10.00</u> Readings Derrick Pereira & family, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane	
<u>15 October 5.30</u> Noretta Reece	<u>16 October 8.00</u> Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>16 October 10.00</u> Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur	

Counters Rota

<u>9 October</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>16 October</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

Church Cleaning

<u>15 October</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
<u>22 October</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwannah