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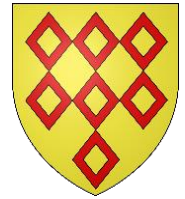
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21-22 October 2023 – 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Sat 21 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Blessed Virgin on Saturday</i> Mass – for Tom Enright RIP (1 st anniversary)
SUN 22 R: Glorious 8am 10am	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR World Mission Sunday Mass – for Annammah Joseph RIP (Anniv) Parish Mass and Rosary – for the departed souls of the De Cruz family <i>Feria of the 29th Week of the Year</i> Mass and Rosary – for Paul and Bernie Kehoe RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 23 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria of the 29th Week of the Year</i> Mass and Rosary – for Catarina Fernandes RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 24 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of the 29th Week of the Year</i> Mass and Rosary – for Helena Duckett RIP
Wed 25 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria of the 29th Week of the Year</i> Mass and Rosary – for Helena Duckett RIP
Thurs 26 No mass R: Luminous	<i>SS Cedd and Chad, Memorial</i> [Gospel of the Day: Luke 12.49–53]
Fri 27 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of the 29th Week of the Year</i> Mass and Rosary – for Fr. Michael (Golden Jubilee of Ordination)
Sat 28 5.30pm R: Joyful	St Simon and St Jude, Apostles Mass – for the people of the parish
SUN 29 8am 10am R: Glorious	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – for James and Mary McDermott (Anniversary) Parish Mass and Rosary – for Rosita Bertha Fernandes RIP (Anniversary) Celebrant: Fr Michael Munnelly

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this news-letter home** and use the calendar in your daily prayer.

◆ **Before Mass, when the tower bell rings, pray together:** 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. *Please, let's now keep silence together until Mass begins.*

◆ **Parents and carers** please feel at home to do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to move around church. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child who needs to use the toilet. Thanks.

◆ **The ORDER of Mass** on the new pew Mass Card.

◆ **Today's readings** are to be found on **pp.140-43** of the *Parish Mass Book*. And the psalm response is: **'Give the Lord glory and power!'** The prayers at 10am will be for the Evangelization of the Nations.

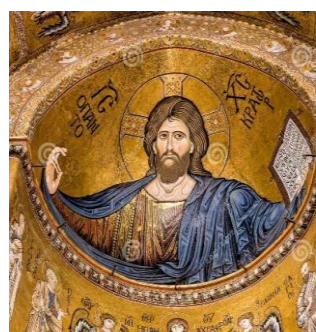
◆ **Prayer for the Synod** O HOLY SPIRIT, giver of life, come down upon the participants of the Synod: fill them with wisdom and courage to be servants of our communion and witness in the world of today.

◆ **Today is World Mission Sunday** Wherever the Catholic Church exists, so too does **missio** (the pope's official charity for global mission). Remember Fr Noah's appeal? Remember those **Red Boxes** many of you have at home? Not all of us have them: so this collection is your opportunity. This year a significant recipient will be work for children in Kibera, Africa's biggest 'slum'.

Envelopes are available as you enter or leave church. *Please Gift Aid* it. It takes moments to fill out the form, and *automatically* increases your gift by 25%!

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** Drinks and often cakes, but always a chance to catch up and share fellowship.

REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures



In the cathedral at Monreale, high in the hills of Sicily, there is one of the most magnificent images of Jesus – as *Pantocrator* (*Pan-toc-ra-tor*) 'Ruler of all'. Similar images can be seen in churches across the Balkans and Middle East, including ones that Muslim rule turned into mosques!

- ◆ **Reconciliation (Confession)** 20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or at anytime by appointment
- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement through Funeral Directors

Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130

Returning to faith? or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful. (It's a free telephone helpline.) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 or catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Daily Christian art and faith on your phone Try it; you'll like it. <https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/>
Prepare for next Sunday's Mass
<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/reflections/sunday-gospel> <https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/>

This image of Jesus, which appeared early-on, is well founded in the Scriptures. Indeed we proclaim a summary of it each Sunday: we trust in Jesus “*through whom all things were made*” ... and of whose “*kingdom there shall be no end*”. Jesus has been enthroned in heaven, and says Revelation (1.8, 4.8, 11.7, 15.3, 16.7, 14, 19.6, 15, 21.22) given all majesty and power.

And yet the *point* about the image—which familiarity has robbed us of—is that it is a deeply *ironic image*. Where you *expect* an image of the emperor, or even the emperor’s Emperor (God’s image), you see the image of a brutally murdered wandering rabbi. On earth, especially on the only occasion He was confronted about His kingship (by Pontius Pilate), Jesus seemed to be totally power-less. The most familiar image of Him is of His crucified body. His kingdom is ‘not of this world’ even if it is active *in* this world. This has so many implications – not least how much the Church should make alliances with the state.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 45.1, 4–6 The Persian King Cyrus is here an instrument of divine action and providence for God’s people, the Jews. . A massive irony indeed because Cyrus does not know him. God takes, let’s say, ‘the long view’, to benefit

His people Israel. He does not set out to make ancient Israel a great power, equal to the pagan kingdoms such as Persia. Instead He turns *world history* to Israel’s advantage, and uses the superpower of the day to come to His people’s help.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Thessalonians 1.1 – 5 Paul had experienced the young church at Thessalonica (northern Greek coast) as a loving community. He analyses the quality of their love for one another. He sees in their actions a willingness to sacrifice for others, free of self-regard, willing to give generously. He also speaks of how steadfast their hope is. Deep faith expresses itself in true deeds.

Gospel: Matthew 22.15–21 Jesus is very often lured into a trap with an enemy’s question. This time, coming down on either side could land Him in trouble with the religious authorities or the state, or ... both! Jesus’s answer has a brilliance far beyond the relations of Church and state. His answer is the Gospel in a nutshell!



Thursday 26 Oct Fr Dominic McKenna’s Funeral at St Teresa’s, Shenley Road, WD6 1TG, at noon.

Friday 27 Oct Abortion Act Anniversary Parliament Square 12-2pm If you doubt whether you should join or pray for this act of witness, ask yourself if St John Paul II was right: “Freedom is not doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought.”

29 October 10am Mass will be celebrated by **Fr Michael** to mark his 50th anniversary of priesthood. If you haven’t already, **please sign up for the light lunch too.**

November prayer intention Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to join with people worldwide in praying for this intention. For November it is for the Pope himself: “We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission as Bishop of Rome, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

1 November, All Saints’, is a **Holy Day of Obligation** so there will be Masses at 9.30am and 7pm. The following day (Thursday) is All Souls’, for which there will be a 9.30 Mass. The ‘no Mass day’ that week will be Friday 3rd.

A plenary indulgence for souls in purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who from 1-8 November ‘devoutly visit’ a cemetery, pray for the departed, or visit a church on All Souls’ Day, 2 November, to which end our church will be open that day after Mass until 6pm.

On 5 November, from 2.30, Fr Jonathan will be available to Bless Graves at **Harrow Weald Cemetery (Clamp Hill)**. Please assemble at the main entrance by 2.30pm for opening prayers. Clergy from St Joseph’s will be there at the same time on 12 November (when Fr Jonathan will be in the north, burying his parents’ ashes).

Week-long votive lamps From 3 December, Advent Sunday, we shall launch a new prayer initiative here that happens in many other parishes, so that you can participate in the prayers offered here in church. A week-long lamp (£10 per lamp) will burn for your intentions in one of three places: the altar of Our Lady, or beside St William or St Catherine of Siena on the Sanctuary. The intention will be noted in the Newsletter.

Part-time work urgently sought! A member of our parish, Dinuk, an international student, is looking for a part-time job to help support his studies – up to 20 hours a week, He is willing to undertake any work. If you have an idea or a contact, please contact Fr Jonathan.

In six weeks it’ll be Advent Are you busy before Christmas? Want December to be more prayerful and joyful? You need the word of God! And **Rejoice! by Fr Mark Touns**, from Ascension Press in the US. Available from Fr Jonathan for £11.95 (cheaper than Amazon!). I have seven copies reserved; four have gone. Quick ... pop your name on the list on the table at the back.

First Confession and Holy Communion 2024 Starting in **January**, there will be classes most Sundays until First Holy Communion Mass at the end of May. **The application forms are now available.**

Since, in the Church, we are all responsible for passing the faith to the young, if you personally don’t have a child currently in school-year 3 or above, but you know a Catholic family that does – please *pass this information on or (preferably) give them a form*. If you do have a child of that age, – and if you wish, *speaking to Carol Anne* after any Sunday 10am Mass for more information.

Check out on the Noticeboard

- the **Caritas Advent Giving Calendar**
- the **2024 Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Readers rota

21 Oct 5.30pm	Lily Meghji
22 Oct 8am	Daphne Byron
10am	Monika Tabarrok, Nwawulor family
28 Oct 5.30pm	Martin Rush
29 Oct 8am	Audrey Da Costa
10am	Maureen Ruane, Carol-Anne Chandler

Church Cleaning rota

28 Oct Team C	Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
4 Nov Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam