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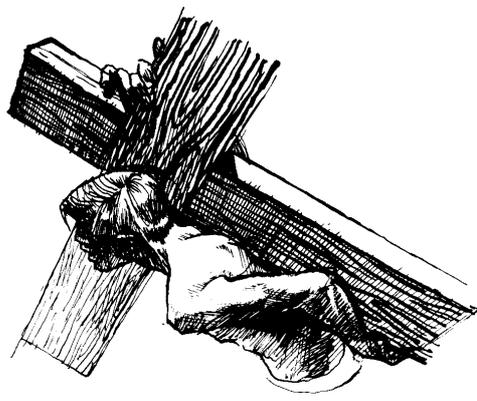
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'But you,' Jesus asked 'who do you say I am?'
Peter spoke up and said to him,
'You are the Christ.'



Peter had seen rightly: Jesus is the Christ. The title is ambiguous, as Jesus knows, and so he tells them that for him the way to glory is by suffering and death. And not for him only: the disciples will have to follow the same way.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Victims of Southern Cameroon Crisis

Followed by Confessions until 10.45am

6.00pm—Eileen Brennan—RIP

Sun: 8.00am—Vermeil Joson—Anniversary

9.30am—Caroline Nebechi—Birthday Intention

11.00am—Margaret Paul—Anniversary

6.00pm—Albert Ojinnaka—RIP

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Peter Dyer—RIP

Tue: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Followed by Chaplet of St Michael

Wed: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thu: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri: 7.00am—The church will not open for prayer

6.00pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.40pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm—Mary, Helen & Elizabeth—RIP

There will be no Devotions this evening

Sat: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

There will be no Confessions this morning

6.00pm—Richard & Carmen Fernandes—Wed Anniv

GROWING IN FAITH

One of the projects that we had planned from the Growing in Faith project was to build a toilet facility for the church. Hopefully this will be achieved before the end of the year.

CONFESSIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday evening from 6.00pm to 7.15pm

Confessions are heard in the Sacristy at the front of the church either anonymously or face to face.

Do try to get into the habit of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. It is a wonderful aid to progressing in the spiritual life and allowing Jesus to enter fully into our lives.

We should learn to 'fall in love' with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a cure for our spiritual ills!

ADULT FAITH/BIBLE SHARING GROUP

To help adult Catholics to have a deeper understanding of some of the aspects of their faith and of the Bible. Following on from our Faith Sharing Sessions during Lent we will be looking at the Eucharist and the Mass over the next few sessions. Please join us

Next time together is at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th September in the Parish Hall

MORNING PRAYERS

The church opens every day at 7.00am This is to give people at opportunity to call into the church to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament or to light candles. Maybe if on your way to work or bringing the children to school or if you are just passing by you might just come in for a few moments to offer your day to the Lord quietly. A good way to begin your day. Please do try and take the opportunity to give a little time to the Lord each day in prayer.

Rosary & Morning Prayer usually follow at 8.40am if you wanted to stay for that.

WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady

A Day Pilgrimage

Saturday 29th September 2018

There will be a Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the above date. A coach will leave from the church at 7.00am and return at approximately 7.30pm. The cost will be £20 per seat. You should bring a packed lunch and wear walking shoes and perhaps an umbrella depending on the weather.

There will be Stations of the Cross, Mass, walk the Holy Mile, Rosary, Quiet time in the parish church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to look around the village. It is always a good and happy day.

Please put your name and mobile number (essential) to the notice on the board in the porch.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS

At Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 6th October 2018 at 2.30pm

A coach will leave from the church at 12.15 and return at about 5.45pm. All servers should attend. Please put your name and number to the list in the sacristy asap.

MANNA DAY CENTRE—HARVEST COLLECTION

We will be making our usual collection of food and items of clothing for the Manna Day Centre. Attached to the newsletter is a list of the items they are in most need of for the homeless in London. Please be as generous as you can please. Help is needed. Thanks.

MAKE FRIDAY SPECIAL

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON A FRIDAY

Do something positive to say thank you.

Make a sacrifice.

FAST on a Friday—give up a meal.

LEGION OF MARY

Our next Praesidium meeting will be today Sunday 16th September at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

You will be most welcome to join us.

ROSARY for your Intentions

Rosary and Devotions to Our Lady on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 7.00pm. Will meet in the church.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

There is now only one pre-planned Prayer Intention given by the Holy Father for each month. By prayer for the intentions of Pope Francis we show our unity with the mission of the Church

September Intentions: The Young People of Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

CATECHISTS

We are looking for people who would be willing to give a little of their time in helping to prepare our young children for their Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation or children to learn their basics in a Sunday School Class on every other Sunday morning for a limited period. All that is needed is a willingness as all support and help will be given. Please help us to help and support our children. Thank you very much.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to be a prayer partner to a First Communion child. All that would be required is for you to pray for the child during their time of preparation for their First holy Communion and in return they would pray for you. Please would you complete the Prayer Partner Pledge form and return it to us as soon as possible. Many thanks.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING

'HOLY FAMILIES'

Our Prayer Groups will be meeting together again this autumn for 6 weeks beginning Saturday 6th October. We will be exploring together the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis *Amoris Laetitia*. Please consider being part of one of our prayer groups—an opportunity to look at this wonderful document which the Holy Father wrote to the whole Church.

Commitment Weekend:

29th/30th September 2018

Group Leaders meeting:

Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.30pm

In the Parish Hall

A book will be available with daily prayers and weekly meditations to use in the groups

CATECHETICS

Catechetical Coordinator: **Muriel Akahi**

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FIRST COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

MASS & PREPARATION CLASS Sunday 23rd September 2018

The children should be sitting at the front of the church in their groups with their catechists for the 9.30am Mass. Children must be on time for Mass. If they and their families are persistently late for Mass their children will not be allowed to join their group and it will stand as a lost session.

Children should be attending Mass together with their families
From now onwards on a **regular weekly basis**.

- When the children are not sitting with their catechist the parents should bring their children forward to Fr John for a blessing at Communion time at every Mass.
- If a child misses three preparation meetings then their preparation will be delayed until the following year.
- If parents miss two of the parent's meetings then their child's preparation will be delayed until the following year,
- If children or parents arrive more than 15 minutes late for their meetings then it will be counted as a missed session.
- Parents must inform us **beforehand** of any absences. Please call 8804 2149 or 8443 4069 and leave a message.
- All future notices concerning the First Communion Programme will be published in this newsletter.

CONFIRMATION 2019

PREPARATION SESSION

Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall

It is important that the candidates arrive well in time for their sessions.

Persistent lateness will be counted as a missed session.

CONFIRMATION 2019—CELEBRATION MASS

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 6.00pm in the church

Candidates must arrive in church on time and should sit at the front with their catechist. Persistent lateness will count as a lost session

CONFIRMATION 2019—PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 8.00pm in the church

Parent's meetings are important and are part of the preparation course. Parents must attend. It is an opportunity for us to give you information about the progress of the preparation and also to inform you of any changes as well as helping them to help their young people by their example and encouragement.

Candidates must be attending Mass on a regular weekly basis.

Confirmation should be seen as a willingness to practice the faith.

- Parents should be supporting their children in their preparation by also attending Mass each week
- Candidates must arrive on time for their lessons and Mass. Lateness will be counted as a lost session.
- If you are unable to attend any meeting please inform us beforehand—call either 8804 2149 or 8442 4069.

Time keeping is of the utmost importance and it will be the parent's responsibility to ensure that the young people are in the right place at the right time. If you are uncertain about any aspect of the programme then please contact us on 8443 4069. Thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 PARENT'S MEETING

Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 8.00pm in the church.

This is an important meeting for parents who want their children to be prepared to receive their First Holy Communion in 2019. Details of the new programme will be given so attendance is important.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- Marriages involving a Catholic partner should always take place in a Catholic church before a Catholic priest.
- If your marriage took place in a Register Office or in a church other than a Catholic one then the marriage would need to be convalidated (blessed). Easily done.
- If you have been married before and are not sure about getting married again in a Catholic church then talk it through with a priest who will help you.
- If you have been through a Traditional marriage you will still need to be married civilly and in church for your marriage to be recognised as Sacramental.
- If you have any problems or questions concerning marriage please do not hesitate to talk to a priest.

OUR NEXT MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

**Wednesday 7th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and
Saturday 10th November from 9.30am to 5.00pm**

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Baptisms are always by appointment. Parents will be expected to attend a Preparation Course before their children are Baptised. Each course comprises three evenings which last about an hour. Our Baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm. Registration forms can be found on the table in the porch of the church. Complete and return to us.

New course begins on Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

To help our children to better understand the Readings at Mass we are introducing a Children's Liturgy of the Word to replace Sunday School. The programme will begin at the 9.15am in the parish hall. It is open to all children between 6 to 10 yrs who attend this Mass. No registration is required. We need reliable parent volunteers to help run this programme. If you want to help please talk to Muriel or Fr John.

New dates to be announced

ADULT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

We run an ongoing programme for adults who might be interested in becoming Roman Catholics, or who want to be Baptised and/or Confirmed or who simply want to know more about the Catholic faith. The group usually meets on a Monday evening in the parish hall at 7.30pm. Come along or call 8804 2149 for more information.

Enquiry time—Monday 17th September at 8.00pm

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 5th October 2018

On this day the Church asks us to make a real sacrifice and fast on behalf of CAFOD and the support and relief that they give in may deprived areas of the world. If you could give what you save by fasting you can make a real difference to the lives of many people who struggle to support themselves and their families.

MANNA DAY CENTRE

As usual we will be asking for your help in supporting the Manna Day Centre in the help that they give to homeless people in London. They feed, clothe, give medical aid, haircuts to many who sleep rough. Attached to the newsletter is a notice giving the items that they are in need of. Please give generously and bring things to church

MINISTERING TO THE SICK AND THE DYING

Most Catholics have been faithful to the Church all of their lives. Attending Mass regularly and receiving the Sacraments of the Church. It has been important for them to commit themselves to their faith in this way—and it is wonderful. It is so important that this does not come to an end when they are sick at home or when, sadly, they have not long to live. It is at this time that they are in most need of the Church and what it is able to offer them—Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and the Last Rites. Please do your best to ensure that your loved ones, friends and neighbours receive all the spiritual help and support that they need and at the end a Catholic funeral. If you would like further information or help in this then please contact the parish house. Thank you.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you, or maybe a relative or friend, are going into hospital then please call us on 020 8804 2149 and we will then contact the chaplain or parish which serves the hospital to ensure that your spiritual needs are looked after during your stay.

HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Do you know of someone who is housebound and unable to come to Mass and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion? If so please contact the parish house and we will arrange a visit.

ARE YOU SICK?

The Sacrament of the Sick is available to anyone who is ill or who is preparing to go into hospital for surgery or treatment. It is important for anyone who is suddenly taken ill, especially if they are in danger of death. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick then please contact the parish house on 020 8804 2149 and we will arrange to come and administer the Sacrament.

NEED TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST?

If, in the case of an emergency, you are unable to speak with Fr John then please call one of the following:

Enfield Parish — 020 8363 2569, Edmonton Parish — 8803 6631 Cockfosters Parish—8449 6648, Palmers Green—8886 9568

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Middlesex—020 8803 6631 (Edmonton Parish) Chase Farm & Barnet—For the moment please contact 020 8363 2569

MARY'S MEALS—Rags to Riches collection

During the weekend 13th/14th October Mary's Meals will be in our parish as they have been for the past number of years at this time. Mary's Meals is a charity that aims to feed children in various parts of the world with one good nourishing meal per day so that they will be alert enough to be able to receive a good education. They will be collecting used, reasonable clothes, and blankets for bedding as well as other items. More information will be given at a later date.

Catholic Singles

Single, separated, widowed or divorced. Catholic Singles helps practising Catholics meet other Catholics; supports Catholic Parishes and Charities, donating thousands of pounds; provides a strictly confidential service; sends members a monthly bulletin called *Catholic Networking*; publicises events free of charge. **£10 annual membership plus an initial donation.** Free information with no obligation: CATHOLIC SINGLES, 1 BURLESCOMBE CLOSE, ALTRINCHAM, WA14 4UX. Tel: 01609413498. email: info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Bible/Faith Study Group

The Bible/Faith Study time will begin again on **Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm** in the parish hall. The topic that we will be looking at is the Book of the Apocalypse/Revelation which is the last book of the Bible and traditionally attributed to St John the Evangelist. Not always an easy book to understand and to come to terms with—and sometimes very much misunderstood. Come and join us as we look at this interesting part of the Bible in a very simple way.

FRIDAY DROP IN LUNCH

Every Friday from 12.30 until 2.30pm in the parish hall. Anyone is welcome to come and eat. The food is good and there is no charge and the company is good. Please join us.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for all the help that you give in so many ways in the many things we undertake in the parish. We would like to build up our food bank so as to be able to help the people who come seeking support and help. Please can you help by bringing along some simple food items: sugar, tea, coffee, pasta, cereals, tins of soup, beans and fruit etc. There is a box in the porch of the church in which you can place your items and donations. Very many thanks.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition calling on the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizen's freedom of expression and freedom to pray outside abortion centres. Moves are being made around Britain to prevent peaceful protesters from praying outside abortion centres and offering support to women who may not want to proceed with an abortion. Vulnerable women who come under pressure to abort their babies will be denied a quiet word of support from peaceful pro-life citizens. Please support this petition.

CHAPLET OF ST MICHAEL

Will be followed every Tuesday morning in the church after the 9.30am Morning Mass. Together we seek the protection and the intercession of the powerful Archangel Michael.

PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

There will be a Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 29th September. A notice will be on the notice board to which you can put your name if you would like to come. The price of a seat on the coach will be approximately £20 and it will leave the church at about 7.00am returning at approximately 7.00pm. Usually a good day. Please join us.

"HOLY FAMILIES" - An exploration of *Amoris Laetitia*

The Joy of Love: This will be our subject of the faith sharing resource for the Autumn Season. This six week resource with the World Meeting of Families in mind and is an important contribution to our ongoing understanding of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis *Amoris Laetitia*.

As usual we will be forming our Faith/Prayer Sharing groups early in the autumn—groups will probably meet for the first time on Saturday 6th October but more information will be given nearer the time

COMMITMENT WEEKEND 29th/30th September

GROUP LEADERS MEETING—Monday 1st October at 7.30pm in the parish hall

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

September Intentions: Universal: **The Young People of Africa** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember that you should fast from eating food or drink, apart from water, for at least one hour before the time you actually receive Holy Communion. If you receive Holy Communion in the hand please always remember to place the Host (the Body of Christ), into your mouth before you move away from the Minister. Please come forward quietly and prepare yourself to receive Holy Communion. **Please bow before receiving the Body or the Blood of Jesus** as a sign of reverence. Remember to say a prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion when you are back in your place. **Please always try and be on time for Mass. Arriving late can mean that you have not prepared adequately for the celebration. You should certainly arrive before the reading of the Gospel. Please do not chew gum or eat sweets or biscuits in church. All of this will help us to remember that Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion are very special events for Catholics. Please also remember to dress reasonably modestly when coming to church. We must not be a distraction**

COME AND JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

We welcome new members. We are a friendly mixed ability group of adult singers who enjoy singing and praising the Lord, thanking Him for all the blessings He gives. We also need young people to help start a YOUTH singing group. If you play an instrument and have a love of music come along. Contact Danny on 02082456975

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

Are you aged between 18-35

Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community?

Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community

www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk

ADOREMUS

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress

7—9th September 2018

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

We can receive donations using text messages on smartphones

Just text **PARISH PONDE** and send text to **70800**

£5 will be added to your mobile phone bill as a donation which will come directly to our parish. If you have any questions ask Fr John or call the Diocese on 020 7798 9375. Many thanks.

Please pray for the sick

Agnes Guveya, Agnes Robinson, Marjolaine Babet, Jenna Joson, Josephine Yawe, Uchenna Michael Nnaji, James Scott, Stephen Nzezbuna, Theresa Matovu, Margaret Creed, Jacques Chrysostrum, Tim Hickey, Agnes Walsh, James Guba-gana, Juliet Nabutende, Scola Namyalo, Henry & Justine Rutabyama, Leslie & Violet Fraser, James Scott, Agnes Walsh, Paul Marah, Mary Conway, Ailsa Wintle, Richard O'Reilly, Sufath Kumarsinghe, Scarlet Freestone, David Kirunda.

Pray also for those who have died recently:

Nicholas Ellul, Antoinette Kaidi, Fr Michael Durand, Elizabeth Cleary, Carmelo Falzone, Jackson Musoke Mukibi, Peter Dyer, Eleanor Gould.

Anniversaries:

Ebenezer Quaye, Frank Moran, Norah Mukasa, Dennis Swanton, Eric & Phyllis Bissett, Lawrence Mukibi, Stephanie Molloy, Robert Milverton, Peter Daly, Maria Lisanti, Charles Vella.