

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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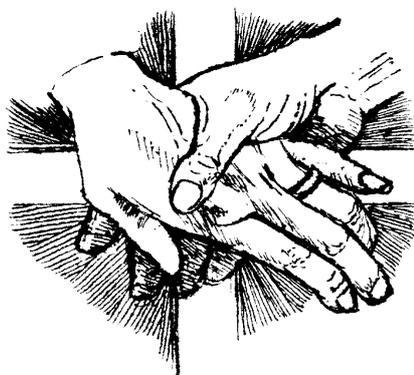
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## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*'A man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two therefore, but one body'*



*The very clear-cut position Jesus takes in favour of the marriage bond is not simply a matter of law. It looks beyond that to revelation received in faith. Individual problems are not solved by this affirmation of principle. But Christian marriage partners are placed before the unfailing love of God, a love which is greater than our*

### Weekend Mass Intentions

**Sat:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.15am—Morning Prayer

Followed by First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am

9.35am—Rosary, Rosary Meditation and Devotions

10.30am—For the Conversion of Sinners

6.00pm—Sheila & Richard Cronin & Teresa O'Connor

**Sun:** 8.00am—For Parishioners

9.30am—Sean Morris—RIP

11.00am—Guiseppe & Aldo Ghisoni, Sergio D'Andrea

Abbatte, Fusco, Inzani, D'Andre & Ghisoni Families

6.00pm—Anthony D'Silva—Anniversary

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Mon:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Tim Hickey—RIP

**Tue:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Followed by Chaplet of St Michael

**Wed:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Intentions of Matilda Milverton & Family

12noon—Funeral Mass of Eleanor Gould

**Thu:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.15am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Private Intention €

**Fri:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.30am—Morning Prayer

5.30pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.40pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm—Sally MenTor—RIP

Followed by Novena to the Divine Mercy (7)

**Sat:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—For the Holy Father's Intentions

Followed by Confessions until 10.45am

6.00pm—Rose D'Silva—Anniversary

## CONFESSIONS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning after Mass until 10.45am

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 8.00pm on Tuesday 9th October 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.

## 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.

All the groups will meet together in the parish hall and the times are on the notice board.

A booklet is available with daily prayers and weekly meditations to use in the groups and for those parishioners who want to follow alone.

## SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

Postcards are available—please complete and send.

## NOVEMBER—Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we remember the Holy Souls in Purgatory who are on their journey towards the Kingdom of Heaven. They need our support. During the month of November we offer prayers each day and four Masses each week for them. Please pick up an envelope and put in the list of names of those people and loved ones that you want to be remembered together with your offering. Hand your envelope in or put it into the basket at the time of the offertory.

May the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

## LEGION OF MARY

Our next Praesidium meeting will be today Sunday 30th 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 3rd October 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

**October:** Evangelisation: The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

## MARY'S MEALS

Is a Christian charity that aims to provide a life-changing meal to hungry children every school day with your help.

### FROM RAGS TO RICHES

On Saturday 13th at 6.00pm & Sunday 14th October at the morning Masses only, please bring any unused clothes (no jumble), blankets (no duvets) shoes to the church which Mary's Meals can use to fund the amazing work of providing almost 2 million meals each day to hungry children throughout the world. A big thank you!

Please put items in black plastic bags and tie the top and bring them to the church. We are unable to take bags at any time other than the times stated.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

### DEVOTIONS & MASS

Saturday 13th October 2018

On Saturday 13th October we remember the last Apparition of Our Lady to the three children in Fatima. To celebrate this special occasion there will be Devotions in the front garden by the Grotto and then we will process into the church for a special 6.00pm Mass with Veneration of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with lighting and bringing forward of candles which we can bring forward and place before the statue.

Please join us for the special celebration as we honour Our Lady of Fatima.

*Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us*

## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Friday 12th October 2018

Month 7 of the Novena

6.00pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.40pm—Evening Prayer followed by Rosary

7.30pm—Mass

Followed by the Novena to the Divine Mercy

Devotion to the Divine Mercy involves total commitment to God as Merciful. It is a decision to trust completely in Him and to accept His Mercy with thanksgiving.

# CATECHETICS

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## FIRST COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

### MASS & PREPARATION CLASS

**Sunday 21st October 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 16th October 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 15th November 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 8th October at 8.00pm**

## OCTOBER—Month of the Holy Rosary

### Pope Francis invites all the Faithful to pray the Rosary in October to preserve the Church against attacks by the Devil.

Pope Francis has invited all the faithful of all the world to pray the Rosary daily during the month of October. Also to say the Prayer of St Michael the Archangel to protect the Church from the devil. He asks that we also end the Rosary with the ancient prayer of invocation to Our Lady:

*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but ever deliver us from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Do try and pray the Rosary each day during October and do keep your Rosary beads close by all the time as a means of protection from evil.

## 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@catholicssingles.org.uk

## Bible/Faith Study Group

The Bible/Faith Study time will begin again on **Tuesday at 8.00pm on 9th October** 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.

## 'Refugees: Where to start? A Parish Response'

Join us for an evening of practical advice on understanding the nature and challenges of the refugee crises and how parishes, groups and individuals can play their part in alleviating 'the wounds of refugees (Pope Francis). Bishop Paul McAleenan will be leading the event, and will be joined by other organisations including the Jesuit Refugee Service, Enfield Welcome Group and Haringey Migrant Support Centre. **Thursday 11th October, 7—9pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.** RSVP: [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or phone call on 0207 798 9030.

## 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.

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ST OSCAR ROMERO

Following his canonization in October, a thanksgiving Mass for St Oscar Romero will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 3rd November at 12.30pm. Archbishop Peter Smith will preside and Archbishop Bernard Longley will preach. Mass will be followed by a celebratory drink. All are welcome to attend. [www.romerotruster.org.uk](http://www.romerotruster.org.uk)

## "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 meet for the first time at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th October. The groups will meet in the parish hall and the times of the group meetings are displayed on the notice board in the porch of the church.

## UGANDA CHILDREN'S APPEAL

An appeal will be made on Sunday 28th October on behalf of children in need in Uganda.

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

**October Intention:** Evangelization: **Mission of Religious:** That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

## 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*

## VESPERS AT UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL

A celebration of Vespers (in English) will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Duke Street on Tuesday 6th November at 6.00pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome. Please RSVP by 31st October to Canon John O'Toole on [john.otoole@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:john.otoole@cbcew.org.uk).

## PRISONERS SUNDAY

Sunday 14th October 2018

PACT is a national Catholic Charity that supplies support to prisoners and their families bringing restoration and healing. Please give your support.

## 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 Nzebugbuna, Theresa Matovu, Margaret Creed, Jacques Chrysostrum, Tim Hickey, Agnes Walsh, James Gubagana, Juliet Nabutende, Scola Namyallo, Henry & Justine Rutabyama, Leslie & Violet Fraser, James Scott, Agnes Walsh, Mary Conway, Ailsa Wintle, Richard O'Reilly, Sufath Kumarasinghe, Scarlet Freestone, David Kirunda, Frances McGourty.

**Pray also for those who have died recently:**

Nicholas Ellul, Antoinette Kaidi, Fr Michael Durand, Elizabeth Cleary, Joseph Thompson, Jackson Musoke Mukiibi, Peter Dyer, Eleanor Gould.

**Anniversaries:**

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