

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; they will gather his chosen from the four winds.



When Jesus entered into human history, he began the last times so often spoken of by the prophets, so longed for by Israel. With the aid of images which suggest simultaneously the end of one world and the springtime of a new creation he announces his own imminent return. It is useless to ask oneself about its precise date: it is always just at hand.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Morning Prayer

9.30am—For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Followed by the Novena to the Holy Souls (2)

Followed by Confessions until 10.45am

6.00pm—Victorine Aseka—RIP

Sun: 8.00am—For the Repose of the Holy Souls

9.30am—Michael Cesar—RIP

11.00am—Dante Falzone—RIP

5.15pm—Novena for the Holy Souls (3)

6.00pm—Teresa Lyons—RIP

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—In Honour of Our Lord's Agony in Gethsamane
Followed by Novena for the Holy Souls (4)

Tue: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Veronica Bain—RIP

Followed by Novena (5) & Chaplet of St Michael

Wed: 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 Novena for the Holy Souls (6)

7.00pm—Rosary & Devotions to Our Lady

Thu: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—For Holy Souls (yrs 5&6 & Benediction)

Followed by Novena for the Holy Souls (7)

Fri: 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.15am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

6.00pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.40pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm—Marie Francaisa Babet—Sick

Followed by Novena for the Holy Souls (8)

Sat: 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 Novena for the Holy Souls (9)

Followed by Confessions until 10.45am

LEGION OF MARY

Our next Praesidium meeting will be today Sunday 18th November 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 21st November 2018 at 7.00pm. Will meet in the church.

CONFESSIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning from 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!

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2019

Applications can now be received for children who were born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. If you would like to apply for a place for your child in the Reception Class 2019 then please call the St Mary's School Office on 020 8804 2396 to make an appointment for Fr John to sign your Certificate of Catholic Practice. The dates available at the moment are:

Monday 19th November 5.00pm—6.30pm

You would need to bring the Child's Baptismal Certificate, proof of identity of one parent, and two proofs of address (Council Tax form, utility bill, UK driving licence etc.), and of course the child.

We would like to encourage all Catholic families with children of Reception Class age for 2019, even if they are currently not baptised and you are considering baptising them, or if you have baptised children but do not attend church regularly, to seriously consider applying for a place in St Mary's Primary School.

A Catholic education is very important for all Catholic children as it helps to give a good Catholic foundation for their future lives as well as helping them to develop a strong moral outlook on choices and decisions that they make as they grow up in a difficult world.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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Anti-Human Trafficking Event

Thursday 22nd November 6.30-8.30pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception, London W1K
Why is human trafficking an issue, the response of The Church and practical action.

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form Centre Open Evening

Thursday 22nd November 6.00—8.00pm

Upper Site, Palmers Green N13 5TY

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.

PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday 24th November 2018

Raffles, Prizes, Tombola

Refreshments, Father Christmas, Christmas Gifts, Bric-a-Brac, Calendars,

Christmas Cards and much more.

Please come and support the parish

NOVEMBER

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The month of November is a month that is dedicated to remembering and praying for the repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. In this parish we pray for them everyday; we offer four Masses each week of November and one Mass each week of the year; and their names rest on the altar the whole month.

Please make a list of the names you would like to be remembered. Place the list in the Holy Souls envelope together with a donation for the Mass offering and then return the envelope before the beginning of November if possible.

A Holy Souls envelope is attached to this newsletter or you can pick one up from the table in the porch of the church.

NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Our Novena continues on behalf of all the departed members of our families.

Sunday 18th November—5.00pm

Monday 19th November—after 9.30am Mass

Tuesday 20th November—after 9.30am Mass

Wednesday 21st November—after 9.30am Mass

Thursday 22nd November—After 9.30am Mass

Friday 23rd November—after evening Mass

Saturday 24th November—after morning Mass

Please join us when you are able for this Novena.

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST'S FUND

Thank you for your generosity to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Its not too late to make a donation if you wish. Please place any further donations in an envelope marked Sick & Retired Priests' Fund and put it in the offertory basket on Sunday. Please continue to pray for sick and retired priests. For more information, or to make a donation on line please visit:

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

CATECHETICS

Catechetical Coordinator: **Muriel Akahi**

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FIRST COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

MASS & PREPARATION CLASS Sunday 2nd December 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 27th November 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—ENROLMENT MASS

Saturday 24th November 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:

To be arranged

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 19th November at 8.00pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Sunday 18th November 2018

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked the entire Catholic community world-wide to mark World Day of Prayer of the Poor. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.' Pray for those in poverty but also reach out in practical ways:

- Donations to our Food Bank
- Support the work of our SVP and Legion groups in their work with the elderly/isolated/lonely people in our parish.
- Support prisoner's children with Christmas gifts (see Fr John for details)

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

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Friday 23rd November 2018

A special evening when we remember our dearly beloved departed relatives and friends—the ones we felt so close to. A special Mass offered for the repose of their souls followed by a quiet time with the calling of their names (that you have handed in as you come into the church) and then an opportunity to bring forward your crosses to be planted in front of the altar in remembrance of them. Please join us if you are able.

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 BURLINGHAM 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 at 7.30pm on 22nd November** 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.

PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday 24th November 2018 - 12noon to 3.00pm

Please can you help [us] to make our Parish Bazaar a success this year by donating something. We are looking for **Raffle Prizes, Tombola Prizes (bottles of spirits, wine, tins of sweets, chocolates etc), new items—toiletries, perfume, gifts, cuddly toys, craft items, cakes, biscuits.** Please bring items to the church or to the parish house asap. **CAN YOU HELP WITH YOUR TIME**—on Friday 23rd November to help set up the hall or on the day itself even if for only an hour. If you can help in any way give a call to 8804 2149. Many thanks as always.

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.

Special Service at WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Aid to the Church in Need is holding a service in Westminster Abbey in solidarity with Christians in the Middle East. This service, celebrating the faith and contribution of Middle East Christians will take place on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 5.00pm. These Christians have suffered a great deal for their faith and their courage and example inspires us all.

MASS & TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

On Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm there will be a special Mass of Remembrance in the church. As we move towards the end of our time of prayer for the Repose of the Holy Souls it will be an opportunity for us to think and pray about those who were closest to us but have died. As you enter the church you will be given the opportunity to hand in the names of one or two people who you want to particularly remember—these names will be called out during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which will follow the Mass. You will also be handed a Cross which you can bring forward and plant in front of the altar—this will be a symbol of the love you had for these people but it will also carry your intention of prayer for them for the repose of their souls. Please join us for this special occasion of prayer and devotion.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

November Intention: Universal: In the Service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict. **Please also pray for the Holy Father himself—Pope Francis.**

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

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday 24th November 2018

This will take place in the Chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, London N16 5BL from 4.15pm to 5.15pm.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23—24th November 2018

Carmelite Priory, Chiswell, Oxford OX1 5HB
Oliver Abasolo: abasolo35@gmail.com

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, Theresa Matovu, Margaret Creed, Tim Hickey, Agnes Walsh, James Gubagana, Juliet Nabutende, Scola Namyalo, Henry & Justine Rutabyama, Leslie & Violet Fraser, James Scott, Agnes Walsh, Mary Conway, Ailsa Wintle, Richard O'Reilly, Sudath Kumarsinghe, Scarlet Freestone, David Kirunda, Angela McKeown, Marie Francaisa Babet

Pray also for those who have died recently:

Katherine Montgomery, Paul Fitzgerald, Patrick Doyle, Robin Doel, Dante Falzone, Gabriel Okechukwu, Eleanor Gould, Rose Katende.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Chetty, Salvador Fernandes, Anthony D'Silva, Noel Marah, William Reilly, Lisa Marie McDonagh, Severina Fernandes, Maria Lisanti, Noel Sebulinda, Cora Coman, John Conway.