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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

21/22 November 2020

Saturday 21st November
 The Presentation of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention (Monica)

Sunday 22nd November
 Our Lord Jesus Christ
 King of the Universe

Ronald Yep RIP

10am Belinda Fernandes
 (Birthday) (Pereira)

Monday 23rd November

The Faithful Departed

Tuesday 24th November
 St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest
 & Companions, Martyrs

10am Funeral – Linda O'Brien RIP

Wednesday 25th November

Noel Carey RIP (Williams)

Thursday 26th November

People of the parish

Friday 27th November

Ann Ramsey Intention (de Souza)

Saturday 28th November

Mary Juliet Fernando RIP

Sunday 29th November
 1st Sunday of Advent

Rodney Fernandes RIP (Pereira)

10am The Faithful Departed

The Solemnity of Christ the King - 'what you did to the least, you did to me'

This weekend marks the end of the Church's year. Next Sunday we open a new liturgical year, with the first Sunday of Advent. The gospel today is very familiar and challenging. COVID makes it difficult for everyone, but as Christ's disciples we are still invited to recognise him in the poor, the needy and the broken. It means that we have to be very sensitive and 'notice' those who are on the margins.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

All things being equal - Father Michael will celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 6 December at 12noon. Our candidates (Emilia Acuti, Isabella Borgese, Emer Fadian, Josh Ioannou, Olivia Ioannou, Chiemezue Nwamba, Caitlyn Pereira, Cameron Tabarrok, Amelia Willoughby) will be marked with Oil of Chrism blessed by the Cardinal in the Cathedral. 9 candidates will mean 6 guests each under COVID restrictions. Importantly there will be a final meeting of the candidates in the church on **Thursday 3 December at 5pm - including a short rehearsal for the ceremony.** Please pray for our young parishioners on such a special day.

May Stevens: Happy 95th birthday! THIS WEEKEND!

Yes - it is true - May celebrates her 95th birthday on 22 November. Amazing! May is still active, alert - and faithful. She looks forward to getting back to our parish choir. Father Michael writes- 'I join with the whole parish May - in wishing you God's blessing on such a special day. Heartiest congratulations and prayerful good wishes'. From the parish family.

Linda O'Brien RIP

The daughter of Michael O'Brien died recently. A long term, life-long parishioner - Linda's funeral will take place on Tuesday 24 November at 10am - under COVID restrictions. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christmas Fayre - 2020!!

Father Michael writes- 'in any *normal* year I would be promoting our Christmas Fayre and other special events; precious experiences which bring us together as a parish family. All these moments are off limits at the moment! Yet LOCKDOWN doesn't lockdown our regard and prayer for each other. We remain a true community of faith and service. Let us stay close to the Lord and to each other'.

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020 at 3pm

The Christmas Carol sing-a-long will be going ahead this year but will be moving to ZOOM. As you know, we are not allowed to sing together in church, however holding this event on Zoom will allow us to sing to our heart's content in the safety of our own homes. I hope many of you will be able to join and if you are able to lead a carol (in a similar way to what our musicians do on Sunday) then please let Janice know on Pereira_janice@hotmail.com. Similarly if you need any help connecting on Zoom, either over the internet or phone, please let her know. Further details to follow but in the meantime, save the date and time – Sunday 13th December between 3pm and 4pm and don't forget to start baking those mince pies. It will be a lovely way for us all to be "together" before Christmas.

Important details

We will continue to live-stream the 10am Sunday Mass. The deep desirable call is to return to Mass in church, but there remain pastoral circumstances which are well-served by the on-line liturgy. Let us all remain united in faith and prayer - especially for those who suffer in any way. God bless you. Father Michael

This is the link for our 10am Mass each Sunday. Please share details with others and maybe help them with the technology. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>

Church open for Private Prayer

Following the introduction of Lockdown 2, the Church is no longer open for Mass but is open for short private prayer only, between the hours of 11am and 12pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Numbers are restricted to just 15 at any one time. Face masks must be worn at all times, and you will be expected to sign in as before. Cleaning wipes will be left by each of the pews for your cleaning of the seat occupied, on your leaving.

St. Joseph's Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 please [click here](#) to view our school video. If you have any questions regarding admissions please feel free to contact us by phone: 020 8863 8531 or email: office@stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk

From Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti

People can develop certain habits that might appear as moral values: fortitude, sobriety, hard work and similar virtues. Yet if the acts of the various moral virtues are to be rightly directed, one needs to take into account the extent to which they foster openness and union with others. This is made possible by the charity that God infuses. Without charity, we may perhaps possess only apparent virtues, incapable of sustaining life in common. Thus, Saint Thomas Aquinas could say – quoting Saint Augustine – that the temperance of a greedy person is in no way virtuous. Saint Bonaventure, for his part, explained that the other virtues, without charity, strictly speaking do not fulfil the commandments "the way God wants them to be fulfilled".

The spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love, which in the end remains "the criterion for the definitive decision about a human life's worth or lack thereof". Yet some believers think that it consists in the imposition of their own ideologies upon everyone else, or in a violent defence of the truth, or in impressive demonstrations of strength. All of us, as believers, need to recognize that love takes first place: love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love (cf. *1 Cor 13: 1-13*).