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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16/17 October 2021

Saturday 16th October

5.30pm Linda Kiakides Intention

Sunday 17th October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Alic Smith RIP

10am Clency Lutchmaya RIP
(Obeegadoo)

Monday 18th October
St Luke, Evangelist

9.30am Special Intention

Tuesday 19th October

9.30am Paul Kehoe &
Bernie Kehoe (Anniv)

Wednesday 20th October

9.30am Yan Lee RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 21st October

NO LITURGY

Friday 22nd October

7pm Chal Grech RIP

Saturday 23rd October

5.30pm Private Intention

Sunday 24th October
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am James & Mary McDermott
RIP

10am Samuel & Louis Balogh RIP

Empty celebrity and greatness of soul

Jesus makes it clear in this weekend's gospel that status as a disciple does not depend on popular recognition, rank or even 'success'. Now and again we have a special moment, but the teaching of our Lord is clear. 'Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant'. We won't win salvation by being a **winner** in the competition of life. Jesus shares with us in the gospel - that he did not come to be served, but to serve. It is difficult. From the point of view of everyday human nature, it seems unfair. We are called to be servants in our marriage, in our family life and in our daily relationships. Why? Basically because our key to daily living is to be conformed to Christ. This is our Baptismal calling. It is possible when we depend totally on God's grace.

What is the meaning of the SYNOD called for by Pope Francis?

In his recent Pastoral letter- Cardinal Vincent reminded us that the Pope has invited every parish and diocese throughout the WORLD to begin a Synod JOURNEY. More meetings - not necessarily. More LISTENING is the clue. Not simply something just for the chattering classes; something for us ALL. It needs to be lay-led; not just another proposal from the priest. It is a world-wide invitation. Two parishioners have shown interest in opening up the SYNOD LISTENING JOURNEY here in Stanmore. More to come!

Little Amal

Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey/Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 25th October at 2pm**, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> Please be seated by 1.45pm.

November - month of the faithful departed

The month of the Holy Souls is a deeply Catholic time - when through the month we remember those who died. We will have our customary 'Holy Souls lists' with envelopes available next weekend in preparation.

A 'celebrity' parishioner! Great British Bake Off

Those who follow the BAKE OFF programme on Channel 4 Tuesdays - will have seen that Crystelle Pereira is making her mark with her ability each week. Crystelle is the daughter of Derrick and Elaine and, with her two sisters, a well-known parish family. Well done Crystelle – your home parish will follow your progress with our full support and affection.

Returning to Mass in Church!

On the first Sunday of Advent, the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday will be restored. You will remember that Rome and our own bishops lifted the obligation at the beginning of the Virus lockdowns. This will be an important step for our parish community. The parish will also review the continuation of live-streaming. Opinions welcome!!

Our parish family from many nations (1)

“It would be good if parishioners could share a short update about life and times in their country of origin - in the light of COVID and other realities. Many of our parish family have Nigerian connections. Nigeria is suffering greatly in terms of continuing terrorism and conflict. In Biafra region - the Ebo people are under sustained attack; adults and youngsters. Our hearts are broken by the accounts of such cruelty.

Mass Intentions

Currently - the booked Mass list extends well into December. It is not always easy to secure a particular date at short notice.

The 'Assisted Dying Bill'

This very threatening piece of legislation is going to the House of Lords. Of course - it is promoted in terms of 'compassion' for individuals who are suffering greatly and terminal. Yet we know from past experience that medical legislation initially said to be only for limited and extreme circumstances - soon morphs into widespread and even limitless use. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray for this matter - which so threatens respect for the fabric of life - God's gift!

A Daily Prayer to Saint Joseph

given to us by Pope Francis for this year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Readers Rota

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| <u>16 October 5.30pm</u> | Lily Meghji | <u>17 October 8am</u> | Georgina Martins |
| <u>17 October 10am</u> | Readings Maureen Ruane Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger | | |
| <u>23 October 5.30pm</u> | Monica Clifford | <u>24 October 8am</u> | Rosemary Chukwulobelu |
| <u>24 October 10am</u> | Readings Tim & Mel Goodger Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler | | |
| <u>30 October 5.30pm</u> | Noretta Reece | <u>31 October 8am</u> | Daphne Byron |
| <u>31 October 10am</u> | Readings Georgia Nwawulor Bidding prayers Robert Chandler | | |

Counters Rota

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| <u>17 October</u> | Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe |
| <u>24 October</u> | Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam |
| <u>31 October</u> | Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva |