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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25/26 September 2021

Saturday 25th September

5.30pm Matthew Sinnott RIP

Sunday 26th September
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Sister Bernadine (Moody)

10am Chris Taylor RIP
(Martins Family)

Monday 27th September
St Vincent de Paul, Priest

9.30am Rodney Fernandes RIP
(Anniv)

Tuesday 28th September

9.30am John McGowan RIP

Wednesday 29th September
Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Archangels

9.30am Anazodo Intention

Thursday 30th September
St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

NO LITURGY

Friday 1st October
St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Virgin & Doctor

7pm Elizabeth Lunny Intention

Saturday 2nd October
The Holy Guardian Angels

5.30pm Bourke Intention

Sunday 3rd October
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mary & Tom Conroy
Intention

10am Liam & Christina RIP
(Anniv)

“We belong to Christ- we belong to Jesus”

To truly and warmly BELONG is an intense human experience. It is not simply a question of being a member of an organisation or group of any kind; belonging goes much deeper! Belonging to Jesus does not necessarily mean that we always get things right. What a relief! It doesn't mean that we have fulfilled all the 'terms and conditions'. It doesn't mean that we have a perfect record! We have tried prayerfully and simply! The gospel this weekend reminds us about sharing a 'cup of cold water' with the person in need - but doing it in the name of Jesus. The same gospel also provides a warning, a strong message that sanctity consists, not in the perfection of our bodies but in the soundness of our souls.

In the first reading today - Moses received complaints about two prophets preaching though they had not been properly enrolled. Moses rejects the complaining critics - 'If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets.' The Scriptures this weekend challenge us. We need to wrestle with the Word of God!

Mass of Anointing

Next Saturday (2 October) at the 5.30pm Mass - we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing with Holy Oil. This Sacrament of hope and healing is for all who wish, whether it be physical need, troubles of mind or spirit or simply a deep desire for the special blessing of Jesus. All are welcome to come forward for this Sacrament.

An opportunity for Confession

Saturday 2 October 10.30am – 11.30am; Father Michael will be available in our church/hall for the Sacrament of Penance; a direct meeting with the mercy of God. Please take this opportunity especially if it has been a while since a regular Confession.

October the month of the holy rosary

In the 1970s and 80s it seemed that the Rosary 'went out of fashion.' It was surely Pope Saint John Paul II who restored this powerful prayer to Catholic practice. To the three well known decades of the rosary (joyful, sorrowful and glorious) Saint John Paul added the five LUMINOUS mysteries: 1. The Baptism of the Lord, 2. The wedding feast at Cana, 3. The proclamation of the Kingdom, 4. The Transfiguration and 5. The Eucharist – the Last Supper. Enter into the quiet rhythm of the beads and the reflective prayers.

Monday to Wednesday – rosary in the church after Mass; before Mass on Friday evening. On Saturday/Sunday the rosary will be recited before the first morning Mass.

SINGING - with joy!

‘There are some blessings in our Masses in the hall/church! One of the striking ones for me is the singing at the 10am Sunday Mass. Truly, it is much BETTER than in the church. The words on the screen make a difference and the combination of Jade, Cameron and Marcello leading-is powerful. People of God - keep on singing loud and clear. Praising God with our voices is a special experience together.’
(Father Michael)

Father Michael writes

‘As I shared with you recently dear brothers and sisters – at some time in the near future I will be stepping down as Parish Priest of Stanmore and moving into retirement. Of course, priests never really STOP! Mass and daily prayer, service of others and the wider needs of the Church continue. I will be helping out in various places where priests are away or indisposed. The diocese has now indicated a future ‘home’ where I will reside. It is in Bushey – so it is nearby, which I am happy about, yet not too near for the sake of the new priest!! In Bushey it is a house around the corner from the Catholic church. More details eventually.’

From Tony Murphy

A further issue has arisen with the flooring being embedded into the brickwork of the church, necessitating additional remedial works. These works will impact on the project completion date. A revised date is being ascertained but is likely to be late November.

An historic moment – prayer, fasting and penance

Pope Francis and many others remind us that we are living through a very particular time! The Holy Father writes- “It is not Lent! Yet it is a turning point in our personal lives and in the history of the Church and of the world. There are moments when we ought to kneel down and raise our supplication to God. There are moments when we ought to fast and do penance because we believe that God can be moved to respond with pity and compassion. We believe in a merciful God who can be moved by prayer and acts of penance. The Bible is full of such moments. We are living through such a time of challenge and hope.” We can all play a part in various ways – crying out to God for the poor and for the earth. From Stanmore – let us raise a great song of intercession and sacrifice – using the traditional words of the psalm – ‘Lord, spare your people, show us your mercy, grant us your unfailing help.’

Calling parents for our First Holy Communion Programme 2022

We will have our usual First Holy Communion Programme in 2022. This will be for children who are just now starting in year 3, or above, in school. If you would like more information at this stage, please make yourself known to Carol-Anne after the Sunday 10am Mass. Any of the stewards can point you in the direction of Carol-Anne to say hello. Father Michael will announce dates and provide application forms in a couple of months’ time.

Readers Rota

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| <u>25 September – 5.30pm</u> | Noretta Reece | <u>26 September – 8am</u> | Daphne Byron |
| <u>2 October – 5.30pm</u> | Martin Rush | <u>3 October – 8am</u> | Rose Okosi |
| <u>9 October – 5.30pm</u> | Jennifer Bourke | <u>10 October – 8am</u> | Freda Adzinku |

Counters Rota

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| <u>26 September</u> | Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva |
| <u>3 October</u> | Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan |
| <u>10 October</u> | Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese |