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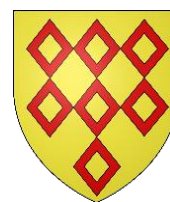
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7-8 October 2023 – 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Sat 7 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Mass – for Paula Gallagher
SUN 8 8am 10am R: Glorious	27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – Alec Moody RIP and Kay Moody (Wedding anniversary) Parish Mass and Rosary – Thanksgiving (Nadim), for all the blessings (Sheneen) <i>St John Henry Newman, priest</i> Mass and Rosary – for Sandra Fernandes (health)
Mon 9 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>St Paulinus of York, Bishop</i> Mass and Rosary – for Preesha Sanghrajka (health)
Tues 10 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St John XXIII, Pope</i> Mass and Rosary – for Baby Jonas (Thanksgiving)
Wed 11 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Wilfrid, Bishop</i> [Gospel of the Day: Luke 11.5–13]
Thurs 12 No mass R: Luminous	
Fri 13 7pm R: Sorrowful	St Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese Mass and Rosary – Thanksgiving (recovery from sickness)
Sat 14 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of the 27th Week of the Year</i> Mass –
SUN 15 8am 10am R: Glorious	28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass and Rosary – Departed souls of the De Cruz family

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home** and use the calendar in your daily prayer.

◆ **Before Mass, when the tower bell rings, pray together:** ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Please, let's now keep silence together until Mass begins.*

◆ **During Mass,** parents and carers, please feel free to do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to move around church with them. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, please accompany any child who needs to use the toilet while you're in church. Thanks.

◆ **The ORDER of Mass** on the new pew Mass Card.

◆ **Today's readings** are to be found on pp.137-139 of the *Parish Mass Book*. And the psalm response is: **'The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.'**

CAFOD Family Fast Day was last Friday. We're collecting envelopes today. If you missed it and would like to make a donation you can EITHER take an envelope and return it next week, OR do it directly through the CAFOD website at cafod.org.uk/give, OR text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. *Please also fast for a day and pray for CAFOD's work.*

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** Drinks and often cakes, but always a chance to catch up and share fellowship.

REFLECTIONS on today's readings October traditionally signals the end of harvest time. Though changes in weather patterns have advanced the start to mid-July and this year the season was near complete by 12 September. One of the harvests which has the greatest impact on life is the grape harvest. We drink more and more wine, and the English nose and palate are becoming increasingly discerning. Palestine had vineyards in the time of Jesus and, judging by the parables the Church has put before us for the past three weeks, not only was He familiar with their workings but He portrayed the human relations characteristic of vineyards as a reflection of the relationship between God and his people. In St John's gospel Jesus uses the

- ◆ **Reconciliation (Confession)** 20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or at anytime by appointment
- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement through Funeral Directors

Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130

Returning to faith? or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful. (It's a free telephone helpline.) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 or catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Daily Christian art and faith on your phone Try it; you'll like it. <https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/>

Prepare for next Sunday's Mass
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<https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/>

image of the vine itself to describe the relationship between himself and his disciples. Pope Benedict has a masterly presentation of this image in Scripture in wonderful *Jesus of Nazareth* book (2007, pp.248-63).

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 5.1-7 Most songs in our culture, as well as in classical music are love songs. And this extract from the prophet Isaiah is an ancient love song. It tells of the owner's exhaustion with his vineyard: his disappointment with it and the violent reaction his disappointment brings. He had done all he could to cultivate and protect it: what more could he have done? We know from the scriptures that he did in fact do much more for it. He had sent the prophets. He had turned history on its head by the defeat of powerful Babylon to save his beloved vineyard, Israel. Finally, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the owner sent his only son to care for his vineyard. He had done his very best to demonstrate his love for it. He could not see his vineyard fall into ruin. But it is His total commitment that saves it.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 4.6-9 We were already living in an age of increased and widespread anxiety well before Covid turned our world upside-down

– at least since the global financial crisis a decade before that. We were increasingly worried about international security threats, the rise of populist politics and dictators, irreversible global warming and climate change. How could we not be worried? Not to be concerned, especially for the powerless of the world and the rising generation of young people, would surely be grossly irresponsible? And yet this scripture passage brings us great peace. We are at peace as long as we remain united with the Lord Jesus. He provides us with inner strength; we shelter under his protecting wing; we have the security that the God who brings us peace is with us.

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43 It is significant indeed that Matthew includes this parable in his gospel, writing as he was at the time when the fate of the Jewish people was being decided by their defeat by the Imperial Roman forces, and the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in AD 70. The landowner's son in the story would easily be identified by the early Christians with Jesus, the people to whom stewardship of God's vineyard had passed. This parable tells the tragic love song of the Jewish people.

CONFIRMATION Spring 2024: Candidate Enrolment Forms – for teenage and adult candidates – in the Narthex. Please complete and return them to Fr Jonathan by **15 October**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION May 2024 Starting in **January**, there will be weekly classes until First Holy Communion Mass at the end of May 2024. If you have a child currently in school-year 3 or above, and they want to receive Holy Communion please speak to Carol-Anne after any Sunday 10am Mass to register your interest and get more information.

Mass cards: We have new Mass cards in the pews, to help people, especially new-comers, share in worship.

21 October 10-4.15 A Day with Mary St George's Sudbury HA0 2QE

29 October Diary Date Fr Michael will celebrate and preach the Parish Mass, to mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination. It will be followed by a light lunch in the Hall. **Please sign up (name and numbers) in the Narthex. Simple.**

Fr Dominic McKenna, parish priest of the two parishes in Borehamwood died peacefully on Monday evening, in The Royal Free Hospital where he had been for the past few weeks. Pray for him and the people of the parishes. *St Teresa: St John Fisher and St Thomas More: pray for him.*

Mass Snippet No.2 alongside our new Mass cards
Three ancient Catholic habits for us all to notice, and make into habits from the Introductory Rites (front page):

1 *'All make the Sign of the Cross'* It's our first action together: We gather together at Christ's table to be fed – but it is the 'Supper of the Lamb' – who was killed but is now alive

2 *'All striking their breast three times'* This is an outward gesture during confession (which we say to one another not just God!) of our acknowledgement, responsibility, and sorrow for sin.

3 *'All pray in silence for a while.'* Before the priest says the opening prayer this is a powerful moment to be still together, to pray in silence, and offer our private prayers.

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<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app>
The word of God and the complete teachings of the Catholic Church. Answers, commentary by Fr. Mike Schmitz, video, audio, and textual commentary.
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“Without prayer, there will be no Synod,”

Pope Francis

Please pray this short Litany, daily:

O Holy Spirit, Creator and Lord of the Church who fills and guides Christ's Body, and gently urges her ever onward, to you Giver of Life! we address this prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, soul of the Church: gather into unity and make fruitful the toil, the hope, and the desire of everyone involved in the Synod Assembly, we implore you.

Come, Beauty of the lowly and the poor, build up the beautiful bride of the Lamb through the tears of those who love peace and hunger for justice, we invoke you.

Come, unapproachable Wisdom, and fill us with your gifts of discipleship, communion and mission, we beseech you.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

Readers rota

7 Oct	5.30pm	Martin Rush
8 Oct	8am	Daphne Byron
	10am	Derrick Pereira & family, Patrick & Joseph Arthur
14 Oct	5.30pm	Noretta Reece
15 Oct	8am	Amalie Direkze
	10am	Robert Chandler, Tim & Mel Goodger

Church Cleaning rota

14 Oct Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

21 Oct Team B : Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė, Viktoriia Vrublievska