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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13 NOVEMBER 2022 THIRTIETH-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Parish Mass Book page 164

8.00am Sr Mary Healy and Marist Sisters living and dead (Manche Family)

Confessions - 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Requiem Mass for the Fallen in the two World Wars

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 14th Feria 9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: John Quigley RIP (Frank McCluskey)

Tuesday 15th St Albert the Great

9.00 am Rosary

Mass: Nora Higgins – 99th Birthday (Marjie Whitear) 9.30 am

Wed 16th **NO MASS TODAY**

Thurs 17th **Feria** 9.00 am Rosary 9.30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 18th Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter and St Paul

9.00 am Rosary

Mass: Cyril Fairman RIP (B & M Clune) 9.30am

Sat 19th Feria 9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Amelia and Joseph Manche RIP (Manche Family)

Sunday 20 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C)

8.00am Kate Ward RIP (Frank McCluskev) 10.00am For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Holy Souls Last Week's Offertory

£ 576.19 (of which £ 325.00 is Gift Aided)

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Archbishop's Administration Fund

Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.

The Parish Office is normally open on Mon, Wed and Fri from 10am until 12noon. All Parish bookings should be made during these times.

If you would like Mass to be offered please write clearly and complete a brown Mass Intention Envelope. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please give at least eight weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.

Kingston Hospital If you are admitted to Kingston Hospital, it is your responsibility to inform the ward staff if you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of a patient in the Hospital please call the Hospital Main Switchboard on 020 8546 7711 who will contact the Chaplain.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 10.15am-10.45am, after every weekday Mass and by appointment by ringing or e-mailing Fr Peter – contact details at top of this page.

Readers 13th Nov 8am: Cecilia S 10am: Tony G 6pm: Howard B Readers 20th Nov 8am: Valentino F 10am: Alex D 6pm: Howard B Counters 13th Nov Vera and Valentino Cleaners w/c 14th Nov **Audry and Siobhan** Counters 20th Nov Karen and Una Cleaners w/c 21st Nov Jozwicki Group

REFLECTION - DO NOT BE AFRAID - CHRIST IS GUIDING US

Life is tough, and now the road ahead seems to be getting tougher. Somehow our world is creaking as never before since we emerged from the horrors of the two World Wars. We remember the fallen. We hoped the future would get better and better. But wars continue and some people are petrified that global warming has gone too far and it will mean the inevitable end of our planet within a hundred years. How can all this be? Surely the world was meant to be on a pathway of inevitable progress? The so-called "progressives" in our society certainly thought so. But they took the wrong path - a path that abandoned an understanding of right and wrong, a path without the justice of Christ. The Gospel of Luke may prompt us to think Jesus is talking about the end of the world today. But in the Mount Olivet Discourse, Jesus is predicting the destruction of Jerusalem using apocalyptic language drawn from the Old Testament. And indeed, in AD 70 the Romans raised Jerusalem to the ground destroying the Jewish Temple stone by stone. The destruction of the Temple - the centre of the spiritual universe of the Jewish people - did represent the end of the Jewish world, and at the time the disciples still considered themselves Jews. Jesus warns the disciples to be careful, to expect the worst, to endure to the end. He urges them not to fear. He bolsters them and us, saying "not a hair on your head will be lost." Jesus is with us until the end of time itself. We Christians know that our present and future is with God, both on this earth, in this life and in life eternal. St Paul reminds us that we are called to work for the common good in this world and to be involved personally in a loving relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirt. We fear nothing whatsoever. Life may be tough and uncertain, but we have the joy of knowing Christ who shows us the beauty of being human and the joy of loving and caring for one another.

Thought for the week

Do not be afraid – trust God, because "not a hair on your head will be lost" (Luke 21:18)

FR PETER WRITES - ADVENT APPROACHES!

Advent begins in two weeks' time. In the West, Advent has come to be seen as a period of making merry, of parties and of excess even! But we only have to look at the Scripture readings over the first Sundays of Advent to realise that it is a period of examination of conscience, of examinination of conscience, fasting, abstinence and prayer. It is a period of spiritual and material preparation for a beautiful cosmic event – the incarnation. We can focus on that now and ask "how will I prepare for the incarnation?" And then, when the incarnate Son of God is born, we can enjoy feasting and merriment all the more!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We remember today the millions of people – soldiers and civilians - who died in the two World Wars of the last century, and indeed all those who have suffered and died as a result of war. We commend their souls to the ever merciful God. May they rest in peace.

REQUIEM MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

You are most welcome to join the clergy of the Kingston Deanery to celebrate Mass for the deceased clergy of the Deanery. The Mass will take place at St. Agatha's Church, Kingston on Tuesday 15 November at 12noon.

CHURCH AND HALL HEATING

The work to install new boilers for the church has been completed and all being well we will find a warm church from today. We thank God. The work to replace the boilers and convector units in the Hall continues. The target date for completion remains 25 November.

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to those who have applied to become altar servers. I shall be e-mailing your parents shortly to gather you together for training sessions. Let's try to get organized so that we have altar servers over the Christmas season. You can become an altar server at any time. Simply approach Fr Peter for an application form.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2nd COLLECTION TODAY AFTER MASS

This is a **hugely important appeal** for the effective running of the Archdiocese and the support of many people and faith projects. Money collected will be reinvested back into parish life, and is spent on:

Youth and Evangelisation – to strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes and support the work of parish catechists. **Our faith in action** – to love all people by protecting human dignity, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth, our common home, and supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

Care and formation of our clergy – to care for sick and retired priests who have given their life to our service; support ongoing formation of clergy in active ministry, and to support the work of the vocations team and the formation of seminarians and deacons.

Pooled together, our support can have a big impact in our faith community. Some of the money will be given to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.

Donations by cash / cheque using Archbishop's Appeal envelopes in the church porch or donate online at rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or scan QR code on poster in church porch.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Application forms for Confirmation are still available in the church porch and on the parish website. The programme is suitable for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Those interested please approach me. The course will start in January with the Confirmation ceremony in October 2023.

DAY OF HEALING

THE ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP (ANCCG) would like to invite you and your parishioners for 'Day of Healing' on Saturday 26 November taking place at Our Lady of Annunciation, Addiscombe, Croydon from 10am to 4pm. The theme for the day is 'Heal me O Lord'. The programme will start with the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by word of God, Holy wounds novena, rosary, healing prayer, adoration, confession and praise and Worship.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON – DON'T DELAY YOUR BOOKING - 31 JULY TO 7 AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3 star accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book by clicking on this link: https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark - For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY for the Sick especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin Jackson, Steve Jackson, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Jimmy Murphy, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY FOR ADMISSION IN 2023

You are invited to visit the school as prospective parents for admission in September 2023. The school offers tours of the school and an opportunity to meet the Head on Friday 25 November at 9.15am. Parents of boys: please note that the school feeds into Richard Challoner Catholic Secondary School. To book a place, please go to: www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/admissions. Also note school email: admin@oli.rbksch.org

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Keeping our faith alive & helping our children The Ignatius Catholic Study: The New Testament, with

Introduction, Commentary and Notes by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2010.
This uses the most faithful translation of the Bible: the Revised Standard Version (Second Catholic Edition).
Hahn and Mitch are renowned Catholic Scripture experts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **15 November** Annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy, St Agatha's Catholic Church, Kingston, 12 noon.
- **25 November** Our Lady Immaculate School Open Day, 9.15 am.
- **26 November** Day of Healing, Addiscombe, Croydon from 10 am to 4 pm.
- **27 November** First Sunday of Advent.