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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 OCTOBER 2024

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Mass Times

- Sat 19** **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 Denis Chau Birthday
12:30 **Baptism Nicolás Hörbye Mascarque**
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**
 People of the Parish
- Sun 20** **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Mission Day
10:00 Private Intentions
12:30 **Baptism Leander Walker-Bell**
- Mon 21** **Feria**
09:30 Father Jake (Jesus) Dicto RIP
 (Archdiocese of Southwark)
- Tues 22** **Feria**
09:30 Intentions of Rita & Mike O'Hare
- Weds 23** **Feria**
09:30 All Souls
- Thurs 24** **Feria**
09:30 Laurence Jay RIP
- Fri 25** **Feria**
09:30 Esther Julia Molina RIP
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat 26** **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 Intentions of Fr Saju Pinakkattu Thomas
12:30 **Baptism Cosmo Aleksis Maughan**
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**
 Intentions of Maureen Mullally-Clarke
- Sun 27** **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 People of the Parish
12:30 **Baptism Louie Kenneth Rees**



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, 1545, Jacopo Bassano

The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the High Priest who has entered the highest heaven. Christ is indeed the true priest who has offered his life in sacrifice for the reconciliation of mankind with God. Yet Christ's resurrection and ascension have not separated him from us. The whole point of the incarnation is that our High Priest is one 'who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.' It is because the Son of God became a human being in Jesus Christ that we can come to him *as we are*. We do not pretend to be any better than we truly are, but trust in his mercy and forgiveness.

It is a wonderful thing to be a Christian: to be one entrusted by God to share in his mission to bring the Good News of salvation to this world. Like the apostles – with all their faults and failings – we too are called to be witnesses to the risen Christ and to build his Kingdom in this world. We can only do that by surrendering ourselves to Christ and serving him with humility and love.

Mgr Matthew

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45
Baptisms & Marriages:
Please contact the Parish Priest

SECOND COLLECTION

19-20 OCT - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. This collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young and poor.

Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. Local church directly helping local church.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

26-27 OCT - ORGAN FUND

For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.



LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 years) **meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to play. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2024 - 2025

RCIA group meets on Wednesday 23 October at 19:00 in the priest's house

PARISH QUIZ AND GAMES EVENING!

Last year we had a very successful & light-hearted quiz and games evening and are pleased to announce a date for this year:

Saturday 26th October at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

£5 entry fee on the door. Includes a sandwich supper, and soft drinks. Please BYO alcohol.

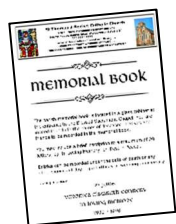
Please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. You can also indicate if you would like to be included a particular team.

An Autumn highlight for your diary!

MEMORIAL BOOK

We are now taking applications for entry into the parish memorial book. Located in the glass cabinet at the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the Memorial Book records the names of deceased relatives and friends. A donation of £25 per named

entry includes a mass offering for the deceased. This donation can be Gift Aided and all proceeds go to Parish Funds. Please see the back of the church for Memorial Book leaflets containing the application form or download from the parish website.



ST THOMAS A BECKET YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

For those aged (roughly!) 18-35, we meet socially throughout the year. A great way to get to know other young adults in the parish. New members are always welcome. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining.



AN EVENING WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on **Thursday 31st October at**



6:30 pm. The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social afterwards. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit

www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve or scan the QR code.

The Bishops' Conference are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Use the QR code to access a list of resources to help you stay informed. You will also find links to the charity *Right to Life UK's* online form to help you



contact your MP. Input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

THIS MONTH'S FILM CLUB!

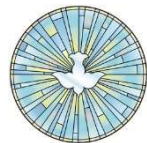
11:30am, Fri 25 Oct in the Parish Hall

for this month's movie... **Quartet**

Join us for a movie and some snacks.



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025



Registration forms for the confirmation programme 2024 - 2025 are available on the table at the back of the church. For young people in school year 8 and above.

Registrations close Sunday 3 November 2024

Parents & candidates' meeting Sat 9 November 15:00

First confirmation class Sun 10 November 11:00

Confirmation Retreat Day Sat 18 January

Confirmation Mass Sat 22 March 12:00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£391
Parish Dona	£275
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£141
Organ Fund Dona	£19



19 - 20 October

R Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

O Readers: SAT: E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay

SUN: A. Burnett & T. Greetham

T Flowers: V. Barkho

26 - 27 October

A Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva

S Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade

SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast

Flowers: A. Oliva

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the Month.

Next meeting: **9th November. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

23 Oct, 7pm, RCIA begins in the Priest's House

25 Oct 11:30am, Film Club in the Parish Hall

25 Oct 7:00pm, Parish Quiz and Games Night, Parish Hall