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SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	2ND	10:00	The Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial	
SATURDAY	2ND	18:00	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	3RD	08:30	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Solemnity	
	3RD	10:00	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	3RD	12:00	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Solemnity	
MONDAY	4тн	10:00	St Francis of Assisi	Memorial	St Lucy & Our Lord Jesus
TUESDAY	5тн	10:00	St Faustina Kowalska	Feria	Paddy Holohan
WEDNESDAY	6тн	10.00	St Bruno	Feria	Rosemary Wilton RIP
THURSDAY	7тн	10.00	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial	Mick Lawless
FRIDAY	8тн	10:00		Feria	
SATURDAY	9тн	10:00	St John Henry Newman	Feast	

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

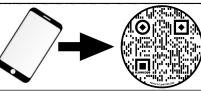


We pray for all who have died recently including Monica Ellie. We remember especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. In this coming week we will begin our parish sacramental programmes; preparing adults and children to receive the sacraments. We pray for all candidates who are to be prepared and catechists who will prepare them. We ask almighty God to bless us with an increase in faith so all may receive Jesus with joy!

This is normally a frantic time of year but - with the effects of the pandemic being felt in so many different ways - I've had lots of conversations with people who are stretched. Being stressed and stretched can manifest itself physically with feeling weary or unwell and - in particular - the frustration of not having time. - Time is something we often regard as most precious because it can be most rare and - when we are weary the giving of our time is difficult. We may feel that our spiritual life suffers because of this: we're so distracted we can't settle down to pray because this, that or the other item on the to-do list demands our attention. It is always good to be honest with ourselves and God and to admit that finding time is a struggle: it's something that is difficult. We may not be at the level of faith of Pope - and now saint - John Paul II when he said that "prayer is never time *lost* but time *gained.*" He would often be found - even in the small hours of the morning in his private chapel in the presence of the Lord Jesus in prayer (and as Pope he had quite a long to-do list). We - on the other hand - might find it hard to trust that making prayer a priority will help us. The key message here is: "do your best" and remember prayer is simply the raising of your heart and mind to God. Try it now!

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PARISH NEWS

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 6 & YEAR 7 CHILDREN!!! I am pleased to finally announce the launch of our ***Parish Youth Group*** for children in Years 6 and 7. We will meet on Sundays from 4pm to 5:45pm [starting 10th October]. I really believe it is important that our children grow in their understanding and practice of the faith by being given reasons to believe (input), Q&A, food, fun and prayer. It's only possible with our volunteers: thank you to all! Please encourage your child to come (I've made a video invitation for them to watch - click HERE).

NB All must register using THIS FORM. Please pray for the success of our youth group!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR COP26 GLOBAL SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE which will begin on Monday 1st November. COP26 will bring together world leaders to discuss ways we can combat climate change and Pope Francis will be in attendance. In preparation for the summit we are holding a prayer vigil in our Church on Wednesday 20th October at 7:30pm. It will include readings from scripture, prayers and music and all are welcome to attend.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This year's Family Fast Day is directing resources towards those living within communities who have been drastically affected by severe changes to their climate. Find more information via this link. Please leave your envelopes in the collection baskets.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING [AGM]: Our Parish AGM will take place on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 7pm in the Church Hall. All are warmly invited to attend at which we will thank our outgoing Parish Councillors and introduce new members of the Parish Council. Fr Victor Darlington - Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Camberwell and Chair of the Archdiocesan Commission for Promoting Racial Justice - will speak on the subject of Racial Justice.

SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS [FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 ENTRY]: All parents applying to Catholic schools for their children must fill in this form from our website. It contains all the information you need! UPDATE: The deadline for receiving SECONDARY SCHOOL priest's reference forms from parents is Monday 11th October. Any forms received after that date will not be signed by the priest. All signed SECONDARY SCHOOL forms can be collected on Monday 18th October. Please note from where...

Parents of children at Corpus Christi Primary School: The School Office [School hours]
Parents of children at other schools: The Priests' House [8am - 8pm]

THE SENIORS' EXERCISE GROUP continues on Monday 4th October at 10:30am in the hall, followed by light refreshments. Call John on 07722 60434 for enquires.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth since it is prayed by Jesus Himself as He offers Himself up on our behalf to the Father. Each Mass is traditionally offered by the priest for a particular intention and - you will notice from this Newsletter - that intentions are recorded in print. They are also announced at the start of each Mass. It is possible to arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention (maybe for the repose of the soul of a family member or friend who has died). To do this you can take an envelope from the Church porch in which it is customary to place a donation which forms a significant part of a priest's annual income.