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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT. VIGIL	3rd	18:00	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	
SUNDAY	4th	08:30	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Felix Moffett
		10:00	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
		12:00	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Margaret Boyle RIP
MONDAY	5th	<u>NO MASS</u>			
TUESDAY	6th	09:30	Saint Bruno	<i>Memorial</i>	Canon Christopher Tuckwell RIP
WEDNESDAY	7th	09:30	Our Lady of the Rosary	<i>Memorial</i>	
THURSDAY	8th	09:30	Feria		
FRIDAY	9th	09:30	St John Henry Newman	<i>Memorial</i>	
SATURDAY	10th	09:30	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Liam Tormey RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 17:00 - 17:45 [HALL]

CHURCH OPEN: WEDS: 4-6, FRI: 2-4, SAT: 4-6.



We pray for Roy Hutchinson, Annabelle Henry, Janet Cleeve, Michael Rawley, Mary Ungaro, Anna Maria (Nancy) Flaherty, Angelina Emanaus, William Gill 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. We pray for those who are suffering anxiety because of becoming isolated from family in light of repeated restrictions in different areas of the country. We pray for the prisoners of HMP Brixton who are still unable to encounter visitors and who have been unable to go to Mass because of restrictions. May all of those who are deprived of personal presence be assured of the presence of Christ in their lives despite the absence of companionship and social contact.

It is ten years since Pope Benedict XVI visited our country. I've seen photos of you making your way up to Hyde Park as a parish to be with him and so you may fondly remember the visit. I have many memories including sitting in the Radio 5 Live studio as he touched down on British soil answering Victoria Derbyshire's question about the credibility of Catholicism in the modern age (a nerve-wracking but positive experience)! I travelled on a coach in the small hours from London with other students for the priesthood to be with the Pope as he beatified or "raised to the altars" John Henry Newman. I'd yet to encounter Newman as a student but was encouraged to read his works by this experience and I was touched by his pursuit of the truth at personal cost. It was not easy for Newman to convert but, having realised the umbilical link between Christ and His Church's teaching over time, he eventually found the courage to confess and be received. Our Archdiocese produced a poster we use to advertise our times of private prayer which is on our railings and says simply "welcome home". This tells the simple truth that our Church isn't ours alone: all those passing by can read it and all are called to become friends of the Lord Jesus in His Church. Within our parish are those, like Newman, who are attracted by the truth and have been inspired to come home but are also reluctant. Let us ask St John Henry Newman to grant them the grace of being unafraid to experience the joy he knew of coming home. **Fr M.**

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Next Sunday's Readings: 28th Sunday in OT

First: Isaiah 25:6-10
 Psalm: Psalm 22(23)
 Second: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10



PARISH NEWS

RCIA - BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC: It's a strange acronym which stands for the Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults. We are coming to the end of our 2020 programme and are making plans for how we'll deliver our course for next year. Once details are finalised they will be announced on this page. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic there's not better year than this one! Do not be afraid to respond when invited and join others in the same boat as we explore the truths of Catholicism and prepare you to be received into full communion next Easter.

ALTAR SERVERS: It has been a sadness to be without our wonderful altar servers over these past months. We had a good meet-up back at the beginning of the year and I really don't want to lose the momentum of involvement of our young people at the altar. However, we need to be able to guarantee social distancing and hygiene before, during and after Mass. It is of the utmost importance that we therefore ensure a good rota system, supervision and procedures. With this in mind I'd like to ask if there's anyone who would be willing to help in this task. We also need volunteers who are DBS-checked for the parish to be present in the sacristy beforehand and afterwards. If you are willing to be involved in coordinating this please get in touch with me.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Our Justice and Peace Group usually coordinate (and have reminded me of) the annual appeal for CAFOD which takes place next Friday (9th October). It's a day on which we're encouraged to forego a meal and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. In these uncertain times the demands upon many of us makes charitable giving difficult which is understandable. However, if we are in a position to give please find more information [HERE](#) and also about how CAFOD is helping those most severely affected by the Coronavirus.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS CONFIRMED: All parents will receive an email in the next few days giving details of how we will conclude the programme of formation, celebrate first confessions and communions before the end of the year. I am grateful to our coordinator and our catechists for the work they have done and will do to enable our children to deepen their friendship with Jesus. Over the coming weeks they will prepare for the deepening of their friendship with the Lord Jesus which they will experience in receiving the most blessed sacrament for the first time. Exciting times!

CONFIRMATION: We will communicate the arrangements for how we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates to their parents next week.

PRIVATE PRAYER TIMES: Our private prayer time on Saturdays has now changed and will be from 4pm to 6pm each weekend. The Church is open every week and supervised by Stewards at the following times during which you are welcome to come in and pray:

Wednesdays - 4pm to 6pm
Fridays - 2pm to 4pm
Saturdays - 4pm to 6pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021: Please continue to watch this space.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS (2021 ENTRY): Please continue to deposit your initial forms and Priest's Reference Forms in the letterbox at The Priests' House. If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice please drop blank copies of that in along with your other forms (it can be found via a Google search): WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS