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SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	14th	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Novakovic & Chamberlen fam's RIP
SUNDAY	15th	10.00		<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
MONDAY	16th		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	17th	10.00	Saint Hilda	<i>Memorial</i>	Angele Falle
WEDNESDAY	18th	10.00	Feria		Tony DeMello RIP
THURSDAY	19th	10.00	Feria		DeMello & Correia Families RIP
FRIDAY	20th	10.00	Feria		John, Mai & Michael Howley RIP
SATURDAY	21st	10.00	Presentation of the B.V.M	<i>Memorial</i>	Vincent & Mary Ungaro RIP

CONFESSIONS: CURRENTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.



We pray for Frank Bateson who died recently and we pray for all 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 remember all of those for whom this lockdown has created pressures that seem insurmountable: for those who are exposed to neighbours who are unpleasant or hostile, to victims of domestic violence, to those struggling with addiction or helping a family member who has relapsed. We pray for all of those who struggle with loneliness and who are struggling because they are unable to connect with community groups that give them hope. We ask almighty God to help ensure the success of the promised vaccine so we may be reunited!

It is a very strange experience to have to open and then close our Church doors so quickly afterwards; to celebrate the Mass in solitude, be prevented from visiting the sick and giving instruction in person. There is an enforced detachment from what is vital in the vocation of the priest which makes this period seem like a very long Lent; only seasoned by the hope of Easter (of our coming back together in person). In making the Oath of Fidelity as your new parish priest I had to do so without any of you being present and I chose to do so at St Joseph's altar because of the significance of his being a father to Jesus: it was the most appropriate location. St Joseph's altar will be familiar to all of you; one of the most beautiful features of our Church, it shows us Joseph leading Jesus by the hand. Yet we remember that he was leading a child who was not his own and, in doing so, I'm sure there were times he wondered whether he lacked what he had expected from his vocation. We learned he was betrothed and would have naturally thought of having his own children yet this was not to be. Despite whatever difficulties he may have experienced in adjusting to what God had called him to do with his life, he adapted and persevered to ensure Jesus Christ was brought into the world. Joseph is, therefore, a role model for each and every one of us at this time. While we may feel rudderless in adjusting to changed circumstances which make us question our purpose let us, like St Joseph, turn to the purpose of our lives: Jesus Christ.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Christ the King

First: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
 Psalm: 22(23):1-3a,5-6
 Second: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



PARISH NEWS

ARCHBISHOP JOHN HAS APPOINTED ME AS YOUR NEW PARISH PRIEST: “It is with great joy I announce that Archbishop John Wilson (our Archbishop) has appointed me as successor to Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP as your new Parish Priest. I am humbled by the decision and I, first of all, ask for your prayers that I may be given the grace to be a good shepherd to all of you. I ask forgiveness for the times when you have experienced my shortcomings and I want you to know how grateful I am for the support you have given and the good wishes you have expressed since my arrival here over a year ago. Within this time of pandemic it is not possible to gather for a service of induction and so Archbishop John instead asked me to meet with his representative at the earliest opportunity. In fulfilling this request I invited Fr Marcus Holden, Parish Priest of St Bede’s, Clapham Park, Dean of Lambeth and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Catechesis, to our parish last week. He led a brief service in front of St Joseph’s altar (which I recorded for you and you can watch by [CLICKING HERE](#)) in which I made my profession of faith and took the oath of fidelity. It is sad that we were unable to share the ceremony together but I look forward to when we re-open for public worship in a few weeks’ time to welcome you back as your Parish Priest. I continue to remember you all at the altar and am praying, in particular, for those of you who are struggling. **Fr Matthew :-)**”

CHIRPY AND CHATTY CANONS EXPLAIN NOVEMBER “PLENARY INDULGENCE”: Pope Francis has announced that the traditional Plenary Indulgence granted around All Souls’-tide is extended to the whole of November (given the extraordinary circumstances we face). Within [THEIR VIDEO](#) discussing the communion of saints, two Norbertine Canons from Chelmsford, Essex, encourage us to respond to the Pope’s encouragement. A plenary (full) indulgence is granted by the Holy See to remit *all* “temporal punishment” due to our sins. While, in the sacrament of Confession, we are absolved of the guilt incurred by our sin, justice demands reparation and it is this that excuses us by the Church (the custodian of God’s mercy) with the granting of an indulgence. To obtain this indulgence at this time of year we are asked to visit a cemetery and pray for those who have died. Given that this is impossible for those isolating, the Holy See invites us to make our visit conscious, rather than actual, and our prayers at home (or in Church if we can). The conditions of an indulgence being granted are three: 1. Freedom from attachment to all sin (there’s a good article on how this is realistic [HERE](#)), 2. Sacramental confession (in this time the intention to go when possible once restrictions are lifted) and 3. Prayers for the Pope’s intentions. It may not be possible for you to pray for the dead at a cemetery but you are all warmly invited to come to our...

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:30PM: This coming Wednesday we will remember everyone you have asked to be included within our book of remembrance. We will reflect on God’s word and pray together for those who have died that they may be brought speedily to heaven. Join us on our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) or [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) . All are welcome!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE WEEKEND: Thank you to all our Stewards and our co-ordinator for arranging an increased schedule of Private Prayer enabling parishioners to visit the Lord Jesus Christ in our Church on two more occasions during lockdown at the weekend. Our revised schedule is as follows:

Monday - Friday: 8:45am - 9:45am (with Adoration)
Saturdays: 10:30am - 12:30pm / 4pm - 6pm
Sundays: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: are still being received. Deadline to be announced soon.