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TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY READINGS YEAR B. Weekday Readings Year1, Divine Office Week 3

PUBLIC MASS AND LITURGY TIMES 3RD - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Friday	3rd	St Gregory the Great	10:10am	Morning Prayer	
Friday	3rd		10:30am	Mass	(Elaine Glanville)
Saturday	4th	Twenty Third	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	(Ivo Whittington RIP)
Sunday	5th	Sunday in	8:30am	Mass	The Parish
Sunday	5th	Ordinary Time	10:30am	Mass	Care of our Common Home
Wednesday	8th	Birth of the Blessed	6:00pm	Exposition of the	Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	8th	Virgin Mary	6:45pm	Mass	The Companions of St Monica
Friday	10th		10:30am	Mass	(Bridie Levell RIP)
Saturday	11th	Twenty Fourth Sunday	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	(Kathleen Andrews RIP)
Sunday	12th	In	8:30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
Sunday	12th	Ordinary Time	10:30am	Mass	Our Schools

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS AT 5: 15PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

What a wonderful celebration it was last weekend of our Patron Saint, Augustine of Hippo. It all kicked off appropriately enough with an intimate family Baptism on the Saturday morning, a celebration of the sacrament that binds us all together into the One Body of Christ. Past, present and future, saints and sinners all sharing together in the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The readings for the Mass spoke for themselves: "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God." Indeed "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him." The parish Meeting that followed the 10:30am Mass was the first opportunity that I have had to engage with you in an open and public way since I arrived here in October 2019. And what a lot has happened and changed in that time.

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021. Large parts of that year were in various degrees of lockdown, parish income suffered and difficult decisions were made to cut costs. Rob expressed his gratitude to those many parishioners who have switched to standing orders. Meanwhile there has been a Diocesan Quinquennial Survey on the church, presbytery and grounds outlining a long list of urgent remedial work which will obviously have an ongoing impact on parish finances. So thank you for your generosity and keep up the good work.

The Open Forum buzzed with energy and ideas. Should we have a parish Mission? Should we have a Parish Council? Should we have different groups set up to tackle particular issues? And whatever we do, how can we ensure we remain inclusive and collaborative, trying to involve as many people as possible? Should we make our church building more open and available to people? Are there ways in which we can improve our care of the sick and dying?

I think the refreshments outside were much enjoyed. Thank you to Sue and Des for enabling that to happen and for those that helped to pour drinks on the day.

An interesting postscript, a local person passing by, seeing us outside enjoying ourselves, wanted to know a bit more about what our church is about – evangelisation in action!

TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION – A HOME FOR ALL?

Our world is suffering greatly. We pray for renewal. We pray for “interior conversion” and for “community conversion.” There are so many challenges, but we do do our praying in a spirit of hope and faith, remembering with Pope Francis that ultimately “rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise”. (Laudato Si)

AUTUMN FAYRE SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Posters are now available for distribution. Please place them in your front windows and other prominent places. Please bring items for the various stalls well in advance. Homemade cakes will be gratefully received on the day but for public health reasons non-food items need to be with us beforehand. Thank you for volunteering to look after various stalls, but more volunteers would be much appreciated. Pray for good weather, and let's hope we have a lovely day.

Any further information about the Autumn Fayre please contact Des and Sue Bell on 01726 810005.

APF/MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX COLLECTION BOXES

If anyone has a Red Box that they would like to be emptied, we are now in a position to be able to count the contents of the boxes and pay the much needed money to the charity. If you can bring your box to the church by the weekend of the 12th September we will get your box ready for you to collect as quickly as possible. If anyone in the Parish, who does not have a Red Box, would like to have one at home to enable them to collect their small change, please contact Sue Phillips on 01726 61500

COMPANIONS OF ST MONICA– A belated AGM to discuss the future 2:00pm Tuesday 7th September

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK and especially:- Dolores Buscombe, Frances, Rene, David Nugent, Helen Ledwidge, Yvonne Bradbury, Cynthia Rosevear, Angela Alderman, Jesus Mauri-Oria, Joseph Poole, Pauline Pallet, Val Cain, Pauline Abdey, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Sue Dugmore, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June Parsons, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford and Sally Wilson.

OPENING HYMN FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES TO HELP YOU JOIN IN.

- 1.) All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2.) Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
- 3.) Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light.
- 4.) Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.