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# **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY - 17th / 18th JUNE 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

There is a key word, **'COMPASSON'** running through all three readings today. God has shown his love for the Israelites by choosing them to be his very own people. They must respond in kind. God shows his great love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

In the Gospel: "When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected like

sheep without a shepherd." He continued: "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

This is a perfect lead in to the following information:



### **NEW PARISH PRIEST AND ASSISTANT:**

The Cardinal has appointed a new parish priest, *Fr. Jerome Dukiya* CSSp and *Fr. Vincent Nnatuanya* CSSp as an assistant priest. Both belong to the Spiritans – previously the Holy Ghost Fathers. The Spiritans were founded in Paris in 1703 by Claude Poullart des Places (abbreviation CSSp).

The Spiritans are now ministering in 5 parishes in the diocese of Westminster, Archway, New Barnet, Hounslow, Acton and Garston. They look after 8 parishes in the diocese in Southwark as well as serving other chaplaincies. They are committed to working for Justice and continue the work which has been focused on Catholic Social Teaching, justice, peace and care of creation. Your support as parishioners, to me as past Chair of the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, had a hand in directing them to St John Vianney.

The **Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity** will continue in the parish. Srs. Anabel and Ann Marie will move into No.10 Vincent Road and the Spiritans to No.4 (the Old Presbytery). This means that the Spirituality Centre will close, but all else will continue, Catechetical, Chaplaincy, parish work, spiritual direction, etc. in as far as possible.

In the meantime, I will be living in Uxbridge in West London in a house willed to the diocese by Fr. George Dangerfield (RIP). This house was left for retired priests. I am delighted with the arrangements. You might like to visit me sometime!! All these arrangements will officially take place on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr Marcel Kofon is on the horizon to help out after my last weekend in the parish, 15/16<sup>th</sup> July. Then I go to Ireland for a couple of weeks to return to my new home.

I am very happy with the way everything has worked out and I hope and pray that all will go well for the whole parish community.

I thank you all for your support over the past 20 years. Your generosity and full commitment to the good of the parish has been phenomenal. And thank you for your patience and understanding during my time with you. More on that later.

Have a blessed week, Fr Joe

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

# PARISH ACTIVITY -TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

# Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass

## **CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024**

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel or the Parish Office.

# RITE OF CHISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Application Form at the back of the Church

#### **BAPTISM FOR INFANTS**

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel.

# **SPECIAL EVENTS:**FR. JOE'S 52<sup>ND</sup> JUBILEE OF ORDINATION and GRATITUDE

# A BIG THANK YOU,

I wish to thank everyone who have attended Mass last Sunday to celebrate my 52nd Year of Ordination and

Thanksgiving, which made it very special. Fr Joe.



With Sincere Thanks



## FR. JOE'S FAREWELL and THANKSGIVING MASS:

On **Sunday 2nd July 2023**, we gather for Fr. Joe's Farewell and Thanksgiving. We begin with Mass at 11am followed by celebration in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners are invited.

As a token of appreciation,

could we ask that parishioners would prepare a dish of <u>finger-foods</u> for the celebration!

Please indicate the finger-foods by signing the list at the back of the church.

Note also, there're will be a **Retiring Collection next Sunday 25th June as a gift to Fr. Joe as a token of our appreciation for all he has done in this parish**.

Many thanks for your help.

# RE-COMMISSIONING OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Special Ministers of the Eucharist who were not re-commissioned last Saturday/Sunday are asked to renew their commitment to their ministry today, Sunday 18th June, during our 11:00am Mass.

# INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm Monday 19th June 2023 For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net.

## **LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome! Next session 20th June, 2023

## **FREE DANCE CLASSES**

Sundays after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, just come along.

## FROM PROGRAMMES TO PATHWAYS

Making Maturing and Missioning Disciples Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7pm.

Do you find yourself pouring time and energy into programmes that don't bear the frit of transformed lives? Are you tired of seeing people come and go, instead of maturing as disciples and getting involved in mission?

Join Julianne Stanz and Fr Dan Mason on Monday June 26 and learn how your parish can bring people to Jesus by embracing discipleship pathways over programme.

https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/Progra mmes-to-Pathways

### THE SUMMIT

on **Friday 30th June** gathering from 6.30pm to begin at 7pm and finishing at 9pm **for young Catholics (14-18 years old)** here in our area. Come to St Paul's, Bradley Road, N22 7SZ, it's a chance to socialise, to meet other young people, share a meal together, learn more about our Catholic faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration.

# CAFOD FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS - CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH- SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/news/events">https://cafod.org.uk/news/events</a> or Eventbrite here.

pid You Know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

the Repose of the souls of

## **HENRY CAMPBELL,**

who died on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

His Funeral Mass will take place on

Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 9:15am

**MERLE RITA VAN GRAMBERG** 

who died on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Her Funeral Mass will take place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 9:15am** 

We remember their families and friends in our prayers.

May their souls rest in peace.

### **MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

# ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5-5:30pm

# NEXT SUNDAY: 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: Psalm 68

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

## **PARISH TEAM**

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest
Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister
Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

# THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Eileen Campbell Bernie Meaney Merle Rita VanGramberg Henry Campbell Michael Patrick Higgins

# **RIP Anniversary**

Zenaida Tañada Coronel Ashton Darnley Nedd Catherine Theresa Howgill

# **Special Intentions:**

Kim Cummins [birthday]
Antonio Cruz
Brian Waters
Trish

# And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela	Ann
Eduardo	Elsa
Emmanuel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John D	Kathy F
Kim	Laura
Lenora	Michael J
Monica	Pantaleone
Patricia	Phil
Pierina	Rose
Sheila	Veronica
Yollie	Yvonne

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm To make an appointment Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We cannot guarantee to have anyone available outside of these hours.