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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – 09th /10th SEPTEMBER 2023

Summary of Pastoral Letter 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Cardinal starts his Letter by reminding us that the sign of the cross that we constantly make is our first prayer and our foundation as Christians as it tells us who we are and how we should understand our lives. We are a community rooted in God the Father who is creator, we follow the way shown us by God the Son Jesus Christ and we have with us the Holy Spirit who is the love between the Father and the Son as our companion. We must strive to put into practice this fundamental reality by living a life of mercy, forgiveness, truth and love in every



circumstance by word and deed. Pope Francis invites us to renewal of our mission as Christians by living a sacramental life reflected in the community. To do this, we must learn to listen to one another more closely, prayerfully and acknowledge the gifts and talents of each other. Each and every one is an important actor. This Synodal journey which has taken part at various levels in our parishes and Dioceses will lead to a Synod of Bishops in Rome with representatives from all over the world to assess how far we have gone and what needs to be done before the Final Synod scheduled for October 2024.

The Cardinal asks us to pray for the Synod Participants amongst whom is Bishop Nicholas Hudson who represents us because their task is no easy one. They will have to prayerfully listen and carefully discern what is put before them, following the teachings of the Church with the aim of giving praise to God the Father, faithful to God the Son and following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

For Pope Francis, the Synod is not just an ordinary event but a grace filled event, a process of healing, guided by the Holy Spirit, a journey in which the Lord himself comes to meet us. The overall aim of which is how to become a listening Church, one that is humble and seeking forgiveness, a place of encounter and dialogue, that involves all. For this reason, the agenda involves all: individuals, families, church groups, parishes, Dioceses etc. Since it involves all, the Cardinal invites us all to be part of it, not just by following the reports that come from Rome but by also making resolutions as individuals to attentively listen to and welcome others and help them come to know the Lord. To help them also take a step nearer to God. We should not miss any opportunity to grow in friendship with the Lord and to help others do same.

The Cardinal mindful of the fact that the month of October is a time of grace for the Church, invites us to pray the rosary, asking our Blessed Mother to strengthen and guide us in this journey of faith.

Have a blessed week, Fr Jerome



WELCOME

We warmly welcome both Fr Jerome Dukiya, our new parish priest and Fr Vincent Nnatuanya, assistant priest to our parish.

FAREWELL

We thank Fr Louis Pereira for his ministry during his visit with us in the summer and wish him a safe journey as he returns to his parish in Bangladesh.

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 also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass. We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity on Sundays and Thursdays which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church - **Deadline 17th Sept**

RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME - Deadline 17th Sept

It will start in October 2023

CONFRMATION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church
It will start in Feb 2024

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

THANK YOU

"The family of Kim Cummins would like to express their appreciation for all the support and kindness that has been shown at this sad time from so many parishioners and friends. We were delighted to see so many on Monday and know that the charities will appreciate all the donations."

THANK YOU: SJV NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Wish to thank all who attended their fundraising event last Sunday.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sat,16th & Sun, 17th September After all Masses in the Parish Hall

All parishioners are invited to bring and buy cakes as part of our efforts to fund raise and support the wonderful work the MacMillan Nurses do.

AWAKE LONDON

Catholic Convention & Healing Service
Saturday 16th September 2023 and every third Saturday from 2-5pm
Catholic Parish of Christ the King
455 Chingford Road E4 8SP
For more info: 07468680150 www.sehionuk.org

INVITATION TO OUR MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

For those who suffer and died trying to reach safety in Europe and the UK on the third Monday of the month. Next Vigil **Monday 18th September, 2023** Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei House, 10 Vincent Road. All welcome! Next session **19th September, 2023**

CAFOD RECYCLNG CAMPAIGN

To support CAFOD's fundraising campaign, you will remember that Live Simply issued a leaflet at masses last week. The box for you to drop the requested recycled items (used foreign currency, jewellery, tablets, mobile phones, postage stamps) will be placed at the back of the Church for you to deposit your items on weekends and at the front left on weekdays. Your unused items can support CAFOD in their invaluable work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST CALL TO SUPPORT CAFOD'S FIX THE FOOD CAMPAIGN!

SJV's Live Simply Group are urging you to support CAFOD's Fix the Food Campaign by signing the Petition at the back of the Church. We have to send the signed petitions to CAFOD this week so this is your last chance to support small farmers against the multinational seed companies to be in control of their livelihoods.

PLEASE SIGN AFTER MASS TODAY!

Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter

LITURGY

Morning Prayers – Mon-Fri: 8:30am Sat: 9:15am

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 10:00am

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: 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7

Psalm: Psalm 102

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

PARISH TEAM

Fr Jerome Dukiya CSSp, Parish Priest Fr Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp, Asst. Priest Sr. Anabel Gonzalez FMVD, Parish Sister Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary In Residence: Fr Louis Periera

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Fr Patrick Walter Brenan OP
John Newell (Fr Martin's Dad)
Kathleen Kim Cummins
Christina Ryan
Eulyn Hutchinson
Dave Flaherty
Bernadette Golly Basdeo

RIP Anniversary

Francisca Titone Ann Keelan

Special Intentions:

Fr Joe Ryan
Antonio Cruz
Brian Waters
Christina Danaher
Janice Leckie
Miguel Domenech
Seema Chandwani

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela Ann Eduardo Elsa Emmanuel Gabriel Helen Ivy A Joan John D Kathv F Kittv Michael J Monica Pantaleone Patricia Phil Pierina Sheila Rose Veronica Walter Yollie Yvonne

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

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