

Novena to St John Paul II for the defeat of Assisted Dying Bill

A national Novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, is being said from 13-22 October on whose feast the Second Reading of the Bill falls. It will run from 13th-22nd October.

Bishop John Sherrington (the Bishop responsible for the Day for Life) has said of the Novena:

'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'

The Novena Prayer

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission.

Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people.

Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

Right to Life: Call for Stories

Please share any personal stories you can of the benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lord. They will be very helpfully shape the views of peers to this bill and convince them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal. You can submit your story at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory>

Knights of St Columba: Faith, Family, Fraternity. ksc.org.uk. More details on noticeboard.

Catenians Race Night .11 Oct at Moor Hall Hotel 8pm. £26pp. More details on noticeboard

Weekday Masses will be in the Benedict Room until Spring. Access through the church.

What's gone wrong? What might be done about it?

A new Sunday evening Group to reflect on faults and failings in Church and Society

The group meetings - where open discussion is welcomed - will be something like a book club. So people are asked to read something in preparation for the discussion - but this is to focus us, not to constrain us! And there will be something to eat and drink while we talk together.

The themes for the first two meetings are, first, at 7pm on 17 October, **Women in the Church** (using Ellen Coyne's *Are You There God? It's Me Ellen*) and second, on 21 November, **Racism** (using David Harewood's book *Maybe I don't belong here*) The books are available through the local library and bookshops, or Amazon!

All are welcome to come and take part - especially the disgruntled and searching. And if that is not you, then maybe you have a disgruntled or searching friend you might encourage to come with you. They might be good for us all.,



Parish Finances

Gift aiding your offertory donations to the parish greatly help us we balance our parish finances.

To Gift Aid your donations you need to make your offerings either by Standing Order or by Gift Aid envelopes, which ever is most convenient for you. *Forms for Gift-Aid Standing Orders and envelopes are available from Fr Allen.*

People with special needs and learning disabilities

can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect.

To try and see how we might do better our parish offers a meeting planned for Saturday 16th October at 3pm. It is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in our parish and surrounding area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come.

It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). Some parishioners are already part of the process, if others would like to learn more and maybe take part, please speak with Fr Allen.



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Keeping us safe

The current expectation of the Bishops' Conference (and likely to be the minimum requirements in place until next Spring) is that those attending Mass

- will use the track & trace system, recording contact details for those who do not use the QR code
- wear face-masks
- and sanitise their hands on entering the church.

These three things are **required** of those attending Mass at St Nicholas.

Thank you for keeping the church safe for all parishioners

The church is open from 8am to 5pm (except on Thursdays), and until after the evening Masses on Friday and Saturday. Access will once more be through the main doors of the church.

Not a few parishioners remain nervous about returning to Mass because of fear of the virus. They may well welcome the opportunity to come and pray in the church. If you are aware of people in this situation and can help them to come to church, please do offer that help.

CAFOD Family fast day collection

just one world Gift-Aid Envelopes

are available. *For the sake of our money counters please use the envelopes ONLY if you are gift-aiding your donation.*

Little Steps Have you had a chance to read CAFOD's *100 Live Simply ideas*? in addition to those things we do in our homes, the Parish Environmental Group would like to choose a few ideas that we might adopt as a parish. They would welcome your suggestions. These can be made using the forms available in the porch. We are looking for suggestions for Actions to

- live simply
- live sustainably with creation
- live in solidarity with the poor.

Please jot down your ideas on the form and hand it to the steward at Mass next week (or leave it on their table), or to Fr Allen. It will then go to the PEG to help them agree our priorities and how we move forward with the *Live Simply* project.

PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Special Intention
Sa 9	6pm	Anna Smith Ints (Szambir)
Su 10	9am	For the parish
	11am	Mary Enright RIP (Ord)
M 11	10am	Hazel - Ints (McDermott)
T 12	10am	Special Intention
W 13	10am	Sacred Heart - favours rec'd (Byrne)
Th 14		
Fr 15	7pm	St Teresa of Jesus Special Intention (H)
Sa 16	6pm	Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
	9am	For the parish
Su 17	9am	
	11am	

Morning Prayer: Zoom meeting Monday to Fridays at 8.30am

Rosary: Zoom meeting, Monday at 7pm

Lectio: Zoom meeting, Sunday at 4pm

Sacrament of Confession: Friday evenings after 7pm Mass until 8pm; and from 1/10 from 5-5.30pm on Sats

Anointing of the Sick: Last Friday of month at 11am

Please pray for parishioners who are sick including Jean Lawlor, Stephen Burke, Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Esther McGovern, Cornelius Lennon, Tohams Callaghan, Bridget Hennesy, Ann Hayward, Martin Murphy and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

God of Wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him,

The Introductory Rites help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The Penitential Act

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word: The word of God invites us into the unending dialogue between God and his people, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. A brief silence after the readings helps us take the word of God to heart and begin a prayerful response to what we have heard.

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Psalm 89(90):12-17

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. *Alleluia!*

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Eucharist ire-presents the Sacrifice of Christ to the Father, and his gift of life renewed to the Church, for the service of his mission.

The Offertory: There is no collection during Mass. Instead, please put your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.

Food Bank Thank you for all donations to the *First Sunday of the Month* collection for the food bank. **Our next collection is 6/7 Novmeber.** In the meantime donations can be made via local supermarkets.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father

The Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

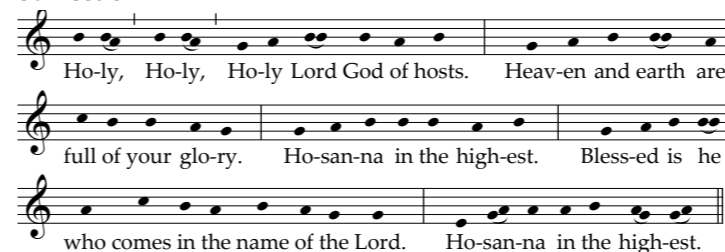
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

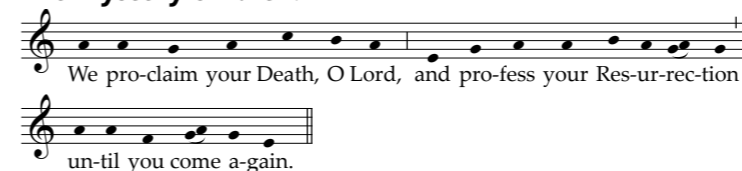
It is right and just.

Sanctus



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The mystery of faith.



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

THE COMMUNION RITE: The Lord offers reconciliation in and with the invitation to share in the food and drink that is

his Body and Blood. Love and mercy are the condition and the fruit of communion in the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Song of Thanksgiving

Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

The Concluding Rites send us out to live the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ we have celebrated. Our mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

Blessing and Dismissal

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Thank you to those in our Communion and Confirmation programmes who have volunteered to assist at our Sunday Liturgies going forward. There is a brief meeting in the Benedict Room after each Mass **TODAY** for them. Other parishioners - adults - are also needed to help with the Offertory Collection which will be reintroduced shortly. *If you can help with this - and I imagine most people could, so the question really is whether you are willing to help with this. If you are not already assisting in another way at Mass, do please try to make yourself available in this way. If YOU can,* please do come to one of these very brief meetings so we can get organised for this again.