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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September 2022



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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| Sun 11th | (Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m. | M Feeley R.I.P. F & P Pinto Int; Peggy & Family R Fernandes Int J Braganca R.I.P.; A Bobby R.I.P. A Abraham R.I.P. People of the Parish | |
| Mon 12th | The Most Holy Name of Mary | B Moran R.I.P. | Requiem Mass: M John Marie R.I.P. 11 a.m. |
| Tues 13th | St John Chrysostom | G & G Perera R.I.P. | |
| Wed 14th | The Exaltation of the Cross | 7 p.m. D Arthur Bonful R.I.P.; K Thomas R.I.P. | |
| Thurs 15th | Our Lady of Sorrows | B Sarinas Int | Exposition until 11 a.m. |
| Fri 16th | Ss Cornelius & Cyprian | C Hennessy R.I.P. | New Readers 7 p.m. |
| Sat 17th | Our Lady's Saturday | Sick & Housebound; V Dias Thanks | Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m. Altar Servers at 11 a.m. |

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No accidents of birth

The lost coin was a precious coin to the lady in question in the gospel. The coin would have been part of her dowry which with the other nine coins would have been made into a crown she wore on her head. So all could see now that her crown was flawed and a bit of mockery and fun might follow, Jesus knew when he told the story that it would reach the heart.

He would also know that people might make the connection - as every coin was essential to the crown, so we are all valued and essential to God. There are no accidents of birth, and nobody excluded from the promise of life forever with God.

The woman would go to great efforts to find the lost coin. Jesus went to great efforts to save each of us, even to crucifixion and death. We are worth the death of God, and are now the joy of God's life, like a child to a parent, and like the joy of friends to each other.

Even the first reading has God loving his people with heartfelt love. He is angry with them for a while but this anger is mixed with love and his love wins in the end.

The love of God is an active love, reaching to us in mercy and forgiveness, always building, us up. This searching for all his people in mercy is the most characteristic quality of God, if we can put it so humanly. We are all children - on each birth and baptismal certificate, we can write a second father's name - God!



- **Welcome back** to everyone who has been away over the summer period. Hope you had an enjoyable and restful break!

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms. **(Not school forms.)**

- **SVP Annual Raffle:** Members of our SVP will be selling raffle tickets after all the masses this weekend. Please support this worthy cause.

- **Church Cleaning:** We desperately need more volunteers to help clean the church **on Mondays after morning Mass.** Many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare, please come along. **Thank you to the parishioners who came along on Monday.**

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy

Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you

into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramen-

tally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you

now and forever.

Amen

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever. Amen

Dates for your Diary:

- **Friday, 16th:** Meeting for new Readers in the church at 7 p.m.
- **Saturday 17th:** Meeting for ALL altar servers at 11 a.m.
- **First Communion 2023:** Registration forms are available this weekend for children in Year 3 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.
- **Confirmation 2023:** Registration forms are available this weekend for candidates in Year 9 or above whose family attends English Martyrs regularly.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome)

- **Our sympathy & prayers** to the family of Maureen John Marie who died recently. Requiem Mass for Maureen will be on Monday 12th at 11 a.m.
- **Also to the family of Anne D'Arcy** who died last week. Reception will be on Monday 19th at 6.30 p.m. Requiem Mass for Anne will be on Tues, 20th at 11.30 a.m.
- **And to the family of Sheila Morrison.** Reception on Friday 30th Sept at Our Lady of Dolours, Egerton Gdns, Hendon NW4 4BA. Requiem Mass on Saturday, 1st Oct at 10.30 a.m.
- May they all rest in peace.



Last Week's Collection:

Envelope: £680 **Loose Plate:** £747

Contactless: £75

Building Fund: £30

You can now donate to the Building Fund using contactless

- **In the next couple of weeks' parents** of Year 6 children will have to start making choices about secondary schools for their children. It is important that they visit a variety of schools with their children and also read carefully the admissions criteria of the schools they are considering. All Catholic schools have an explicit expectation those children (and their Catholic parents) who apply should attend Sunday Mass every week. A *Certificate of Catholic Practice* will be required to confirm this. Details of dates when Fr Albert will be available to sign forms later.