



## ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23rd October 2022**



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October:** A Church Open to Everyone - We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

<b>Sun 23rd</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M Downing R.I.P. M Suho Int M Shea R.I.P.; De'Souza Family Int P N Rogers & N Walsh R.I.P.; S Tiernan Int B McNicholas R.I.P. People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 24th</b>	Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; K McDonagh R.I.P.	
<b>Tues 25th</b>	Feria	P McNicholas R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 26th</b>	Feria	7 p.m. Private Int	
<b>Thurs 27th</b>	Sts Simon & Jude	P D Dias R.I.P. M & A Carvalho Int	<b>Exposition until 11 a.m.</b>
<b>Fri 28th</b>	Feria	M & M McNicholas R.I.P.	
<b>Sat 29th</b>	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	M Hallissey R.I.P.	<b>Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. &amp; 5.15 p.m.</b>

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### **The Pharisee's boast**

This is one of these stories of people who didn't like each other, and brought the worst out of each other. The Pharisee was strict on religion, and the tax man was a greedy sinner. Each made the other feel awful about themselves, especially before God.

The Pharisee started boasting about his religious fervent observance. The tax man just swallowed his prejudice and admitted to God that he was a sinner. The Pharisee would look good in any religious line-up, and the tax man would be in the corner of the line-up, almost cowering in the back of the prayer-place, hoping nobody would see him.

But he knew who he was before God; he admitted his weakness. The Pharisee pretended religious fervour and looked down on the tax man, one of God's favourites.

Jesus comments on the story that everyone would recognise, and we recognise ourselves in both people: the proud and arrogant person at times, and at other times, the one who feels a total failure.

He just says - in admitting who you are, you are high in the sight of God and high at God's table.

Just to be oneself before God can be difficult. Many gospel stories are about this reality. We need to give those few silent moments each day to an awareness of being loved by God. In that we are humbled, that one as good as God could love us so totally, and so we are exalted.

We are gifted by God's grace and if we can enjoy our identity as a child of God we will find happiness in life.

*Lord teach me to know you more,  
to love you more and  
serve you faithfully in my life.*

- **World Mission Sunday** is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [mis-sio.org.uk](http://mis-sio.org.uk)

- **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.)**

- **Confirmation 2023:** There will be a meeting for candidates and parents on Wednesday, 9th November after evening Mass.

- **Filipino Choir** are holding an evening of music and praise in the Church on Saturday Oct 29, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend or text Becky on 07949857699 Theme is Amare et Servire (Love and Serve). Proceeds for parish hall.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome) Donations for the foodbank can be dropped at the school or the parish. Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

#### Last Week's Collection:

**Envelope:** £647 **Loose Plate:** £807

**Contactless:** £109

**Building Fund:** £60

**CAFOD Family Fast:** £757



*Thank you for your generosity*

**Brent Irish Advisory Service** - BIAS is pleased to announce the new club is open at St Mary & St Andrew Church Hall, Dollis Hill. All are welcome with the chance to meet both old friends and make new acquaintance's over a cuppa, light refreshments and activities. The club runs Tuesday weekly 12.00 to 2.30 p.m. please come along and support us and bring a friend along (it is currently free to attend). We have bingo, music and much more... please contact Ellen on 07754110600 for more details.

#### 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

**Booking a Mass:** Thank you to all those who booked Masses. I kindly encourage everyone to book Masses for your personal intentions and for the needs of your loved ones. You can also book Masses for those who are sick and for the repose of the souls of those who have died. To book a Mass, please write the Mass Intention, place it in an envelope with the stipends, kindly hand to myself or Mary. You can also call the office on phone to book a Mass. Meet me or Mary also to book a Mass directly. Thank you.

**Those who are Sick:** At Sunday Masses, Parishioners, Families and Friends who are Sick or Housebound are prayed for. If you would like to add a name to the Sick list, kindly email or call the parish office by Friday. Thank you.

**Those who have Died:** If a loved one has died recently, kindly let us know the name so that we can add it to the names of those we are praying for at Mass. Kindly let us know when it's their anniversary so we can pray for them at Mass also.

**Visiting the Sick & Housebound:** If you know of someone who would like a visit and to receive holy communion please, let us know. Thank you

- **Benefit Dance** at the Claddagh Ring in Hendon on Friday 18th November. Music by Mary Rose and Her Band. Proceeds to send 2 Children to Lourdes and English Martyrs Hall. More details later.

#### 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 sacramentally,*

*come spiritually into my soul*

*so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.*

*Amen*

- **BRENT DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO THE RELICS OF S. BERNADETTE:** The relics of St. Bernadette to Britain, they will be at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden**, from 28-30th October. On **Saturday 29th October**, the pilgrimage will make its way on foot from S. Mary Magdalen Church at **11 a.m.** praying the Holy Rosary, arriving at the Willesden Shrine for mass at 12noon. There will be an opportunity to venerate the relics, and for those who wish, at 1.30pm, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are interested, please book online at <https://stbernadette.org.uk>

- **Votive Candles:** We have just had a delivery of votive candles and the price has increased. Unfortunately, our prices will have to increase from 40p to 50p.