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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6 OCTOBER 2024

What God has united, man must not divide

Mass Times

Sat	5	The Blessed Virgin Mary 09:30 People of the Parish 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Vincenzina & Giuseppe Vanedola RIP
Sun	6	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 William (Bill) Gallagher RIP Anniversary
Mon	7	Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial 09:30 Sister Joseph O'Rourke SME RIP
Tues	8	Feria Memorial 09:30 Tom & Margaret Mullally 14:00 Jane Snowden RIP funeral service - Holy Trinity CofE church, Beaumont Road SW19 6SP
Weds	9	St John Henry Newman, Priest Feast 09:30 Intentions of Jon & Sarah Black
Thurs	10	Feria 09:30 Intentions of Beth Smith
Fri	11	Feria 09:30 Billy Lowe RIP Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	12	The Blessed Virgin Mary 09:30 People of the Parish 12:30 Baptism Owen Jennings 17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Fermina & Cesar Darrezzo RIP
Sun	13	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families 10:00 James & Sandra Black 50th Wedding Anniversary 12:30 Baptism Emma Boccato

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2



Christ Blessing Little Children, by Charles Lock Eastlake (1839)

In today's gospel Jesus explains that the profound bond between a man and a woman has its origin in the very beginning of creation, when God made them male and female. It is part of God's divine plan that husband and wife should be no longer two, but one body. The loving physical union of husband and wife, Jesus explains, is rooted in the very creation of woman and man: the two being both of Adam's flesh.

Marriage in the Catholic faith is one of the seven sacraments. What the Church is saying is that the truly loving and life-giving bond of husband and wife is sacred. Christ himself is made manifest through the love of husband and wife. Their loving communion – expressed most profoundly when the two are one – is nothing less than a sign of the communion of Christ with his Church. As Christ gave himself completely for the Church, so wife and husband give themselves completely in love for one another. **Mgr Matthew**

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who made my anniversary celebration last week such a happy and memorable occasion. Thank you also for your most generous gifts and best wishes. It is a real joy to be your parish priest. **Mgr Matthew**

SECOND COLLECTION

5-6 OCT – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for welcoming Phoebe Worthington to update you on the work of CAFOD and thank you for your kind donations and prayers. CAFOD would love for you to join their volunteer team and you are warmly invited to contact the local CAFOD centre on southwark@cafod.org.uk. If you have any questions or want to know more about volunteering, please do chat to Phoebe after Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

12-13 OCT – ORGAN FUND

For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.



LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 years) **meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to play. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2024 – 2025

Are you an adult who is not a Catholic but would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming a Catholic? Or an adult baptised Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Our RCIA programme will begin in October, looking to the reception of the sacraments at Easter 2025. Please contact Mgr Matthew on the parish email if you are interested. **Course begins Wednesday 16 October 2024.**



Jane Snowden's funeral will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 8 October



at Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road, SW19 6SP (corner of West Hill & Beaumont Road).

Tea and cake will be served after the service. Please let Steve know if you plan to attend by email (crispinjud@icloud.com) as this will help with catering arrangements. No flowers please but donations in lieu can be made to the Motor Neurone Association at mndassociation.org.

"I very much see this a celebration of a life well lived and a reward well earned." Steve
Please feel free to dress as you wish.

QUIZ NIGHT

PARISH QUIZ AND GAMES EVENING!

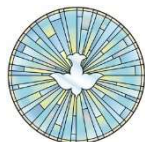
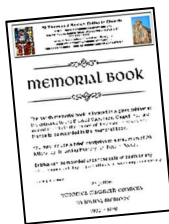
Last year we had a very successful & light-hearted quiz and games evening and are pleased to announce a date for this year:

Saturday 26th October at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

£5 entry fee on the door. Includes a sandwich supper, and soft drinks. Please BYO alcohol. Please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. You can also indicate if you would like to be included a particular team.
An Autumn highlight for your diary!

MEMORIAL BOOK

We are now taking applications for entry into the parish memorial book. Located in the glass cabinet at the entrance to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the Memorial Book records the names of deceased relatives and friends. A donation of £25 per named entry includes a mass offering for the deceased. This donation can be Gift Aided and all proceeds go to Parish Funds. Please see the back of the church for Memorial Book leaflets containing the application form or download from the parish website.



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Registration forms for the confirmation programme 2024 - 2025 are available on the table at the back of the church. For young people in school year 8 and above.

Registrations close Sunday 3 November 2024

Parents & candidates' meeting Sat 9 November 15:00
First confirmation class Sun 10 November 11:00
Confirmation Retreat Day Sat 18 January
Confirmation Mass Sat 22 March 12:00

Flower Arrangers WANTED!

Join our team of flower arrangers. You don't need any experience or skills, just enthusiasm!

Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church for more information or email the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£550
Parish Dona	£260
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£184
Organ Fund Dona	£44



5 – 6 October

R **Welcome & Coffee:** L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
O **Readers: SAT:** S. Doney, S. Palmer
T **SUN:** A. Stacey, C. Webb
A **Flowers:** L. Northeast

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S **Welcome & Coffee:** F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo
Readers: SAT: R. & S. Jackson Cousin
SUN: L. Brown, L. Northeast
Flowers: A. Robbins

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the Month.
Next meeting: **12th October. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

8 Oct 2pm Jane Snowden's Funeral. Holy Trinity Church
9 Oct 5pm, Y12 Ursuline Open Evening (Booking req.)
16 Oct RCIA Course Begins
19 Oct 11am-4pm, Day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion @ Sacred Heart Wimbledon