



ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTHWOOD

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHWOOD AND NORTHWOOD HILLS

'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...' [Matt 28:19]

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MAY 22ND - 29TH)

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Ten New Saints

I last visited Rome in October 2019 when I attended the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman. That was the last time Pope Francis named new Saints in the Church until last Sunday. Last Sunday he proclaimed ten new Saints. - Titus Brandsma; Lazzarus Devasahayam; César de Bus; Luigi Maria Palazzolo; Giustino Maria Ruscolillo; Charles de Foucauld; Maria Rivier; Maria Francesca of Jesus Rubatto; Maria of Jesus Santocanale; Maria Domenica Mantovani.

Three of those Saints have captured the headlines. **Titus Brandsma**: who was a Dutch priest, professor, and journalist who opposed Nazi propaganda in Catholic newspapers. He was killed by lethal injection in Dachau in 1942. **Devasahayam Pillai**: A layman from India who was tortured and martyred after converting from Hinduism to Catholicism in the 18th century. **Charles de Foucauld**: A French soldier and explorer who became a Trappist monk and Catholic missionary to Muslims in Algeria. Known as Brother Charles of Jesus, he was killed in 1916 at the age of 58. Marauders who set out to steal from the fort Charles had built in Tamanrasset seized him and dragged him into the trench in front of his fort on December 1st, 1916. As two of his friends approached, Father de Foucauld attempted to warn them, and was shot by one of his captors at close range.

Bishop Paul Swarbrick (the Bishop of Lancaster) has said that the most important thing that we can learn from his life at the moment, in our own times, is the life of faithfulness to Christ, faithfulness to prayer, in relative isolation. We live in complex times and so did he. There were the complexities of colonial politics and the relationship between Christianity and Islam, which featured very largely in his life as well. He didn't really see any of these things as problems, he just got on with leading his life of prayer. It's that single-mindedness that endeared him to the people amongst whom he lived. His relationships with his neighbours were very, very good and they respected him very much.

He wanted to attract people to Christ, but in no way did he proselytise, in no way did he try and manipulate them into the Church. He simply lived a faithful witness of prayer and charity. Bishop Paul recommends that, for our own particular times, it's as though the Church is saying, "Enjoy this man's company and within your own difficulties, within the complexities of your own life at this time, you will find something worthwhile, you will find something encouraging."

He quotes what's known as the Prayer of Abandonment, which is very much inspired by Charles de Foucauld and his life:

**Father, I abandon myself into your hands.
Do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you.
I am ready for all. I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me and in all your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.**

If you want to find out more about Charles de Foucauld I can recommend the following website. <https://www.jesuscharitas.info/jcd/> Perhaps he can be an inspiration to each of us as we live out our faith in our parish.

With all my prayers and best wishes,

Fr Tom

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Our Sanctuary Lamps

burn for
Our Confirmation Candidates
(Blessed Sacrament)
and

(Our Lady)

Last Week's Offering

Loose Cash: £399.38 Planned Giving Envelopes: £256.00 Standing Orders: £512.00 Contactless Giving £83.57
Total Offering: £1250.95

Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still a few boxes to be collected. Please collect them after Mass

Parish Bring and Share Lunch

As mentioned in our newsletter last week, we will be having a bring and share lunch on **Sunday 12th June** and as part of it we will have our annual parish meeting. Please sign up to volunteer to bring something along to the lunch. There is a list on the noticeboard in the porch.

Serving the parish.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on some new committees that are being formed to help rebuild our parish life. The committees are not going to be talking shops, but will be groups for action. Are you able to serve on any of the following.

Centenary Committee.

In October 2023 we will celebrate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of our Church. We will celebrate our centenary over the following year. We need a group of people to plan how we will mark our celebrations through the year. As well as special liturgical events, there will be special social events, pilgrimages and we will look at different ways of marking our year.

Social and Fundraising Committee

This is a group that will work on social events through the year and will help liaise with others to make events happen. It will also be a group that will help us raise funds for the everyday running of the parish.

Fabric and Maintenance Committee.

This committee will be responsible for looking at work that we will need to do in the future and will also make sure that we carry out our Health and Safety responsibilities correctly.

Each of these committees will feed into the **Parish Council**. The parish council is to be representative of various groups in the life of our parish and has an overarching view of parish life. We also need to appoint a new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary for the Parish Council. .

Flowers

Are you able to arrange flowers? Why not join our team of flower arrangers who make our church look so beautiful. Contact the office to give your name and contact details.

Sponsor a Lamp

You can now sponsor the seven day lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. A prayer intention will be attached to the lamp for that week (which will be printed). A donation of £10 for each lamp is suggested.

Livestreaming

We continue to livestream our Masses. Masses can be viewed on our parish Facebook page or on our NEW YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkvrTH1X-y0yLf8_VRO6cBA . There are also links to both sites on our parish website home page. It would be helpful to have some volunteers to control the camera during Mass. It's very simple, but would be greatly appreciated by Fr Tom.

12th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage To Walsingham -'The Merciful Lifestyle'

This is being organised by the Divine Mercy Apostolate - Marian Fathers with the Main celebrant Rev Bishop David Oakley, bishop of Northampton. The pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 4th June 2022**. Coaches will depart from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Westminster Cathedral. For the coach from Westminster Cathedral - (Departure at 7:00 am) Please call: Emmanuel 07721362000 or Caroline 07960466377. For the coach from Ealing Broadway - (Departure at 7:15 am) Please call the: Apostolate 020 8998 0925. Details of the day can be found on the poster in the porch.

Eucharistic Octave

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 11th to 19th June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at www.catholiclondon.org.

LIFT (Ladies in faith together)

To all ladies you are invited to join LIFT (Ladies in faith together) prayer breakfast at the London School of Theology on 18th June 2022 9am-11am. The speaker will be Janice Hopkins from the Community Bible Study Europe. We would love to see you! come and enjoy a morning of fellowship, worship and prayer and a delicious breakfast. To book a place for LIFT call Liz Duggan on 07948311339 .

Young Adults Retreat: 'See All Things New'

The Jesuits in Britain invite young adults in their 20s and 30s to join them to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. Two times are offered for a retreat: online, from 27th July to 1st August 2022, residential retreat at St Beuno's, from 28th July to 1st August 2022. Information is available at <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events/see-all-things-new-a-retreat-for-young-adults-in-their-20s-and-30s>.

Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline

Catholic Listeners is a new confidential listening helpline, set up for those who are returning to the faith. The number is 0800 448 0704. This service is based on compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Hillingdon Foodbank Wish List

As a parish we continue to support the Foodbank beyond Lent. Please feel free to put any of the following items in the container in the porch. - Noodles, Sugar in small packs, Tinned Fruits, Jam, Honey, Long life Milk, Rice pudding or Custard in tin or small packs, Apple or Orange Juice, Toilet Tissues, Toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, etc.), Sauces, Cleaning Supplies, Laundry supplies. (They have plenty of Pasta!).

Diocese of Westminster Quarterly Meeting of Diocesan Homeless Projects.

This will take place online on Thursday 26 May, 3:30-5:00pm Join our growing community of volunteers and professionals who want to see the end of homelessness. Find out more and sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-westminster-quarterly-meeting-of-diocesan-homeless-projects-tickets-251110527347?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living.

Cost of Living Hub

The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub, which helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

Grants to help pay off energy debts

People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

National Energy Action

Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm, to support clients with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

Green Doctors London

A charity that offers free and impartial energy advice to help residents stay warm, save money and live greener <https://london.greendoctors.org.uk>

Items for the Newsletter.

If you would like something to be in the newsletter. Please email Fr Tom (email address on front page) by 12 noon on Wednesday

We pray for the repose of the following souls, who are remembered with our Easter Lilies.

Armando and Teresita Cuadra
Peggie Ghant
John & Margaret Guckian
Michael, Agnes & Joan Guckian
Daphne Håkansson
John, James and Tess
The Kleinfercher Family
Martin McGoldrick



James O'Brien
Patrick O'Neill
Felicia Osunde
Pauline & Gerry
PJ & Maria
Ted Stone
Keith Whitehead

Prayers were also asked for healing for

Geraldine Wallace Audrey & Sinead Ferguson

If you would like to remember a departed loved one during Eastertide through the Easter Lilies, please put their name an envelope with your donation and we will add them to the list



You can make a donation to the parish
by using this QR code

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please contact us with any additional names you may wish to be added to these lists which are updated weekly, and accept our apologies for anyone we have omitted.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:

Those sick with COVID throughout the world, Martha Felleppa, Fr John Welsh James Wilson, Pauline Rushowski, Patricia Lee, Sinead Bushnell, Roger Furniss, Hayley Duncan, Michael Tolputt, Dominic Leung, Audrey Potts, Tracy Bessant, Jo Smith, Brendan Smith, Mary Tierney, Michael Keating, Rafael Pino, Julius Fayiti, Anna Kelly, Justin, Margaret Downing, Victor & Gilda Kumarathanan, as well as others for whom we have been praying together recently.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Kathleen Gibbon, Fr Louis Rieunier, Fr Tony Brunning, Canon Phillip Cross, and all who have died as a result of war and conflict .

AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AROUND THIS TIME:

Raymond Wildsmith, Veronica Cox, Sarah Smith and Yvonne Jackson.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (MAY 22ND - 29TH)

SUNDAY 22ND MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	09:00 BARRIE JERVIS RIP
	11:15 JAMES WILSON (VINCENT) (THANKSGIVING)
	18:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY 23rd <i>Easter Feria</i>	10:30 NATASHA LEE (THANKSGIVING)
TUESDAY 24th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10:30 HOLY SOULS <i>12:00 - 16:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	19:00 CONFIRMATION MASS—THE CANDIDATES
THURSDAY 26th <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	10:30 PATRICIA LEE (BIRTHDAY) 19:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <i>18:00 - 18:45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
FRIDAY 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10:30 FR TOM'S INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 28th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10:30 JOE DA CUNHA RIP <i>11:00 - 11:50 (Confessions available)</i> <i>17:00 - 17:45 (Confessions available)</i> 18:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUNDAY 29TH MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:00 BARRIE JERVIS RIP
	11.15 INDRA SWAMPILLAI RIP (ANNIV)
	18:00 FRANCISCO ABELARDO

Holy Father's Prayer intention for MAY :

During the month of **May** this year Pope Francis has asked us all to pray: for young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

* **EXPOSITION:** Whilst every effort will be made to ensure that this will take place at the times noted, circumstances may dictate that it

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**