

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

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The Bible timeline Course

Starts Wednesday 29th September @7pm Live streamed info& registration www.comeandsee.org



Mass Timetable

All our services are live streamed

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing

Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code

HARVEST FAST DAY, FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

Alternatively, donate via the contactless device that will be available at the masses next weekend as you leave church.



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Served by the Franciscans

26th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) 26th September 2021

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Wherever kindness and compassion are to be found, there too is the face of God. As the Church we do not hold a monopoly of such God-given gifts. Instead we rejoice in and even learn from all those who manifest God's presence in this way.

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

If only we were prophets of the Lord.

Second Reading James 5:1-6

Our wealth can hinder us from caring for those in need.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.



18 Hours Adoration - Why?

Close friends love to meet and to spend time together. It is the same with you and Jesus.

Why adore him in the Blessed Sacrament? God is spirit, but he knows how much we need to communicate through sight, hearing, even touch. He became a real ordinary man so that we can see, hear, touch even taste him. While we eat him in bread, we adore him in his continuing real presence.

Why through the night? The midnight and small hours are ideal for prayer. Monks and Nuns rise for midnight office. The world is still. Noise and bustle left behind. Take a little time to settle, to relax the tensions, to BE with God. Leave your watch (and mobile) at home. Spend time, listening. Only later will you realise the Holy Spirit has talked in your heart. You are not alone. Fellow parishioners, equally silent, encourage and support you. Like Derby and Joan sitting at the fireside. No words needed.

Our period of adoration will commence at 6pm on 8th October until 12 noon on the 9th October.

Journey of Faith

Last Wednesday the Journey of Faith resumed. Eight of us gathered for a gentle start to the new season. The Journey-ers will meet every Wednesday at 7 pm for coffee, then starting our discovery at 7.30. It is for newcomers to faith from any quarter; for cradle-catholics and others who have not been churchy for a while. We do look at the Catholic church as she is today – warts and all. And learn from each other. No heavy doctrine, no arguments, no demands. Do come and give it a try.



Reading Volunteers St Antony's

We are looking for volunteers to hear children read for an hour or two each week. A little of your time could make huge difference to a child's reading ability, confidence and enjoyment. If you would like volunteer, please contact Mrs Poulter, the deputy headteacher, via the school office. You do not need to have a DBS check, but it would be an advantage if you do. admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk
Tel: 020 8504 4706

Parish faith talk 6th October 7pm Becket Centre

A meeting with Fr Austin will take place on the first Wednesday each month. The topic of the first meeting is forgiveness. The rock foundation of Christianity is forgiveness; which cannot be expressed in words or defined. Forgiveness can only be experienced – forgiveness belongs to God. God is totally personal because God is totally for giving [forgiving]. We are most personal when we are for giving. There is confusion about the Sacrament of Reconciliation when it is referred to as penance/confession – which makes us our own physician and imposes reconciliation on the sorrowing heart. I cannot be my own redeemer.

Feast of St Francis 3rd October 6pm

Each year we recall the death of St Francis with a little drama of his dying hours. We shall do this in church next Sunday evening at 6 pm. It is called the Transitus – or passing of St Francis.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 26th September

8.30am Michael Carrig RIP
10am Eddie Marrie RIP
11.30am J Motha & M Jose anniversary

Monday 27th September

William Macpherson anniversary
Dilly Firmin RIP
SHJM community Cork

Tuesday 28th September

Seamus Hanley anniversary
Maurice & Neil Butler RIP
Sr Sylvester intention

Wednesday 29th September

Rev G Wadding CSSR RIP
John O'Brien RIP
Tess Murphy intention

Thursday 30th September

Neil Hanley RIP
Olympia Panong RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 1st October

John Potter RIP
C.W.L.

Saturday 2nd October

10 am Richard Barber RIP
6 pm Arthur Morris anniversary

Sunday 3rd October

8.30am Frank Maunsell RIP
10am Mark Hodgskin RIP
11.30am Lorcan Canavan RIP

Church Cleaning
Saturday 2nd October at 10.30am
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Beavers

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader paulineelkin616@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society

Was never more needed. A small band in SToC quietly picks up the cares and needs of so many varieties of suffering and privation, and gives practical relief. Loneliness, disability, lack of money, heat and food, housing are just some of the realities they face and counter. The SVP is the first of the caring agencies of our parish and we need many more people to come and offer their help. We say we care for the poor. Words are not enough. Just giving money is not enough. The SVP needs your time and compassion. Do give a thought to what of these you can give.

Meditation

A weekly meditation group has been set up. Initially we will begin at Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 28th September from 2-3 pm. Subsequent meetings will be held weekly on Tuesdays at the same time. If you would like to know more please contact Mike Eggleton via the Parish Office.

Mother & Toddler Group

Will recommence on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th September 9.30am to 11am.