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**Mass Times, Intentions and Information**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER; 2022 THIRTIETH SUNDAY YR C**  
10am: Anne and Michael Murphy RIP  
12.00pm: Anthony Locke George Gomes Boilis RIP

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – Feria**  
10.00am: Christopher Browne Intentions

**MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**  
**10.00am: No Mass**

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – Sts. Simon and Margaret Clitherow, Martyr**  
**10.00 am: No Mass**

**TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – Feria**  
10am: People of the Parish

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – St John Paul II.Pope**  
10.00am **No Mass**  
**12.00am: Ana Maria Caiza RIP**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – St. Chad and Cedd, Bishops**  
**10.00am: No Mass**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER; 2022 THIRTIETH -FIRST SUNDAY**  
10am: Arlo Chukwu birthday Thanksgiving  
12.00pm: Yasmin Riamah

**Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday at 10am**

**HOSPITAL CONTACTS** If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please inform the Parish office

**Offertory collection** Sunday 16<sup>TH</sup> - October; 2022: First Collection: £646.42 Second Collection: £97.78 Today's Second Collection is for the World Mission. We are grateful for your Support and help to the Parish

**Senior Parishinors 60 and over:** Matinee: On Friday December 9th at 1pm - Wimbledon Theatre . Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.Panto Time. Subsidised Ticket Price £12-50 Names taken this Sunday and Sunday 23rd. After mass . Ticket Money to be paid by Sunday 30th October at the latest.

**NOTICE BOARDS** Please refrain from putting up posters and notices and/or moving them around. Please submit all such items to the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.** If you wish to baptise your child, please complete the Baptism Form on the parish website or fill the hard copy available in the church and return it to one of the Parish Team.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Can you help with Children Liturgy. Please Talk to the Office for more information

**The Church Cleaning Team** – We are still in need of new volunteers to help clean the Church once a every week on a Saturdays morning from 10am. Even if you cannot commit regularly, any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to or e-mail the Parish office with your contact details.

**The new parish hall:** Our new parish hall is going to be officially inaugurated and blessed by Bishop Paul Hendricks on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm. Please join us for the celebration.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish office is open on Monday and Fridays from 9.00am to 11.30am and 1.00 to 4.30pm and on Wednesday 9.00am to 11.30am The office is also open every day from 10.30am till 7pm except Wednesdays in case you want to speak or see someone.

**STEP INTO THE GAP PROGRAMME** CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity for 18 - 30 year - olds to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. For more information, please contact Arianne at: [youngleadership@CAFOD.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@CAFOD.org.uk); or go to: Step into the Gap - Volunteer for your gap year CAFOD

# Parish Diary and Reflection

Sunday – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm	Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice: 1:00 - 5:00pm
Confession: On Request before or after Every Mass	Tea and Coffee: After each Mass on Sunday

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The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in today's gospel is addressed to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." The parable's message goes further than to simply encourage generic humility. Jesus targets the disdain for others at the core of this particular type of spiritual pride. It is not only the confidence of the Pharisee that is amiss here, but, more deeply, the hatred and disgust it produces and justifies.

Pharisees were held in high esteem in Jewish culture. Tax collectors, on the other hand, were collaborators with the Romans. They also cheated people to increase their earnings. So they were despised. So for Jesus to tell this story where the Pharisee is the "villain" and the tax collector is the "hero" is a complete reversal of how these roles were perceived.

Jesus is showing us that it is not social status which matters in the eyes of God. He cares about how our hearts are oriented. We must remember that everything we are and have comes from God. And we are all in need of God's mercy. When we start thinking that praying and following the rules somehow earn us a special place in the Kingdom of God, then we are relying on our own efforts instead of trusting in God.

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:** *. For 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.

**Sunday 23 October 2022 - Today is World Mission Sunday:** 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: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a journey for welcoming adult newcomers (inquirers) into the Roman Catholic Church for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. **Weekly every Tuesday from 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.** "No obligation" inquiry sessions start **Tuesday, October 25, at 7.15 pm, at Sacred Heart Church.**

Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. Charity Number: 1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)