

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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October 18th 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday



WELCOME TO ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

It is now required that we record the names and contact details of all those attending each service. You will see posters with our QR code at the entrance to the church. If you are able to Check-in using the NHS COVID-19 App on your phone, then please have your phone ready. For those who do not have this facility, please be ready to give your name and either your email address or a phone number to one of the stewards at the Check-In desk.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday, October 24th: Salvatore Aina, Samuel Gunasekera, Keoni Maanigaruhanga, Elias Carrillo, Maya Cholerton, Michael O'Connor, Aaron Kaitharath, Adalia Bastin, Dominic Man, Charlotte Di Rienzo, Elise den Ouden and Harry Fox. Please also pray for their families.



SATURDAY MORNING 10.00AM MASS

On Saturdays 17th and 24th October and 7th November there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation or Morning Prayer before Mass and no Adoration or Rosary after Mass. First Holy Communions are being celebrated during these Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF

Evelyn Mephram RIP (wife of Terry,
mother of Yvette)

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially **John De Coste, Anthony
McGinty** and **Manus McIlhargey**.

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the '[Submit Online Petition](#)' link on the website.
Thank you.

COVID-19 Indulgence:
press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning Prayer at 9.45 am Monday - Saturday

Saturday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, Memoria

10.00 am *Jenny Lee RIP*
6.00 pm *Archibald Wilson Young RIP*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 18th October - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am *All Parishioners*
10.30 am *Maureen and Finbar McCarthy RIP*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *May Cassin*

Monday 19th October - St Philip Howard, Martyr, Solemnity

10.00 am *Adrian Cassidy*
Rosary and Adoration continuing until 2.00pm

Tuesday 20th October - Weekday

10.00 am *Holy Souls*
Rosary and Adoration
12 noon Requiem Mass for Susan Hughes RIP

Wednesday 21st October - Weekday

10.00 am *For Thanksgiving*
Rosary and Adoration
11.45 am Requiem Mass for Patrick Donovan RIP

Thursday 22nd October - Weekday

10.00 am *Emma and Francisco Xavier Rodrigues RIP*
Rosary and Adoration

Friday 23rd October - Weekday

10.00 am *Alan Greenway RIP*
Rosary and Adoration

Saturday 24th October - Weekday

10.00 am *Simplicia and Ricardo Guanzon RIP*
6.00 pm *Margaret Davies*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 25th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am *Manus McIlhargey*
10.30 am *Maria Hong Nguyen RIP*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Morning 9.15 - 9.45 am

Saturday Evening 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Also available on request

Please ring the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Please note that all services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

READINGS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th 2020

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 Cyrus was a good person. He did have some blind spots: egotism and narcissism. We would even, like Isaiah, question whether or not he knew God. This doesn't matter when it comes to God's plans for us. Cyrus even became known as the "Lord's Messiah"! God called him for a purpose. He was to become an instrument in God's hands for His work of salvation.'

Psalms 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10 Give the Lord glory and power.

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 This is the earliest letter of the New Testament. It is a letter of assurance, comfort and gentle admonition and appeasement. It also has elements of encouragement and pastoral concern. Paul is worried about the community he has left behind. He is encouraging them to persevere.

Matthew 22: 15-21 Should politicians leave their religious and moral beliefs at the doorstep of Government Buildings? Is there a place for religion in shaping the future of any country? Is it possible to divorce politics and religion? How many of our public representatives are elected because of their religious and moral stance on an issue? Can the secular be separated from the sacred? These are just some of the questions raised by today's gospel. Because we are spiritual in nature it is absurd to think that the two – politics and religion – could ever be separated. There is an effort by some to create a secular state; to take God out of the equation altogether. They would be much better approaching it from the perspective of learning from both for the good of society. Just as science augments the faith journey and faith the scientific route so too has secularism something to teach religion and vice versa. Religion and culture are intertwined.

Readings Next Weekend: Exodus 22: 20-26; Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10; Matthew: 22: 34-40

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CHILDREN

Introduction Everything we have was given to us by God, who pours out his love for us with unending generosity.

Reflection Even today, people pay taxes just as they did at the time of Jesus. The money paid by people in tax is used by the government for all kinds of things including schools, health care and maintaining roads. God is not interested in money, because to him money isn't what makes a person rich. What does make a person rich is their honesty, goodness, understanding and love for God and one another. He pours his love into our lives and showers us with gifts of talent. If we use our talents wisely and well and offer our lives to please him, then we can give back to God a little of so much we have been given.

Activity Think about the gifts and talents that you have been given by God. Think of an action you could offer to God as a sign of your love for him. For example, could you use your talent to help others? Maybe you could tidy your room, make someone smile or simply say a prayer. Perhaps you could draw a picture and add the caption, 'We offer our lives to God.'

Prayer

Father in heaven,
I give you today,
All that I think, and do and say.
Fill me with grace and make me strong,
With you at my side, I won't go wrong.
Amen



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CATECHISM SAYS...?

THE LIFE OF PRAYER—THE BATTLE OF PRAYER

2727 We must also face the fact that certain attitudes deriving from the *mentality* of "this present world" can penetrate our lives if we are not vigilant. For example, some would have it that only that is true which can be verified by reason and science; yet prayer is a mystery that overflows both our conscious and unconscious lives. Others overly prize production and profit; thus prayer, being unproductive, is useless. Still others exalt sensuality and comfort as the criteria of the true, the good, and the beautiful; whereas prayer, the "love of beauty" (*philokalia*), is caught up in the glory of the living and true God. Finally, some see prayer as a flight from the world in reaction against activism; but in fact, Christian prayer is neither an escape from reality nor a divorce from life.

2728 Finally, our battle has to confront what we experience as *failure in prayer*: discouragement during periods of dryness; sadness that, because we have "great possessions," we have not given all to the Lord; disappointment over not being heard according to our own will; wounded pride, stiffened by the indignity that is ours as sinners; our resistance to the idea that prayer is a free and unmerited gift; and so forth. The conclusion is always the same: what good does it do to pray? To overcome these obstacles, we must battle to gain humility, trust, and perseverance.

GUIDES FOR SUNDAY READERS

Guides for Sunday Readers are available this weekend. Please collect a copy from the Narthex.

YOUR SAFETY and the SAFETY OF OTHERS

Thank you to all those who are remembering to bring, and wear, face masks when they come to Mass.

Please could we ask you, for your sake and the sake of others, to wear the masks correctly during the whole of Mass. This means that the mouth and nose should be completely covered at all times.

Thank you.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time, Saturday November 7th 2.30 pm at Brookwood Cemetery (maximum of 5 parishioners), Sunday November 8th 12.30 pm at Send Cemetery and Saturday November 14th at 2 pm at St Edwards, Sutton Park.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Autumn Issue of the Parish Magazine is now available. Copies can be collected from the Narthex, or it can be downloaded from the [Parish website](#).

THE GIFT AID SCHEME

Gift Aid is an Income Tax relief designed to benefit charities. Provided donors are UK taxpayers, Gift Aid increases the value of charitable donations by 25% for each £1 donated. The charity reclaims basic rate tax on each donation at no cost to the donor.

Our parish greatly benefits from the many parishioners who already contribute through this scheme and we welcome anyone who may choose to start contributing in this way.

The many regular donations made by parishioners by this tax efficient method over recent months has provided a very welcome steady income stream to our parish in these difficult times, for which we are most grateful.

Gift Aid donors can set up a regular Standing Order with their bank and/or by putting cash into special envelopes in the weekly Offertory and/or Retiring Collections.

To find out more about the scheme please go to the Giving/Donate link on the parish website and see the information in the Gift Aid section there.

Alternatively, please feel free to contact our Parish Gift Aid organiser, Ian White at ianwh236@gmail.com or on 01932 340747 for more details.

Thank you.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SEPTEMBER 2021

All applicants for St Dunstan's School are requested to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as part of the admission process. Details around the application process are available on the [school website www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk). The SIF must be signed by a Priest, normally from St Dunstan's Parish. In order for SIFs to be signed by Priests it will be necessary this year (due to Covid-19) to submit the completed SIF, in an envelope marked "St Dunstan's SIF", to the letterbox directly outside the main doors to the Church by **November 30th**. The SIF will then be reviewed by the Priests and if any details require clarification before it receives their signature then a phone call will be made to the Parent/Carer involved. The originals of the documents required for the SIF (checklist on the final page) should be taken to the school office for photocopying as has been the case in previous years. The school will match the photocopies to the signed SIFs as part of the normal process.

SIGNING OF SJB SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS

This year, due to COVID-19, Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) for St John the Baptist School should be sent directly to SJB, with a copy of the Baptism certificate. The priests will then sign the forms when they visit the school.

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL - CLEANING ASSISTANT VACANCY

The school is advertising for the following vacancy:

School Cleaning Assistant – Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm (with a 30 minute unpaid lunch break each day). This will be on a Fixed Term contract until the 31st March 2021.
Surrey Pay Grade 3 – hourly rate £9.40.



Closing date for applications: Monday 12th October 2020. Start date: As soon as possible

Application forms and the job description are available to download on the school website under vacancies. Alternatively please contact the Headteacher's PA Mrs A. Murray at amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk.

St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure and sign the Catholic Education Service contract of employment.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday which 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 Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. 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. 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.



For those parishioners who have a Red Box, because of the current situation many boxes have not been emptied. We ask if you would kindly empty the box (preferably count the money), put it in an envelope or bag with your name and bring it to St Dunstan's. A member of the local team will be available at all Masses on the weekend of 17th/18th October. Many thanks, Local contact Rafaela, 01483 762075.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your donations to CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, which came to £2097.75 in addition to donations made online or by text. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world's poorest communities in your prayers at this time.



ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday 24th October

10am-12.45pm mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" from Mgr John Armitage. Please register in advance for Zoom by following the link: bit.ly/ADOREOCT20 or for more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com.



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