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**Sacrament of  
Confession** Saturday  
after 10 am Mass,  
and Adoration.  
Sunday 10.30 –  
10.45 am  
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.  
**Out of difficulties  
grow miracles!**

Twickenham. **Date and Time:** 30th November 2019, 10 am - 4 pm, **Venue:** St Mary's University, Twickenham. **Cost:** £35, including buffet lunch

For more details and to book, <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2019/11/addiction-spirituality-and-mental-wellbeing>

**The Passage Working with Homeless People:** "The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 November on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessum Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk)"

**Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth,  
faithfulness the best relationship.**

**There is a 'Bring & Share lunch'** on the first Sunday of the month, after the 11 am Mass. **Traidcraft** is on the second Sunday after the 9am & 11 am Masses, and there is usually a pleasant **Parish Walk** on the third Sunday starting from the Parish Hall. There is also tea, coffee and juice served after the 9am and 11am Mass **each Sunday** in the hall. **All are welcome, so, please come and join us.**

**The Southwark Spirituality Commission** will be hosting **'Your Word is Life'**: a day of prayer using scripture to awaken us to the presence of God. Whether

you are seeking to enhance your own prayer life or enable others in your congregation or community, this one-day workshop will equip you with a range of resources.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am - 3.30 pm**, St John Fisher Catholic Church, Thanet Road, Bexley DA5 1AP. **Booking is essential.** Please call 01322 524813 or visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk). See poster in Porch for further details.

**Catholic Mental Health Project Conference:** Booking is now open for the Catholic Mental Health Project Annual Conference, co-organised with St Mary's University,

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### Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Thirtieth Sunday (C)

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;  
Luke 18:9-14

Responsorial Psalm *This poor man called; the Lord heard him.*  
Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the  
kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

Next week's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;  
Luke 19:1-10



I recently ministered to a lady in hospital. It was really nice to chat to her and she shared that she hasn't been to church for about 20 years. I assured her that I am there not to judge but to help. She was keen to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. I informed her that it was good practice to go to confession, if one was away from church without a good reason for a long time, before receiving Holy Communion. This attracted the attention of the other patients, and there was laughter all around. This lady despite the ridicule, asked the curtains to be drawn for privacy, a humble and profound confession followed. She received the healing sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick, and the supreme sacrament of Holy Communion. There was an atmosphere of profound devotion and love, and her beautiful smile amidst her pain spoke volumes. Yes, her prayer was heard, the Lord was present, there was silence and awe. She was home. When we humbly and sincerely acknowledge our faults and turn to the Lord, our prayers will be heard and we will be healed. The Lord looks at us as a whole, and wants us to give ourselves to him warts and all so that he may, turn our rusting love into something solid that shines full of his grace. Have a really good week. God bless. Fr Neil.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS			
		27 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Feast Days
Sunday	9am	Emma Driver R.I.P.	Thirtieth Sunday (C)
	11am	People of the parish	
	6pm	John Endicott- Wellbeing.	
Monday	10am	Sr Ursula RIP	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
Tuesday	10am		
Wednesday	10am		
Thursday	10am	St William of Perth, Anniversary Mass	
Friday	10am		All Saints
	7pm	Birthday – Thanksgiving.	
Saturday	10am	Catherine & Thomas Handy RIP	All Souls
Sunday	9am	Emma Driver RIP	Thirty First Sunday (C)
	11am	Joseph Booth RIP	
	6 pm	People of the Parish	

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019:

First collection: Gift Aid – £ 177.00 Loose - £ 231.06 = £ 408.06

Second Collection: Missio - £ 187.36, Thank You.

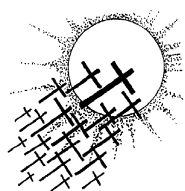
Attendance: 9am - 60; 11am - 91, 6pm – 50 = 201.

100 Club: £20 – Felim McCarthy N<sup>o</sup> 74, £10 – Gill Hanson N<sup>o</sup> 69

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November is Holy Day of Obligation**, which means it is like a Sunday where we are obliged to attend Holy Mass. There will be Masses at 10am and 7pm.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day** – Mass will be at 10:00am after which there will be prayers at the memorial garden.

**Remembering the Holy Souls:** It is our tradition to remember the faithful departed during this time. We do this by remembering them at Masses especially in November and beyond. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered please place their names in the envelopes provided and give them to Fr Neil.



If you like Masses to be said for the repose of the souls of your loved ones or for the Holy souls in purgatory, please include their names and your donations, and place them in the envelopes. One of the most noble way we can help the Holy Souls is to offer Masses for them. And when our turn comes to enter purgatory, we hope and pray that we too will be assisted by those who offer Masses for us.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov, Blessing of Graves:** There will be the blessing of graves after the 11:00am Mass. Please gather at the cemetery for 12:30pm for the blessing.

**Funeral of Archbishop Emeritus Michael Bowen RIP:** Will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November at St George's Cathedral in Lambeth at 12:30pm. He will be laid to rest in the Cathedral crypt.

**Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov, Remembrance Sunday:** The 11:00am Mass will be a Solemn Requiem Mass for those who lost their lives through war. There will be prayers at our own cenotaph after Mass. I ask families to bring a poppy to place at our memorial for the fallen.

**Our School St. William of Perth** is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10 am**. The Celebrant will be Monsignor Matthew Dickens. Following Mass there will be continued celebrations in school. All parishioners are invited to attend both our Mass and in school celebrations. Details of the timetable for the day will be published as soon as available.

### Christmas Craft Fayre and Bring & Share lunch.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER.

After 9am Mass: Tea, coffee and hot mince pies

After 11 am Mass: Mulled wine followed by a Bring and Share buffet lunch.

The parishioners from the 6 o'clock mass are cordially invited to join us at lunch time. You are also welcome to pop in to the church hall after Mass and browse for many Christmas gifts made by our parishioners. There will be Wood Work, Knitting, Jewellery, Christmas decorations, Ceramics and Homemade Food products. We hope to see you all there.

**The Repository** has many different cards and other items, in preparation for Christmas. Please help support the church funds.

**There will be a Bring & Share Lunch** after the 11 am Mass next Sunday in the church hall. All are welcome, especially if you are bringing good food!

**Anniversary of the Return of the Carmelites:** Mass will be celebrated at Aylesford Priory on **31<sup>st</sup> October**, marking the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Return of the Carmelites. Archbishop John Wilson will preside. All are welcome to attend.