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Sunday 9th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Neil Townsend RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Gerald Patrick Brennan RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 10th October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Catherine Curtin

Tuesday 11th October Pope St. John XXIII
10.00am Margaret Eileen Roberts RIP

Wednesday 12th October St. Wilfrid
12.00noon Cherry Kenworthy

Thursday 13th October St. Edward the Confessor (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am The Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 14th October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Holy Souls

A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 15th October St. Teresa of Avila
10.00am The Holy Souls

Sunday 16th October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Miriam Smith RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Fr. Chris O'Brien RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP - ARCHBISHOP JOHN WRITES -

'Dear Brothers and Sisters

Whilst it is with sadness, it is also in the light of the Lord Jesus, our Life and Resurrection, that I write to inform you of the death of our dear friend and brother, Bishop Howard Tripp, who completed his long and fruitful earthly pilgrimage on the 3rd October.

Bishop Howard was born on 3rd July 1927 and attended the John Fisher School in Purley. Following formation at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, he was ordained priest on 31st May 1953. His first appointment was at Blackheath, followed by East Sheen from 1956-1962 before becoming parish priest there from 1965-1971. Aged 38, he was the youngest parish priest in the Southwark Diocese. During his time at East Sheen, Bishop Howard was appointed Diocesan Covenant Organiser (1958) and Assistant Diocesan Financial Secretary (1962). He held both posts until 1968. From 1971-1980, Bishop Howard served as the Director of the Southwark Children's Society.

On 30th January 1980, Bishop Howard was ordained Bishop of the titular see of Newport and Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark by Archbishop Michael Bowen, with responsibility for the South-West Pastoral Area. He served in this position until his retirement on 7th January 2004.

In more recent years, Bishop Howard has been cared for graciously by the Little Sisters of the Poor and was a much-loved member of the community there.

Let us entrust his soul to the intercession of the Mother of the Lord Jesus who is our Mother, too. Let us pray that she will welcome him and introduce him into a heavenly inheritance where he will enjoy for ever the fullness of peace.'

The incident of the ten lepers reminds us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, however it also reminds us of the depths of ingratitude that we can sink.

This is but one of many such examples of ingratitude that occurred during Christ's public ministry, most of those He miraculously cured forgot to thank Him. In today's incident there was one, and he was the one least expected to do so, who had the decency to return and thank his benefactor. This pleased our Lord and led Him to remark on the ingratitude of the others. "Were not all ten made whole, where are the other nine?"

Think for a moment. If those nine ungrateful lepers were struck again with disease some months later and returned to implore Christ for a cure, would you blame Him if He refused? Most of us would refuse. Yet we expect Him to listen to our urgent pleas the minute we make them, while we have not given Him a thought and never said one "thank you, Lord" while things were going well with us.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no more sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. God has already done His part in preparing this heaven for us. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God as well as from our fellow man is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Richard Challoner Sixth Form will be holding an open evening with tours of the school for external students and their parents on Wednesday 19th October at 7.0pm. Join us to hear all about the 30 plus A Level and BTEC courses we offer to our mixed Sixth Form and to see for yourself our state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and independent learning. For more information call Mrs McAleenan – Sixth Form Manager on 020 8329 9689

SPUC ONE DAY CONFERENCE

A recent BBC poll revealed that 15% of British women have experienced pressure or coercion to have an abortion that they did not want. This is a shocking reality that the pro-abortion narrative seeks to suppress - but we can no longer allow this to happen. It is vital to understand the reasons why women have abortions - including the horrific phenomenon of abortion coercion that SPUC is now highlighting - so that we can campaign for protection for vulnerable women and their children.

This year, SPUC is hosting three national conferences in cities across the United Kingdom - in London, Birmingham and Glasgow - highlighting the pressing issue of abortion coercion. The London conference is on Saturday 22nd October at Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ. The day costs £35/£25 concessions and can be booked online at:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/national-conferences-2022>.

You can also contact Katherine Hampton on katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk, or call: 01892 542 616.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

CHRISTMAS SALE

BUY THEM EARLY AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

Our Annual sale of Advents Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs and gifts will take place on Sunday 23rd October after all Masses in the hall. Please come along and buy your Christian Advent Calendars, Cards and gifts. All proceeds will go to Church funds.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Faith Formation group for our young people will meet today at 10:30am in the library.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The 1st Holy Communion programme continues next Saturday morning at 10.30am

TALK BY LUCY UNDERWOOD-HEALY

At 6pm in Alexander House on 16th October, we are pleased to welcome Lucy Underwood-Healy to give a talk on her novel, *The Guest of Night*, and how she came to write it. Lucy is a Catholic historian and novelist. She will have books available on the night for purchase at a small event discount. Alternatively, it can be purchased online through Amazon.

STRICTLY MINUETS

Strictly Minuets is back. Dancing and nibbles. If you like dancing, Handel and having fun come and join us on Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm. £5. All welcome. Comfortable, jazz or dance shoes. Please contact Kate: 07747 465046

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am. 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE ROSARY

is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Sundays - 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction
Thursdays – Exposition following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

TEA AND COFFEE

There is in tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesdays

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023

St Joseph's, our Catholic Primary School, is holding tours for the Reception 2023 intake on Wednesday 23rd November at 2.00p.m. Please telephone the school office on 020 8546 7178 to book a place.