

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 18th November 2012

Envelopes: £ 690.20
Loose: £ 365.90
Standing Orders £ 603.00
Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!!

JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sunday, 25th November 2012



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Michael & Dennis Lonergan RIP
	8:30am 10:15 am	Holy Souls Janet Turner's Intentions
	12:00 Noon	Teresa & Vincent Fernandes RIP
Monday 26th November Feria	9:15 am Mass	Deceased members of the Libralesso Family
Tuesday 27th November Feria	No Mass Today	
Wednesday 28th November Feria	9:15 am Mass	Patsy Rooney RIP
Thursday 29th November Feria	9:15am Mass	Beryl Genovese RIP
Friday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle	9:15am Mass	Deceased members of the Acuti Family
Saturday 1st December Feria	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	
Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Elizabeth Ann Rainsford RIP (Anniv)
	8:30am 10:15 am	Timothy Kelly RIP (Anniv) Tom Hartigan RIP
	12:00 Noon	Tony Di Popolo (Anniv)

So you are a king

Pilate plays an interesting role in today's Gospel when he asks Jesus that all-important question: 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Is it the question of someone who does not understand and wants to know more about Jesus? Has Pilate had a sudden insight into who Jesus is? Is he gently mocking him? Or is he simply carrying out an investigation?

After Jesus speaks about his kingdom, Pilate asks again, 'So you are a king then?', prompting Jesus to reply more boldly: 'Yes, I am a king.'

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It can be hard for us to grasp what Jesus means when he talks about the kingdom. He tells Pilate that his kingdom is 'not of this world'. He is a King, but not the king we might expect. He does not have an army to save him from being arrested and put to death. He has not come to reign on earth, to amass power, or to ride into battle, but rather to bear witness to the truth.

Those who are on the side of truth listen to Jesus' voice. What would our lives be like if we were to truly live according to the teachings and example of Jesus?

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PRISONER'S SUNDAY 2012

Archbishop Vincent Nichols writes, "As President of Prisoner's Advice & Care Trust (PACT) I commend the charity's work to you, and on Prisoner's Sunday, would be grateful if you could join me in prayer for all prisoners and their families."

Today is Prisoner's Sunday and as you are aware, prisoners need support of parishes to move away from a life of crime and take the path of life -they need our hope, faith, love and support in order to do this. Our help can in surprising ways disarm even the most hardened offender. (Please see item on PACT inside).

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

For the sick and the housebound:

Christine Eisene, Joseph David, Margaret Cooney, Nicola Jacques, Deignan Family, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Charlie Pattison, Jo Scott, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Cooke Family, Peter Finn, Colman Connolly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Cole, Mrs. Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Mrs. E. Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, , and **all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Ann Rainsford, Timothy Kelly, Mary Rosina Moran, Patrick Loughney

Please Pray for the Recently

Dead: Robert Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland, Frank Hall, Betty Carroth,

“Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

MILLERS FUNERAL CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS
Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

A DAY WITH MARY
1st December at Our Lady of Lourdes , Acton

BAPTISM: To book a baptism for your child, please contact **Herman** at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's Birth Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist.

MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013

Sunday 2nd December: “In the name of the Father”. It starts with the Mass at 10:15 and SESSION finishes at 12:30pm

Tuesday 4th December: Next Parents and Children Meeting 7:30– 8:30PM

NEW CATHOLICS (RCIA):

If you know of anybody who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or wants to be a Catholic, please contact Herman ASAP.

SVP

The SVP is distributing cold-weather “Vinnie Packs” packs containing a hat, gloves, socks, thermal blanket and toiletries to rough sleepers, and your donation is invited to cover the cost of £3 per pack. Please post to The SVP. c/o 46 Brunswick Court, Regency St, London SW1P 4AE.

CALIX SOCIETY

The Calix Society is for recovering alcoholics who want to draw on their Catholic Faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. Calix meeting are help at Our Lady's, 54 Lodge Road NW8; St. Pius X, St. Charles Sq. W10; and Westminster Cathedral, Hinsley Rooms. Members are welcome from all 12 step programmes, especially Alcoholics Anonymous & AIAnon Our next meeting 7pm- on 28th November at Westminster Cathedral.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. Isn't it odd to celebrate Christ as King since his lifestyle was simple and he actually escaped from the crowd who wanted to make him their king?

A. It depends on how one understands the role of a king. Jesus said to Pilate, ‘Yes, I am a king, but my kingdom is not of this world’. He ran off from those who wanted to make him an earthly king as he had no desire for political power or regal pomp. His idea of kingship was to see justice and compassion empowering our lives. Today's feast celebrates a king of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. For such a world we pray ‘Thy kingdom come’.

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PRISONER'S ADVICE & CARE TRUST (PACT)

At the heart of the Catholic Church's teaching on the care of prisoner's is the simple profound truth that in reaching out to them we are in fact reaching out to Jesus himself. For he said in Scriptures (Matt: 25) that when we visit a prisoner, we visit him. *“I was in prison and you came and visit me”*

Not many of us actually visit prisoners but we can reach out to them in other ways. We can pray for them and their families especially today, Prisoner's Sunday. But we can also donate to the to the Prisoner's Advice & Care Trust Appeal (Chairman, The Archbishop) who implements innovative schemes to help support people wanting to make a fresh start on release from prison. A donation to PACT is a way of fulfilling Christ's invitation to visit prisoners.

Please give generously to the Second Collection for PACT today or next Sunday. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2012

Dear *Parishioners*,

Around this time of this time of the year we become very busy with all the hustle and bustle of the world. Advent and then Christmas are just around the corner and we have our own plans and preparations to make. However , considering the scarcity of money, , considering the scarcity of money, we now need to think more about our priorities.

The Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Church, is grateful for your continued support through the years. One of the activities that the Parish has been very supportive of is the Christmas raffle that we run each year. If you are registered with us, we have prepared envelopes with your name on it with enclosed raffle tickets which we are hoping that you will again be generous in giving your support. Please collect them at the back of the church.

This year we have spent all our reserves in repair works of the Church and presbytery. We have completed the repairs of the Church's roof (especially in areas where leaks were coming from). We replaced coping stones, brickworks, gables and lead flashings. Damaged gutters and pipes were also replaced. The total cost of these repair works amounted to around £74,000 which has put our Parish account into negative balance. However, these repair works were absolutely necessary. The proceeds of this year's draw will help replenish the money we spent.

We have a beautiful church. *“It is not a museum to be preserved, but a beautiful place of prayer with Sunday worship, daily Mass, and the many events which mark the life of the community like Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, weddings and funerals”*. We see this more and more. Thank you for your help in the past. If it is possible for you to make a further contribution, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Gideon P.P.