



**Fr Nicodemus Lobo Ratu SVD-Parish Priest**  
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**The Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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**Normal Mass Times**

**Saturday**  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
8.00am Mass  
10.00am Family Mass  
12.00pm Mass

**Weekday Masses**  
See back of the newsletter  
or church noticeboard

**Holydays of Obligation**  
7.00pm Vigil Mass  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am  
and 5.00 to 5.30pm  
or by appointment

**Baptisms**  
**Weddings** (6 months notice)  
Contact the Parish Priest

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 55: 6-9**

Sometimes we forget that our images of God can be slightly out of focus. In the first reading today the prophet reminds us of three important truths about God. First, God is not in a distant heaven but right here in our hearts. Second, whoever turns to God for mercy will receive it, because God is generous and forgiving. Third, God is not limited by our thoughts or images. God's ways are as high above ours as the heavens are above the earth.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Philippians 20-24, 27**

Writing from his prison cell, Paul is faced with a choice. Should he look forward to being a martyr so that he can go home to Christ soon? Or should he be glad to stay on and serve others who need him? Whether he lives or dies, Paul says that life means Christ. He wants the greatness of Christ to shine out in his person.

**Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**

Our ideas of justice are sometimes selfish and petty when we compare them to God's justice. That is why some people are surprised that Jesus would tell a story in which five groups of workers who began at different times should all be paid the same at sundown.

Yet Jesus points out that those who worked all day received a fair wage and a wage they agreed on from the start. The landowner, who represents God in the story, asks "Are you envious because I am generous?" The answer for many people is yes. They have forgotten that God's ways are not our ways. They do not remember that the blessings of God's kingdom are a gift to us.

**Gloria Page 9 in the Mass Books.**  
**Readings Page 131**  
**The Creed Page 11**

**Collection Details**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Planned £729.70  
Loose £574.50

**Thank you for your continuous generosity and to all who pay by bankers order which is £799.88 weekly.**

**Holy Souls**

The two red sanctuary lamps in the sanctuary are permanently lit for the Holy Souls.

**Parish Hall Bookings**

Please call Mary Bradley (not the parish office) on 07709639628.

**Candles**

Candles are a fire hazard so please do not remove the votives (blue & red) from their metal containers.

We would be grateful if parents could supervise their children lighting candles.

**Missio**

The autumn magazines are ready to collect from the back of the church. **There are quite a few red boxes** still to be collected.

**ELECTRONIC LINKS**

The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week.

**To subscribe, please email [subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk)**

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**Visit the Parish Website** [www.stbridgets.org.uk](http://www.stbridgets.org.uk)

See the **Quick Links** on the front page and click:

**Volunteer Online** to go to a volunteer form if you would like to help the parish in any way.

**Guide to the Church** for a Tour Guide of St Bridget's

**New Parishioners** information can be found by clicking on the link near the foot of the front page.

We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – please follow the same link for details or ask in the Parish Office.

**NOTICES**

**Signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice For Schools**

The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening) for at least **TWO Years** before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are new to the parish – you will need a letter from your previous Parish Priest

Parents/guardians, these instructions apply if: You have a child in Year 6 at primary school, and wish to transfer him/her to Year 7 of any Roman Catholic secondary schools for the academic year beginning in September 2018. You practice your Catholic faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Parents, please visit the Local Council & Schools or their websites for forms and other guidelines. Once your application is ready, then contact the priest as below

The deadline for returning the school form(s) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Fr Nico will be signing the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' which is now available in the porch.

Please contact Marie in the office for bookings.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. First appointment will be 9.30am and the last one 12.30pm on both days. They are in ten minute slots and will be in the presbytery.

**Why the Catholic Bishops have restored two Holy Days**

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017, two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See.

**Celebrating the Epiphany**

Everyone knows that the twelfth day of Christmas is 6 January, the Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to worship and offer gifts to the new born King.

**Ascension: Why 40 days?**

Apart from marking the importance of the feast, celebrating the Ascension of Christ into Heaven 40 days after Easter Sunday also reinstates the possibility of practicing the ancient "10 days of the Holy Spirit" devotion, preparing for Pentecost.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM**

Led by Cardinal Vincent  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

If you would like to attend, please put your name on the sheet in the porch. This promises to be a wonderful day out and you will be joining parishioners from Heston and Osterlery. Cost is £20 per person and a luxury coach with toilet facilities has been booked.

**Fr Stewart**

We are very aware that many parishioners are keen to contribute to a collection for Fr Stewart. This will be arranged as soon as possible. There are however, certain procedures we need to observe before this can be done. We will keep you informed. Fr Stewart is still recovering and is most appreciative of our thoughts and prayers.

**Baptism enquiry forms**

Can now be completed and given to Marie in the parish office. A Baptism course will need to be completed. Fr Nico or Fr Kieran will make a house visit before the baptism. We can take enquiries only from St Bridget's parishioners i.e those who reside in our parish.

**GOING IN TO HOSPITAL? –**

If you find yourself going in to hospital please be aware that the staff there will **NOT** ask you about your religion. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the CHAPLAIN to know that you are in the hospital. Or you can let us know in the parish office.

## NOTICES

### Our Parish Secretary Marie Gleeson

Is aiming to conquer 12 iconic London Bridges on the London Bridges Challenge 2017 run by Diabetes UK on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October and would like as many people as possible to sponsor her to reach her target.

*Thank you very much for all who have donated so far.*

Marie's son Liam was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes Sept 2013 which was a massive shock to her and her family. With the help of West Middlesex Paediatric Diabetic clinic Liam has come to terms with it. Diabetes UK is the charity leading the fight against the most devastating and fastest growing health crisis of our time, creating a world where diabetes can do no harm. It's a fight that involves all of us – sharing knowledge and taking diabetes on together until we achieve our vision. Please go online at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Marie-Gleeson2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Marie-Gleeson2) or give any donations to Fr Nico, Fr Kieran or Fr David or put through the presbytery door. Thank You.

### Secondary School Open Days

#### ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We invite Parents and Year 6 students to attend our Open Mornings and Open Evening on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September (Morning and Evening)

9.00 – 10.30 am and 5.00 – 9.00 pm

& Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Morning only) 9.00 – 10.30 am

#### St Richard Reynolds Catholic College in Twickenham

Open Evening for prospective parents and students on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30-8.30pm.

The Principal, Mr Burke, will present at 6.45pm, 7.30pm and 8.15pm.

<http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk>

#### Gunnersbury Catholic School

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

2.00pm – 3.30pm (with Head-teacher's address at 2.45)

6.00pm – 8.00pm (with Head-teacher's address at 6.30 and 7.30)

There are further opportunities to visit Gunnersbury on:

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

2.00pm – 3.30pm (with Head-teacher's address at 2.45)

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

9.30am – 10.30am (by appointment only, please telephone Mrs Kerans on 0208 568 7281 to arrange)

#### Gumley House Convent School FCJ

Warmly invites girls currently in Year 6 and their parents to attend the following events:

OPEN MORNINGS on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 9.00am-12.00pm with a presentation by the Head-teacher in our main assembly hall at 10.40am.

OPEN EVENING on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 6.00pm-7.15pm Last tour at 7.15pm. with a presentation from the Head-teacher in our main assembly hall at 7.45pm

#### St Bridget's Garden Tea Party for Older Parishioners

The second event is the tea party for older parishioners on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 12.00noon to 3pm in the presbytery garden. If you would like to attend this event, please put your name on the list in the porch.

Transport can be provided. We also need volunteers to help on the day; so please put your name on the list in the porch on your way out today. This has always been a wonderful and joyous occasion in the past and much appreciated by older parishioners.

#### New Photocopier

We have finally got our new copier installed and we hope you enjoyed the new copies of the newsletter last weekend. It was the first edition from the new copier. Our old one did a record number of copies **664,334**

## Regular Groups & Events

In the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

### Monday

#### Club for Older People

Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September – Sign up for GARDEN TEA PARTY!

#### Legion of Mary

Every Monday at 7.30pm

### Tuesday

#### Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs

7.00 – 9.00pm (Term time)

### Wednesday

#### Little Angels Toddler Group

9.00am – 11.00am term time. £2 per adult, 50p tea/coffee. Please bring a healthy snack to share  
Contact details, Mary 07729 059729, Maria 07412 480084

#### Partially Sighted Meeting Place Every other Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm next meet 4<sup>th</sup> October Thursday

**Church Cleaning** after 9.00am Mass (Approx 9.25am)

#### Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 – 4.00pm

### Friday

#### Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

£1.50 child, £2.50 max

9.15-10.15 am

**Mental Health Drop-in** begins again on 29<sup>th</sup> September 12.00-3.00.

### Sunday

**Refreshments** after 10.00am Mass.

**Sunday Breakfast** Next week after 8.00am Mass



## REPOSITORY GIFT SHOP

CATHOLIC CHURCH ISLEWORTH

Open after all weekend Masses

(t) 020 8560 1431

(e) [shop@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:shop@stbridgets.org.uk)

## FEAST DAYS, MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES OF MASSES

Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.00pm	Mr Bob Bowles R.D
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am	Catherine O'Connor R.I.P, Joseph Okonjo R.I.P (Anniv)
		10.00am	Chris Hughes R.D
		12.00 noon	Hughie Mc Loughlin R.D
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	7.00pm	Francis Almeida R.I.P (Anniv), Alicia Yolanda Perez R.I.P
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9.00am	In Thanksgiving for the blessings received from ST Claudine Thevenet
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Saint Vincent de Paul	9.00am	John Sutton R.I.P (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9.00am	Vladimir Klein R.I.P (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	7.00pm	James Walsh R.I.P (Anniv)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Jerome	10.00am	Mary Butler R.I.P & Deceased Members Of The Butler and Reilly families.
	<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	6.00pm	Edward & Nora Begley R.I.P (Anniv)

**Sick** Fr Stewart, Fr David, Abel Rebello, Adebisi Mafe, Adrian Hope, Agnes Chong, Agnes Molloy, Alejandro Decombe, Alistair Love, Amaro Rebello, Angela Convery, Archie Douglas, Arthur Almeida, Bertie Duguid, Bela Dias, Billy Gleeson, Bob Stainton, Bradán Peacock, Brian McMillan, Catherine Regan, Chick Colquhoun, Christinana Ziregbe, Christopher O'Regan, Clarina Dias, Conchita Gregg, Debra Cabral, Diana Renton, Dickie Bell, Dina Cabral, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Bradley, Ellis Addison (Baby), Else Hansen, Emma Hennessey, Flora Ziregbe, Gary Hales, Gerald Howard, Gerald Kausar, Gina, Jack Brady, Jackie McGuinness, Jaime Errazuriz, Jean Mc Cann, Jim Convery, Jim Hughes, João Ramizio, John Amooty, John Okonjo, Josie Higgins, Joyce Clarke, Juan Pablo Decombe, Judy Read, Julie Smith, Justin Douglas, Kathleen Brinkley, Kiana Gooding, Lee Brinkley, Leonilda Almeida, Leslie Reed, Loretta De'Silva, Lynn Casey, Mabel D'Cruz, Manney Rowthorn, Margaret Howard, Margaret McCarthy, Maria Zehetner, Marie Aiyadorai, Marie Donnelly, Marie Seymour, Mariella Chapman, Martin Russell, Martyn Lee, Mary Chong, Mary Nathan, Mary Sweeny, Mary Walsh, May Connolly, Maureen Pierce, Michael Gavin, Mishael Nathan, Miriam Gutteridge, Nathan Williams, Mr Naresh T Paryani, Naval Mair, Nora Higgings, Odette Barnes, Olga Fernandes, Oz Whittle, Paddy Williams, Pamela Fernando, Pat & Roy Edwards, Patients at Lakeside, Patricia O'Driscoll, Paul Chong, Pauline Williams, Patsy Saukur, Pawla Dennison, Peter Drury, Peter Fisher, Peter Smith, Phyllis Lewis, Peggy Convery, Pete McGlenn, Peter Oliver, Peter Smith, Philip Casey, Phillip Goodwin, Richard Atterwill, Ronald Peacock, Ronnie Lillywhite, Ronnie Snell, Rosemary McEachard, Rupert Phillips, Seamus Mc Cusker, Sheila Dodd, Sheila O'Hara, Shirley Jackson, Simon Allad, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Sr Anne Marie, Stephen Regan, Svend Boerge Hansen, Ted Reilly, Tessa Poiret, Theresa Chong, Thomas Gahaghan.

**Recently Deceased:** Bernardita Castillo, Patrick Morrissey, Margaret Proctor

**Anniversaries :** Joseph Okonjo, Catherine O'Connor

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace*