

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon - Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm (Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament After 10am Weekday Mass

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

<u>Legion of Mary</u> – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u>: Every Thursday at 11am

Saints Days

Tues 22nd - St John Paul II

Wed 23rd - St John of

Capistrano - St Anthony M

Thu 24th - St Anthony Mary Claret

Fri 25th - Bl John Angelo & Porro Milan

Sat 26th - Ss Chad & Cedd

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Sunday Reflection - 'Mission statements' are now to-a-penny. Every institution, organization, and business has a 'Mission Statement'. It gives a sense of purpose and direction to the group's existence. This is exemplified beautifully in our School Statement: "Learning to love and loving to learn". Mission, of course, is a Religious word meaning 'sent out', but now adopted by the secular world and used profusely in a variety of situations. Perhaps the Church needs to recapture that sense of missionary purpose and urgency in its life. The Church was founded by Christ to carry His Gospel to "the ends of the earth". The number of those in the world who still don't know Christ is immense. Christ gave a missionary mandate to his Apostles which is in process of being fulfilled. The concern to evangelize is central to the nature of the Church and can never be assigned to the margins of Church activity. Today's Gospel and the Readings underline the importance of staying at the task. We live in a world which applauds the 'instant'; we have 'instant coffee', 'instant results'. Jesus in his Gospel speaks of "persistence". He encourages us to persist in our prayer and never to give up. Kingdom values have an eternal quality to them. The widow in the parable persists in her pursuit of Justice and eventually overcomes the "unjust judge". Jesus exhorts us all to persist in our witness and in our proclamation of the Gospel "until he comes". Don't give up when 'the going gets rough'. Disciples become Apostles and remain faithful to their God-given mission 'to pray continually and never lose heart'. God is with us, even when He appears to be silent. It is of the nature of faith 'to endure'. First Holy Communion - The 1st session will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 9am in the School Hall.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) This course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed will begin on Monday 4th November at 7.15pm. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

Baptismal Preparation Course – Will be on Tues 5th and Tues 12th November at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Please get a registration form from the Colonnade or email <u>fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk</u>

Servite Youth Choir – Will sing at the evening 6.30pm Mass every Saturday evening. Are you between 12ys to 18yrs and would like to get involved? do come to our Practice sessions which will be from 5.00pm on Saturdays.

Christmas Bazaar 2020 – If you are interested in supporting and getting involved in this event please send an email to <u>fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk</u> or give your name and contact to the Parish Office. We are so grateful to our Parishioners who have taken responsibility for organizing and running our Bazaar. Please give your full support; Everyone has a contribution to make.

Half Term – We wish our children, Parents, Teachers and Staff of our Parish School a restful and safe half-term holiday. May God's Blessings be with you all.