

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER



23/24 October 2021

Thought for the Week: “It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let

you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.” *Pope St. John Paul II*

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Our Church remains **open for prayer** from 8am till 6.30pm every day, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during most of that time. We need some more volunteers to watch while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please let Fr. Keith know if you could do one of these days. We also need some volunteers to help clean the Church.

Our **weekend Mass** schedule is: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am and 6pm. On weekdays and Saturdays Mass is at 12 noon. Confessions can be heard before and after each Mass. **Tea and coffee** are served in the Newman Room after the 11am Mass. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Richard Pearson.

“I believe the world will be saved by beauty.” So says Prince Myshkin in Dostoevsky’s great novel, *The Idiot*. You are invited to explore this theme with Fr. Keith in six sessions exploring **Art and Music inspired by the Catholic faith** and asking how it can help us evangelise. Thursdays at 7pm in the Newman Room (14, 21, 28 Oct., 11, 18, 25 Nov.) Cheese and wine provided. All welcome. The third session is this coming Thursday.

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a **Christmas Bazaar** again this year. Please mark the date in your diaries: Sat. Dec. 4 from 11am till 3pm. If you would like to help, please contact Debra who will be coordinating the stalls and activities: debracaprice@gmail.com

This Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. You can also give through missio.org.uk

We will shortly be publishing a **Readers’ Rota** for the 11am Mass. If you would like to read regularly and haven’t given us your name, please do so this weekend

Children who made their first holy communion this summer are now eligible to **serve on the altar**. Please speak to Fr. Keith. We will soon be beginning some training sessions for altar servers led by John Cassidy, and will be having an outing; please take a form asking where you would like to go on the outing.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of **All Saints** which this



year will be transferred from Monday Nov. 1. Tuesday Nov. 2 is All Souls Day when we pray especially for the faithful departed.

Following our recent very successful **Parish Lunch**, we shall be holding another one in the Newman Room on All Souls Day, Tues. 2 Nov., after the midday Mass. Bring some food and drink to share. All welcome.

Please collect your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the back of Church. We can now offer you the possibility to make your offerings and office payments by **contactless credit**.

Pope Francis’ prayer for the **Year of St. Joseph**, from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Check out **Fr. Keith’s new blog**: <https://holysmirk.co.uk/>

OTHER NOTICES

Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 5,000 miles, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25th October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join

Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> Please be seated by 1.45pm.

On 7th November at 5.30 pm Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral, for **all those who have died during the pandemic**, all who mourn them, all who have been bereaved or traumatised, those who were ill and those who cared for them, including all in the medical profession and care workers. All are welcome to this Mass, especially doctors, nurses, care workers and all health care professionals.

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is



hosting an evening to engage with **Catholic teachers and leaders** currently working outside Catholic education on 23rd November from 6pm to 7.30pm. It will provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic school and an opportunity to meet with current Catholic school leaders. There will also be an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme which will support those on their journey into Catholic education. To book, visit <https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/calling-all-catholic-teachers-event-23rd-november-2021/>

Caritas Westminster is co-ordinating the diocese's response to **refugees newly arrived from Afghanistan**. In particular they are looking for:

- Anyone who can help find accommodation, including homes for large families
- Speakers of Pashtu, Dari or Farsi who could help with interpretations
- Teachers of English (ESOL)
- Co-ordinated groups of volunteers who can welcome and befriend Afghans arriving in your area.

The response will need to be well co-ordinated and you will need to work with your local authority. Please contact Caritas Westminster Volunteer Service if you or the organisation you are involved in might be able to help: go to <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-to-support-afghan-refugees.php> or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk

Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service are urging Catholics to write to their MPs about the **Nationality and Borders Bill**. The proposals in this Bill are unfair, unjust and will not work. They also do nothing to address the root causes of forced migration and trafficking.

Find out more and how to respond here:

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/nationality-and-borders-bill-caritas-westminster-response-1232.php>

Host a refugee with the help of JRS UK. The Jesuit Refugee Service UK operates a hosting scheme called 'At Home' which sees volunteers host destitute refugees. They are currently in need of more hosts as temporary accommodation provided during the pandemic comes to an end, leaving refugee friends of JRS facing a return to street homelessness. If you have a spare room and would like to find out more email Hannah at JRS: uk@jrs.net

It is hoped to go ahead with the annual diocesan **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** in November: please see the notice in the Church porch for details.

Online and Remote Volunteers needed, Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support – providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships. **Zoom Support:** Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online?

Remote Secretary: Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary.

For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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