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26th Sunday OT
26th & 27th September 2020

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St Helen's

Saturday 26th

12.00 First Holy Communion Mass

NO CONFESSIONS

Sunday 27th

10.00 am Mass for Ted & Kath Douglas
 (60th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday 28th

10.00 am Mass for Sheila Carr (anniversary)

Wednesday 30th

10.00 am Mass for Helen Mahon and Dr Millicent Regan
 (anniversary)

Friday 2nd October

10.00 am Mass for Paul Maher (lately dead)

Saturday 3rd

12.00 First Holy Communion Mass

NO CONFESSIONS

Sunday 4th

10.00 am Mass for Eileen Southern (anniversary)

St Joseph's

Saturday 26th

6.30 pm Mass for Richard Potts (R.I.P.)

Sunday 27th

11.15 am Mass for the people of our parishes

Saturday 3rd October

10.00 am First Holy Communion Mass

6.30 pm Mass for Stephen Mulholland (lately dead)

Sunday 4th

11.15 am Mass for the people of our parishes

Offertory collections: As you know we cannot have our offertory collection in the normal way (passing the baskets round) At every Mass there will always be a basket available in the porch for you to put envelopes and other donations. Thanks so much to all those people who have been putting their offerings away each week and are now bringing them along. This will help our finances a great deal.

Anniversaries:

John Jones, Mary Gilbertson, Stephen Ward, Sheila Carr, Helen Mahon, Peter Deary, Richard Lupton, John Vose, Bernadette Quinlan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Stephen Wilson, Christine Moore, John Murphy, Christopher Brown, John Regan, Hannah Amelia Regan, Hugh Dillon, Rita Barber, Celia Bradshaw, Margaret Walsh, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, Peter Holmes, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Joan Doyle, Rachel Cunningham, Reg Fitzgerald, Mary Kilbane, Ged Manning, Barbara Lee, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary & Clare Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, John Summerfield, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Jim Dillon, , Graham French, Theo Wuisman, **Pat Overend, Anne England** and two other sick people.

Please continue to pray for the recovery of **Michael Callaghan**, still in hospital in Birmingham, and for his family.

Special Collections: The Archdiocese have given us new dates for the Special Collections which should have taken place while the churches were closed. Many of you have already returned envelopes for these. Thank you!

For anybody else who would like to contribute ...

Next weekend (3rd/4th October) - Peter's Pence

Friday 9th October is FAMILY FAST DAY

MILL HILL: A plea to all our box-holders.

As you know we have been unable to empty the red boxes in the usual way for the last two quarters. We hope to be able to send some money for the September quarter. If you would like to empty your box and put the money in a plastic bag with your name, address and telephone number (and labelled "MILL HILL") you may return it to church when you come to Mass, or deliver it directly to our treasurers :
 St Helen's: Pete Fearon, 39 Ilford Avenue, 924 3651
 St Joseph's: Joan Palmer, 5 Abbotsford Gardens, 924 6418
 If you would like us to call and collect from you please give us a call on the above numbers.

CAFOD (St Helen's) *pray-fast-give*

However the current pandemic plays out, it is essential that the world's cumulative resources are distributed on a basis of need, rather than the ability to create, or fund a vaccine for example. There will be a temptation to selfishness when selflessness is what is required of us.

Pray : *Father of all, we place our trust and hope in you at this time of trial, guide those who seek tests, treatments and cures and the politicians who allocate them. May their judgements in the distribution of these have concern for those in the greatest need across our own countries and in sharing with those less fortunate across our world. Amen*

Many thanks for incredible donations last week which totalled £300!
 The Gift Aid on much of this provide an additional £65!

WATERLOO FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S AND ST JOSEPH'S

Last week an amazing quantity of **68 bags** were delivered which included those **items still being specifically requested, namely, long-life fruit juices and fruit squash/cordials**. Many thanks for the tremendous response. In addition, **cash donations of £535** were made, **totalling £9772 since lockdown, together with 1206 bags**. The food bank is always grateful for all donations, with Value brands equally acceptable. These can be left at either church. Additional drop-off points: 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE and 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. If anyone wants to give cash, please post envelopes, marked Food Bank, through either letter box.

Soft Toys for South Africa

The response to help the community awareness project in collecting toys for Christmas for young children in the South African township of Wolseley has been truly sensational. Over recent weeks and supported by the newsletter appeal to parishioners, by last Thursday we had received over 80 bags of a wide range of new and good quality second-hand *soft toys, plastic/wooden toys, sports shirts, Lego and educational books* (items). Many, many thanks for all your generous donations.

Clothes Collection

Over recent years, both parishes have delivered clothes to a variety of needy charities, including the Whitechapel Centre, the convent in Seel St, Asylum Link and the Bootle Community Centre. Following the summer break, we can now resume this activity and take contributions at both churches. However, clothing will only be accepted under certain strict circumstances. Firstly, they must be separated into different categories: men's, women's, boys', girls' and babies'. All bags must bear a note on the outside clearly stating what the contents are. We will not be able to accept any items which are mixed or not labelled, as we have no facility to do any sorting which must be carried out in advance and should exclude underwear (unless new) and any stained/torn/excessively worn clothes. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

**Please note:**

The Masses to celebrate the children's First Holy Communion were postponed because of the corona virus.

They will take place as follows:

St Joseph's:

Saturdays 26th September & 3rd October at 10 am

St Helen's:

Saturdays 26th September, 3rd & 10th October at 12 noon

These Masses are for the children and their families only.

Unfortunately there will not be any spare capacity for other parishioners.

GOING BACK TO MASS: The Sunday obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended.

If people are attending from the same household, they may sit together so this will allow a few more.

You will be asked to give your name and a contact number. (Where possible we try to do this before you enter the building)

This is so you can be contacted if we have an outbreak of corona virus.

Your details are kept for 21 days and then destroyed.

You will be expected to sanitise hands on entering and leaving the church. You will be told where to sit (**it may not be where you like to sit**) and you must wear a face covering whilst inside church. You will be given a marker (a green tick on a card). Please leave this on the seat where you have been sitting. If you use the kneeler PLEASE LEAVE IT DOWN when you leave. The volunteers need to sanitise the church when you leave - it is helpful to know exactly where people have been sitting and if the kneeler was used. There will be no access to the toilets, except in an emergency.

At the end of Mass please wait to be guided out and for safety reasons do not try to make your way along the benches.

We appreciate your patience as we try to find the best way of getting through this.

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office **12 noon on Thursday.**

Please provide a contact 'phone number in case of query.

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