

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 17th OCTOBER 2010

✧ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C) ✧

Sun 17	Saturday	6.30pm	✧ Mass: Rita Keating RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✧ Mass: Pro Populo
		11.00am	✧ Mass: Ann Pullen RIP
		12noon	<i>Baptism of Megan Jillian Plummer</i>
		4.00pm	<i>October Devotions</i>
		4.45pm	✧ Mass: for the Malayalam Community
Mon 18	St Luke	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary (daily, 30 mins before Mass)</i>
		10.00am	✧ Mass: Mrs Snowball's intentions
Tue 19	Feria	10.00am	✧ Mass: Patrick Lee RIP
Wed 20	Feria	10.00am	✧ Mass: James, Julia, Pat & Terry Knell RIP
Thu 21	Feria	7.00am	✧ Mass: Irene Carandang
Fri 22	Feria	10.00am	✧ Mass: Michael & Mary Julian RIP
Sat 23	Our Lady	10.00am	✧ Mass: Mr & Mrs Lennon RIP
		10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>

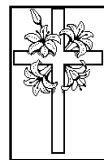
✧ THIRTIETH SUNDAY (C) ✧

Sun 24	Saturday	6.30pm	✧ Mass: Rita Keating RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✧ Mass: Patrick Kiernan RIP
		11.00am	✧ Mass: Pro Populo
		12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Aaron McCabe</i>
		4.00pm	<i>October Devotions</i>

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



*Margaret Scott, Arthur Dawkins, Patrick Lee,
George McCann, Marie Marks, Kenneth Lennon,
Diana Martyn and Vincenza Rocco.*



*May their souls and the souls of all the ✧ faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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WORD OF GOD

“Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily.”

(Luke 18:7-8)

WORD FOR TODAY

As a concept infused with cultural values, justice is often equated with fairness. Fairness-justice, however, is usually defined from one's own vantage point and is often skewed toward one's own advancement.



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS † Invocation to Saint Joseph. To thee, O blessed Joseph,



we fly in our tribulation and, after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by his precious blood, and by thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven. **R/ Amen.**

AROUND the PARISH
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT took place on Saturday evening. A musical evening led by the Weller Family succeeded in raising **£600.00**. Donations are being forwarded to the Pakistan Relief Fund via the Catholic Relief Services. Many thanks to all who helped. → Pick up a social events questionnaire and let us have your views on what other events could be staged in our parish.

THE ROSARY The Rosary is recited every weekday in the church, half an hour before the Mass time. We are reminded that those who recite five decades of the rosary in church, as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful during October, may gain a plenary indulgence daily.

PARISH FINANCE The Finance Committee meets this Monday, 18th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

NEWSLETTERS A reminder that if you are away one weekend you can keep up to date with all the parish news. Back issues of the newsletter are in a box just inside the sacristy door; please help yourself. Back issues are always available on the parish website. (They currently go back as far as June 2009.)

CEMETERY VISIT We will be praying for our deceased loved ones at Woodlands Cemetery at 3pm on Sunday, 7th November. This will replace the usual monthly Benediction.

THE LEGION of MARY visits anyone in the parish who is sick, housebound or lonely. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please ring Mary Bishop on 234039. The Legion meets every Friday afternoon in the Parish Centre from 2 to 3pm for prayer and reflection, and welcomes anyone who would like to drop in.

The CATHOLIC COMPANION This is a very readable little magazine, which has items of interest for the whole family. The latest issue is on the table in the porch priced at only £1. There are also various publications commemorating the recent papal visit. A commemorative souvenir by the publishers of the Universe is especially commended and contains all the homilies and addresses that the Holy Father delivered while here.

ADVANCED NOTE There is to be an indoor Boot Fair in the Hall on Saturday, 11th December starting at 10.30am. Tables can be booked prior to the event for £5 and on the day for £6. If you wish to book a table ring the church office on Monday, Thursday or Friday morning. However, if you do not wish to book a table but have good quality items for sale these can be donated to the church for the sale. Donations can be left at the church after any Mass. Money raised will go to the Building Fund.

AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

ALTAR SERVERS There is a Youth Day at The Good Shepherd Church, New Addington, Corydon, on Saturday 23rd October. See the notice in the porch.

EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY AND DEMENTIA A half day event (either morning or afternoon) at Aylesford Priory on 23rd October. This event is for carers, pastoral worker and Eucharistic Ministers as well as clergy. Please see the notice in the porch.

TOWARDS ADVENT The Towards Advent Festival takes place on Saturday November 6th at Westminster Cathedral Hall, with displays and presentations from Catholic groups and organisations from around Britain. Come

and re-live the joy of the Pope's visit to Britain, with a special talk and overview by Mgr Vincent Brady and the Apostolic Nunciature. The Festival opens at 10am and continues all day. Mgr Brady's talk is at 3pm.

VACANCY for Director of Education commencing 1st September 2011. The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with successful experience at a senior level in education to take up the post of Director of Education with effect from 1st September 2011. Further information and application packs are available from Donna Gray at the Commission on donna.gray@rcsouthwark.org.uk or by telephoning 01689 829331.

FAITH IN FOCUS The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles. In today's psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple - the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Joshua and the Israelites, in today's first reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there - through the intercession of Moses - as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites. Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out his hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy - sin and death. By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies, parted the Red Sea and brought water from the Rock. The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new lib-

eration from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God. Like the Israelites and the widow in today's gospel, we face opposition and injustice - at times from godless and pitiless adversaries. We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains - to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's reading from his letter to Timothy, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures - given by God to train us in righteousness. We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, he will indeed find faith on earth.

ATTENDANCE Mass attendance last week was **496**; we received **£588.06** in the collection. The Needs of the Diocese collection amounted to **£178.24**. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY Catholics everywhere unite in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year's theme is **Share your faith – Give life!** Our prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday help to support mission projects and Catholic communities across the world to grow towards self-sufficiency. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites every Catholic in the world to contribute to a special collection next Sunday; your help will bring hope and new life to people thirsting to hear of God's love for them. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes available this week at the back of the church.

CATENIANS Mr Michael Keen from the Catenians has written and thanked us for allowing them to make their presentation last Sunday. It seems a number of parishioners have shown interest which they will be following up.