

<b>Saturday 21st October</b>	10am Sobha, Raj and baby
	6pm Mary Stewart Ints
<b>Sunday 22nd October</b> 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Svjetlana Brekalo Ints 5.30pm People of the Parish
<b>Monday 23rd October</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 24th October</b> St Antony Claret	10am Andrew, Anna, Christina and Alexander Weir and Bogumila Kosmider
<b>Wednesday 25th October</b>	10am Peg Casey RIP
<b>Thursday 26th October</b> Sts. Chad and Cedd	10am Kelly Vigilus 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday 27th October</b>	10am Ranjit Kumar Saha RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Auntie Odile Theodose
<b>Saturday 28th October</b> Sts. Simon and Jude	10am Nan Roche 6pm Thomas, Nora and Martin Mulroe RIP
<b>Sunday 22nd October</b> 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am David Mubarak RIP 5:30pm People of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**  
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Anna Roache and Shirley Monaco, Christiana Boothway.  
  
Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week  
 Sunday's offering was £969.46  
 Standing Orders £400  
 Contactless £111.23  
 Total £1480.69  
  
**Thank you for your generosity**

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**PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM**  
Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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# Our Lady and Saint Peter

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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Gospel Reflection**

There was a deliberate plot against Jesus in the Gospel today (Matt 22:15-21). The strange thing is that two groups of people with two very different opinions came together to form the plot against Jesus. The Pharisees and their disciples were opposed to the Roman Empire meddling in Palestine and opposed paying tax to Rome, but Herodians supported the local Roman ruler in Palestine, Herod, and supported paying tax to Rome. When you have opponents plotting together then you know it is a very serious situation. It gets even more sinister because when the Pharisees and Herodians speak to Jesus, what they say about Jesus is true. They say Jesus is truthful, teaches the way of God and doesn't regard a person's status. But it is so obvious that this is not really their attitude to Jesus; this is all part of their trap. They are pretending to be on the side of Jesus whereas in fact they ask a question about whether to pay tax to Caesar because they think no matter what way Jesus answers, he will get himself into trouble.

Not to worry, Jesus sees through their malice. What a word Matthew uses to describe them. They have "malice"; they are malicious. Jesus himself reprimands them: "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" The word "hypocrite" says it all. A hypocrite was the name for an actor on the Greek stage at this time. The hypocrite

would simply wear a face mask to play the role on stage. Jesus is saying they are false; they are wearing masks in front of him but behind their masks they are entirely different.

Jesus' reply to their question about paying tax to Caesar was masterful. Coins had an image of Caesar on them, so Jesus declares to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God (Matt 22:21). This reply from Jesus has been used all through the centuries to teach us to act as good citizens in our country. Obviously, we do this by paying our just taxes, defending our country, voting, and in many other ways.

At the same time, our country is to serve its loyal citizens by taking only what belongs to Caesar and leaving to God what belongs to God. God gives life and only God can take that life again. It is not up to a country to decide that its unborn whose lives come from God can be killed while in the womb. Marriage is from God and we hear many discussions about defining marriage nowadays. Any discussion which does not give to God what belongs to God is not a complete discussion. How can a country which claims to be a Christian country, founded on Christian principles, ignore what belongs to God when making important decisions? We do not want to be like those in the Gospel who came to Jesus and said nice things about him,

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but it was only a mask on their faces over their real selves. The coin had an image of Caesar on it, so Jesus said to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. We also have an image on us, the image of God. We read in Gen 1:26-27 that we are made in the image and likeness of God. If the coin belongs to Caesar and is to be given to Caesar because it has Caesar's image on it, we belong to God and are to give to God because we have God's image on us. Giving to God comes naturally when we realize how much God loves us. The closer we come to God, the more we become friends of God, the more we want to give to God who gave everything to us in the first place. Giving to God is not a chore but is pure joy for us and an act of love because we are giving back to God who first loved us and gave us everything we have. We give to God in so many different ways.

We give to God by keeping Sunday as the Lord's Day; God comes first. We do not have the Eucharist at home. Life goes much better with God than without God

We also give to God by spending time with God in prayer every day. Prayer every day is essential for a Christian in a world that is becoming increasingly secularized. Prayer every day keeps us close to Jesus and helps us carry our crosses. Prayer every day is one of the ingredients to ensure you have a great day. Every day we wish people, "Have a great day" or people wish us, "Have a great day." We can do so much ourselves to ensure we have a great day by spending time in prayer every day with Jesus and Mary. Your visit to Our Lady's Shrine here today is a reminder to pray the Rosary every day, a prayer especially beloved by Our Lady.

## PARISH NEWS

### RCIA Classes every Tuesday 7pm in the Parish Hall

Classes every Tuesday for any adult wishing to become a Catholic or make their first communion and confirmation.

### Second Collection for MISSIO

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for MISSIO at this weekend's masses

### A Day With Mary

Saturday 11th November here at Our Lady and St Peter Church, starts 9.30am, finishes at 5.30pm.

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 22nd October 200 CLUB

1	13	Tony Browne
2	174	Daniel Rath

There is a Special collection for a Christmas project in the Philippines on Sunday 29th October.

Mrs Kathy Cummins will speak about it at the end of masses next weekend.

### Blessing of the graves at Putney Vale Cemetery on Sunday 5th November

There will be blessing of graves at Putney Vale Cemetery on 5th November.

### Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meets this Tuesday at 11am.

Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am.

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### Family Life Conference Saturday 14th October.

The conference was a great success with several international speakers talking on the subject of the Catholic family. Below are some photos of the conference.



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