



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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15 OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY, YEAR A

Saturday 6.00pm	14 October 2023 The Blessed Virgin Mary God's blessing on the Ilie Family as they move to live in a new home (Maddy Ilie)
Sunday 11.15am	15 October 2023 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY, YEAR A Private intention (L Fernandes)
Monday 9.30am	16 October 2023 Feria Fr John O'Callaghan RIP – Anniversary (Liz Clarke)
Tuesday	17 October 2023 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 9.30am	18 October 2023 Saint Luke, Evangelist, Feast Safe delivery of Baby Clarke (Liz Clarke)
Thursday 9.30am	19 October 2023 Feria Andre Barreau RIP (Rosemary and Dominic Lang)
Friday	20 October 2023 Feria Mass at St Patrick's
Saturday 6.00pm	21 October 2023 First Vespers and Mass of Sunday Julia Gaughan RIP (Catherine and Joe Kelly)
Sunday 11.00am Holy Rosary 11.15am	22 October 2023 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY, YEAR A. WORLD MISSION DAY For Fr John O'Donoghue and Fr Mario (The Fernandes family)

FR MARIO INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND MASS NEXT SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 11AM TO PRAY THE ROSARY.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the first Saturday of the month at 5pm.

Rosary is available at 9am before weekday Masses.

Little Church (for children in pre-school up to year 3) will gather in the Church at 11.15am and then proceed to Maryfield Hall after the entrance hymn. For safeguarding reasons, children must be accompanied by an adult who is required to sign the child into the register on arrival.

Applications for primary school for 2024 will be announced in late November.

A gentle reminder – food and drink should not be consumed in the Church. Please remember to put your phone on silent or turn it off. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Gospel Reflection Matthew 22:1-10 A wedding is a time of joy and of completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah is often compared to the joy of a wedding-feast. The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party! At Mary's request Jesus produced 900 litres of wine. The Letter to the Ephesians teaches that the love in a human wedding is only a foretaste of Christ's love for his bride, the Church. In the story of the royal wedding in this Sunday's Gospel, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must represent God) ruthlessly burns down their city. Secondly, the man who has no wedding-garment is thrown out: a wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians too, the story constitutes a double warning.

Second collection next weekend is for World Mission Sunday (missio)

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic Parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. **Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift aid your donations if possible: missio.org.uk**

Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Programme 2024 for parishioners 12 years old (Year 8) and above. Sessions will be held at OLHC church. For application forms and more information, please email: mottinghamconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

Deadline for submission of application forms 15 December 2023.

Churches Together in Mottingham Christmas Choir – Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Thursday 21 December. If you would like to join the choir, rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 1 November from 5 - 6.30pm at St Edwards Church, St Keverne Road, SE9 4AQ. All welcome.

St Patrick's Café and Chat – Please note we will meet again on **Tuesday 14 November**.

St Patrick's Table Sale – Saturday 11 November -10am-2pm. Tables are available to book at £10 each, please contact Susie Lawrance via email susie_lawrance@yahoo.com or call 07963275594.

Bromley Foodbank require the following:- Tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, UHT milk, tinned potatoes, tinned hot and cold meat, washing up liquid and toilet rolls.
Please don't give frozen or chilled items as it spoils before we can distribute them. Do not require pasts, cereal and biscuits. Thank you

Last Annual Mass Count this weekend.

Please note the parish office will be closed next week and reopen on 24 October.