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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday 10:00am Marie Dunphy RIP Tuesday 10:00am Mr Bonnici RIP Wednesday 7.00pm Charles Timlin RIP

Thursday 10:00am Intention of Murray Family Friday 10:00am Prayer for Foreign Missions Saturday 6:00pm Prayer for Home Missions

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday** 8:30am People of the Parish

10:00am Anthony RIP 12:00noon Bill Shannon RIP

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Departing from Gatwick on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 5 nights in Medjugorje.

Cost £535 per person sharing or £625 in single room, we need a minimum 15 paying people. Price includes:-

Return flights Gatwick - Split.

Return transfers Split – Medjugorje.

5 nights' dinner bed & breakfast in Medjugorje.

To guarantee the price a deposit of £150 per person would be required before 1<sup>st</sup> November, to take advantage of the current low airfare being offered.

Balance payments are due 6 weeks before departure.

# Applications for First Communion

All applications must be in by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring your form on Saturday between 2 and 4pm and do come with the applicant.

#### **Month of the Missions**

October is the month of the missions / evangelisation; as baptised Christians we have all got a duty to spread the good news. Why not invite a friend to mass on Sunday? If you know anybody who'd like to know more about the Catholic faith, see Fr Jack or Bill.

Also during this time you might like to empty your Red Box and bring the money to the church. If you need a Red Box, see Fr Jack.

### Fr Jack

We were made for love and outside of it we die very quickly.

God does not love you because you are good. God loves you because God is good. We are all united with God but only some are consciously aware of it.

Salvation is the ability to stay in relationship. When we don't give other people any power in our life and block them I think we are spiritually dead and not far from evil.

God said: - "It is not good that man should be alone" in the first book of the bible. I've had a problem with my own position ever since. On my own and compulsory.

Celibacy as a virtue is good for those who can carry it; sadly in the priesthood many could not carry it and opted for a different way of life.

However I am not on my own and never have been. I've been lucky to have many good friends around me.

I emphasise good over many. Yes good deep and lasting relationships, intimacy over sex. Friends that know understand and support you. Guide you when necessary and empathise with you in need.

And in solitude, at last, we're able to let God define us the way we are always supposed to be defined—by relationship:

"The I-thou relationship, in relation to a Presence that demands nothing of us, but presence itself. Not performance but presence." Be kind to yourself.

### Month of October

The month of October is the month of our Lady and the month of the Rosary. It would be great if every household in the parish / world would pray the rosary. Many books are available from Olu in the shop to help you pray the rosary. Also if you Google 'How to pray the Rosary' you will find many suggestions.

Personally I like to pray the rosary with two Franciscan brothers 'Pray with us...the Holy Rosary'; it's on YouTube every day.