

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Holy Souls
Tues 10:00am Church in need
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Walter & Ellen Slade FM
Fri **11:00am Requiem Mercy Izebuzua RIP**
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sat 06:00pm Jerome Carmody RIP
Sun 08:30am Thanksgiving
10:00 am Emergency Services
12:00noon People of the Parish

**2nd Collection next week
Is for Catholic Youth Services**

#RedWednesday Campaign

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has, endorsed Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s **#RedWednesday campaign**, inviting parishes and individuals to participate in activities to raise awareness of, and pray for, the suffering Church. The Cardinal said that **#Red Wednesday** "is a special day for the Church "because" many buildings are floodlit with red to draw attention to the suffering of Christians all over the world. "And this year, with this particular focus on [persecuted] Christian children, I hope you will pick up and respond to **Wednesday, 20th November as #RedWednesday.**" He added that ACN's mission is to "draw our attention to the persecution of Christians in so many countries in this world, and to their aid and support". He concluded: "Let's not forget those who in the world today directly suffer with Christ – the persecution that he bore on the Cross and they bear in their lives – especially the children. "Let them not be forgotten. Let them be in the focus of our hearts and our prayers. "And may God bless Aid to the Church in Need for all it seeks to do." #RedWednesday is ACN's annual flagship event established in 2016 to raise awareness of the extent of Christian persecution worldwide. This year's **#RedWednesday Mass** will be taking place at Brompton Oratory in London on the evening of 20th November.

6.30pm There will be a gathering at the church steps . 7.00pm, Holy Mass
At the end of Mass, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali will present ACN's Courage to be Christian Award. All welcome.

Register www.acnuk.org/events.

For more information, see <https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-2024/>

Fr Jack

We can go down the road of depression. About 4 million people died in wars in the 18th century. About 8 million people died in wars in the 19th century. About 100 million people died in wars in the 20th century. yes, plenty of room for depression. But, like the tender leaves of a tree, fig tree, all trees we are called to absorb the pollution all around us and turn it into goodness. What we need to do is imitate the leaves that daily, imperceptibly, turn dirty air into clean air. Jesus wants us to be "converters" to goodness: people who breathe the same heavy air as everyone else, but respond to evil with good (cf. Rom 12:21). People who act: by breaking bread with the hungry, working for justice, lifting up the poor and restoring their dignity. As the Samaritan did.

CHRISTMAS TIME.

Sun 8th Dec -3 to 8pm party for adults.

Sun 15th Dec 3 to 8pm family party.

Christmas Day 10 places for lunch for people living on their own.

Interested in any of the above please book your place now.

Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.