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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church, or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

9/10 July 2022

Saturday 9 July

16.15-17.15 **Confessions**
17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Veronica Mascarenhas

SUNDAY 10 July

15th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Paul Amasanti

Monday 11 July St Benedict of Nursia, Patron of Europe, Feast

9.30 **Mass**
St Anthony (in thanksgiving – private intention)

Tuesday 12 July

Feria of 15th Week
9.30 **Mass**
Maria Iademarco RIP

Wednesday 13 July

Feria of 15th Week
9.30 **Mass**
Private Intention

Thursday 14 July

Feria of 15th Week
No Mass day

Friday 15 July

St Bonaventure, Memorial
19.00 **Mass**
Maureen Moriarty RIP

Saturday 16 July

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Memorial
No Mass of the day
16.15-17.15 **Confessions**
17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Rogue Dias RIP

SUNDAY 17 July

16th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
George & Vicki Armstrong
(Anniv)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR MASS ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the bell at the start of Mass, is an opportunity to pray silently together, opening our hearts to God in preparation for worship. Please support one another by keeping quiet.

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book: pp 108-110

We often pride ourselves that we live under the rule of law. For example, one of the basic conditions of any new applicant state wanting to join the EU, for example, such as Ukraine now is, is that it be a democracy and that its citizens and institutions live under the rule of law. Society cannot function nor can the human rights of individuals be protected unless there is a legal code with consensus behind it. All cultures and all civilizations in every part of the world and over time have known this.

The oldest written code of legal texts dates from BC 1700 in the Babylonian kingdom, and some of the most voluminous collections of texts we have from the ancient world are codes of law. Religious communities too need law and discipline in order to function and so that each member can enjoy rights that others support, and our natural diversity and variety is made compatible. All laws have to accommodate themselves to new developments in society and fresh understandings of the needs of the human person, e.g. laws governing data protection, minority rights, life in the womb, and life in our last months and weeks. Much of the change in our laws is dictated by technological innovation.

In the *religious* domain, laws and regulations reflect ideas held about God and derive from an understanding of human dignity enjoyed by all as children of God. All this then makes us sympathize with the lawyer in today's gospel asking Jesus for clarity on what laws were essential. Jesus stretches the lawyer's mind – and his heart, no doubt too – to reflect on the *spirit* of the law and on the role in human relations of the *highest* law ... of charity.

First Reading (OT): Deuteronomy 30.10–14: Moses makes clear that the law given by God is good for his people. He calls on his people *to attune themselves to God's way of thinking*, not the opposite. The law given by God is tailored to man's nature and his potential. It is not, thus, something imposed from above and demands nothing that the ordinary human being cannot achieve. Nor must men search too long, and go too far, to discover the law. It is adapted to their *nature*, it is very *close* and it is written in our *hearts*.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 1.15—20: This extract from a letter ascribed to St Paul to the Christians at Colossae is, all the scripture scholars agree, a *hymn* which was sung in early Christian communities as part of a very primitive liturgy. The hymn itself probably predates Paul and is evidence of very early faith in Christ, the son of man, as the image of the Living God and in creation as being fashioned by the Father in and through the Son. It also proclaims faith in the resurrection of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10.25—37: The fact that we are so very familiar with this parable and that the idea of the *good Samaritan* has entered into our day-to-day language (we all know who the Samaritans are and the role they play in our society, the call of last resort for all who have lost all hope) should not lull us into thinking that reading the parable for the umpteenth time is unlikely to tell us anything new. In our very mixed neighbourhoods, in our teeming cities, in the wide variety of places we visit on holiday just to name some examples, all combine to stretch our understanding of Jesus's question: which was not 'Who is your neighbour?' 'Who proved himself to be a neighbour to the man who was mugged?' Or in other words, 'Whose neighbour are you?' Challenging, that!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

PRAYER FOR OUR POLITICAL LIFE Many are concerned for our public life, and the need to focus on the many challenges that currently confront our society, like many others. You may find it helpful to use at home the prayer that The Speaker's Chaplain uses daily in Parliament itself. FrJG

"O LORD GOD of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please or unworthy ideals, but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Through Christ the Lord. Amen."

FURTHER WORKS IN THE CHURCH

Morning Mid-Week Parishioners will have noticed considerable building works activity at the Church. Final brick rendering works to the rear of the Church, remedial repairs to the Sacristy Door, rodding of basement drainage plus removal of dead bushes in the grounds to the side of the Church and Presbytery (kindly cut down by our Gardeners) have all been undertaken. This week has also seen the start of the lamp replacement programme, with all 135 lamps to be replaced with LED fittings in the coming weeks. Changing the 60-year-old lamps and their fittings, whilst maintaining their listed building status and fittings, and making our Church more environmentally friendly, has not been easy but it is hoped that Parishioners will 'see' the benefits.

In addition, over the next 3 months, all the external doors will be cleaned and revarnished, the external Church Bell control system replaced plus heating plant control system repairs undertaken. The Finance Committee will also shortly provide a financial statement covering all these expenditures.

Tony Murphy, Property Lead, Finance Committee.

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SERVERS! There will be a training session for present and new Sunday servers, after Mass next Sunday, 17th July. We'll keep it to an hour if we can start promptly after Mass. *Please do your very best to attend.*

PLANNED GIVING envelopes

There are still some 18 boxes of envelopes that have not been collected. Please can you collect them from Tony Murphy after the 10am Mass on Sundays or from the parish office on Wednesdays.

Readers Rota

<u>9 July 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>10 July 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>10 July 10am</u>	Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers		Monika Tabarrok
<u>16 July 5.30pm</u>	Noreta Reece	<u>17 July 8am</u>	Amalie Direkze
<u>17 July 10am</u>	Readings Tim & Mel Goodger, Bidding prayers		Daniela Amasanti-DeBono

Counters Rota

10 July Brendan O'Boyle, Cathy O'Boyle, Alec Moody
17 July Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak

Church Cleaning Rota

16 July Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
23 July Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah