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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

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

23/24 July 2022

Saturday 23 July

16.15-17.15 **Confessions**
17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Peter Amandini

SUNDAY 24 July

17th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)
[Daily Office Psalter week 1]

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass** Phil Collins RIP

Monday 25 July

St James the Apostle, Feast

9.30 **Mass** Pope Francis intentions

Tuesday 26 July

Ss Joachim and Anna, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

9.30 **Mass** Dennis Allman RIP
(Birthday)

Wednesday 27 July

Feria of 17th Week

9.30 **Mass** Private intention

Thursday 28 July

Feria of 17th Week

No Mass day

Friday 29 July

SS Mary, Martha and Lazarus Memorial, Friday abstinence

19.00 **Mass** Private intention

Saturday 30 July

St Peter Chrysologus, Memorial
No Mass of the day

16.15-17.15 **Confessions**
17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
People of the parish

SUNDAY 31 July

18th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)
[Daily Office Psalter week 2]

8.00 **Mass** Private intention
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Helene Amasanti

PRAYER OF PREPARATION BEFORE 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, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the bell at the start of Mass, please pray in silence, opening your heart and mind to God in preparation for worship. It is a support to others' prayer if you keep quiet, young children excepted!

17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Mass Book: pp 115-117

The principal thing we do when we gather in church on the Lord's Day is that we pray. The celebrant of the liturgy prays on our behalf, using the same words that are used throughout the Catholic Church on this same day: by Pope Francis in Rome, priests in mission territories, or priests in other parts of our diocese. Equally important however are the prayers we make *ourselves*, devotions before or after Mass, in thanksgiving after Holy Communion, or as we listen to the scripture readings or the homily.

Even though we have many occasions for prayer, and even though praying is something many of us have been doing since our childhood, most of us (still) find it difficult. And, as the scripture readings today remind us, most of us have the same understanding of it. We know that praise of God is prayer, that thanksgiving too is prayer, and that the prayer of repentance we say after we have been to confession heals our fractured relationship with God. But for most of us, prayer means asking, pleading, sometimes begging with tears, for ourselves or others. We call it the prayer of petition. And it is that prayer that is at the centre of our thoughts at Mass this weekend. It is good to learn that Jesus' closest friends, the apostles and disciples, had difficulty praying and did not quite know what it involved. So, Jesus taught them the 'Our Father' (here in a shorter version than in St Matthew's gospel, so, quite possibly, he was repeatedly teaching it, until it stuck, deep in them). And ever since the earliest days of the Church it has been central to the lives of *all* Christian communities. In the divided Christendom of today the 'Our Father' remains, together with the Sacrament of Baptism and the Nicene Creed, something *all Christians* share. The 'Our Father' combines prayer with petition. And it is a prayer which arouses deep emotions and reactions among Christians, hence the controversy over moves a little while back by Pope Francis to change the Italian wording of the prayer's closing phrase.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 18.20 – 32 This text from the OT raises a number of moral questions. The collective sin of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, the individual responsibility of each individual citizen, and whether it is justified to punish of the whole community when it is known that some of the citizens, albeit a small number, are *righteous*. In the age of the nuclear deterrent and indiscriminate firing of missiles or dropping of napalm, such questions are very much of our time. And we see Abraham bargaining with God—begging, asking, interceding—and succeeding in his pleading: is it for mercy? or for justice? or for the avoidance of injustice?

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 2.12 – 14 The Sacrament of Baptism, the gate of entry into the Christian community – into the Body of the Risen Spirit-filled Christ – which was practised from the very earliest days of the Church is profoundly linked here by Paul to the paschal mystery of Jesus’ dying and rising. Through Baptism every member of the Church dies to sin and self, and is re-born into the life enjoyed by Jesus in glory.

Gospel: Luke 11.1 – 13 In Luke’s gospel Jesus is often portrayed as having an intense prayer life: the disciples would have recognized this as a key aspect of his personality and behaviour. And, as today’s gospel extract indicates, He teaches others how to pray – He gives them sure words to use. And he is not shy about encouraging his disciples to beg, to intercede, to persist in prayers of petition. And to make his point he chooses examples of situations from ordinary life.

POSSIBILITY OF FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS It seems to be a *little-known* fact that there are drinks, and not infrequently homemade cakes, available in the Parish Hall – our ‘cenacle’, our Upper Room’ – *after the 10 o’clock Mass every week*. It is an opportunity to see one another and chat, for however long or short a time you have before turning to the other plans of your day. Coming out of Covid, and learning to be together again as a parish, and letting ideas bubble up for its future, that’s a *precious* possibility. Truly it is for everyone. Whether you are a pillar of the parish, or a newcomer, or somewhere in between, please come through. *Fr Jonathan*

New helpers are always welcome – and, at the moment, needed: both women and men, as the present volunteers are few. There’s a list on the hatch door in the Hall kitchen. Please add your name and contact number if you’d like to roll your sleeves up. If you require further information, please contact Claudette or Nory who generally are in the Hall on Sundays. *Claudette*

NEW LIGHTING The project has been progressing this week, in the main nave. You will have a much better impression of the brightness of the level of light being aimed for in this rather wide space. And see how relatively dark the Sanctuary is, for now!

THE ASSUMPTION As we move into the holiday season, **please put in your diaries** that the great summer solemnity of the **Assumption of our Blessed Lady** will be celebrated on **SUNDAY 14 AUGUST**. For those who are not away from home, it will be our main chance to make an effort to come together before everything revs-up again in September.

Readers Rota

<u>23 July 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>24 July 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>24 July 10am</u>	Readings and Bidding prayers Derrick Pereira & family		
<u>30 July 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>31 July 8am</u>	Rose Okosi
<u>31 July 10am</u>	Readings Aude & Edoardo, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		
<u>6 August 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>7 August 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>7 August 10am</u>	Patrick & Joseph Arthur, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane		
Counters Rota	<u>24 July</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe	
	<u>31 July</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam	
	<u>7 August</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva	

Church Cleaning

<u>30 July</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O’Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite		
<u>6 August</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza		
<u>13 August</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwannah		