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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

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

2/3 July 2022

Saturday 2 July

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

SUNDAY 3 July

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Year C)

8.00 **Mass** In thanksgiving to God
(private intention)
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Steve Armstrong (Anniv)

Monday 4 July Feria of 14th Week

9.30 **Mass**
Intentions of Josephine Austin

Tuesday 5 July Feria of 14th Week

9.30 **Mass** Roque Dias RIP

Wednesday 6 July

Feria of 14th Week

9.30 **Mass** Maria McHugh

Thursday 7 July

Feria of 14th Week

No Mass day

Friday 8 July Feria of 14th Week

No Mass on this occasion

Saturday 9 July

Feria of 14th Week

No Mass of the day

15.00 **Baptism** of Isla D'Inverno

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

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) *The readings for today's Mass are to be found in the red Year C Parish Mass Book pp. 105-108*

Many (perhaps most) of us follow the national and international news quite closely. We can find it everywhere. We have round-the-clock news channels on TV; we have websites and apps which have news on tap, BBC radio brings us in-depth news analysis in four large chunks every day, and the print media too bring us news each morning. It pings endlessly on mobile phones. Some of the news is good – major discoveries in medical research are welcome when they come through, decreases in Covid infection rates, international solidarity in response to the human disaster unfolding in Ukraine. But a lot (possibly a majority) of news depresses and upsets us. Killings and assaults seem to be a constant. Quite rightly: every life lost is a unique and precious human life, but they seem to be daily news. The IICSA investigations report sex abuse scandals in various social institutions have been a humiliating commentary on our society's attitudes. The melting of the polar ice caps and failures to support the international climate and trade agreements threaten our future. Economic strains and systemic problems in justice and policing are but a few of the current news items which we listen to or read about with a heavy heart. How long O Lord!? Will things ever change?

The most superficial acquaintance with history suggests that, however distressing the current flow of news is, there is nothing new under the sun. And just as we hope for a better tomorrow, the biblical tradition—on which our faith is based—assures us that this is an understandable hope and that the kingdom of God which was at the heart of Jesus's preaching is still dawning in our world. It is right and good for us to hope in what it promises and the scripture readings at today's Mass articulate the hopes which have always been at the very heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition, especially at times which seemed bleak, or corrupt, and where wickedness was apparently winning the upper hand.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 66.10 – 14 Thanks to a decree of the Persian king Cyrus, as the sixth century BC drew to a close the Jews were able to return from exile in Babylon to their own land. It was not an uncomplicated return. Other peoples had taken possession of their land and property; other gods were being worshipped by them; the Jerusalem Temple needed to be rebuilt. And yet in the midst of all that depressing misery, Isaiah speaks a message of *hope*. He speaks the message of rescue, of deliverance, and of *salvation* – particularly for the poor, the oppressed, and those who had been in prison. God would liberate his people, and a reign of justice will be inaugurated.

To underline the goodness of the promise, Isaiah ascribes feminine qualities to the 'new Jerusalem': she will nurture and nourish her people, comfort them and succour them at her breast. She will be an abiding image of a God who expresses His life by caring and by lifting the spirits His beloved people.

Second Reading (NT): Galatians 6.14 – 18 Paul has been presenting his credentials to the fledgling church communities in Galatia (the middle of the great landmass we now call Turkey, north-west of Paul's native Tarsus), his strong *Jewish* roots but also his new *Christian* identity. Here he is, at the end of a letter to them (which would have been circulated around the region for all to hear) stressing his identity with Jesus Christ. He

insists that he too has been crucified (albeit metaphorically): peace and mercy matter more in qualifying as a Christian, than a ritual sign such as whether or not one is circumcised.

Gospel: Luke 10.1 – 9 At the time of Jesus there were many in Israel in a fever of expectation about the imminent coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus, in announcing the arrival of that kingdom with the inauguration of his own mission, was tapping into feelings and longings shared by many of his Jewish contemporaries for a major change in the fortunes of their nation. In despatching the seventy-two to visit the villages of Palestine and preach the message of peace and justice, he was cultivating the ground in anticipation of the arrival of the kingdom.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION before each Sunday 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 truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: Looking to Lisbon 1-6 August 2023

World Youth Day brings together millions of young Catholics from all over the world, with the Holy Father, to strengthen their faith and gain a deeper sense of the Church. Westminster Youth Ministry is co-ordinating taking a group of young people from our diocese **for two weeks from 24 July 2023.**

With support from Cardinal's Appeal, a limited number of special places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by asking Fr Jonathan to introduce you to Westminster Youth Ministry (youth@rcdow.org.uk). **Please apply by 31 July 2022. Don't delay** if you are interested.

All young people who would like to attend as ordinary participants, will find all the information they need at: <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon-2023/>

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Westminster, Northampton, Motherwell done; next week Fr Jonathan is concelebrating an ordination in Liverpool. Leeds and Birmingham follow later in the month. Where there is an unresolvable clash, weekday masses may be cancelled at St William's for reason of travel. Please accept my apologies. FrJMG

SALVATORIAN COLLEGE - VACANCIES

Owing to rapid expansion, Salvatorian College has vacancies for teachers, or those looking to train to teach, in the following subjects: Religious Education, English and Spanish. In addition, there are vacancies for the following educational support roles: Head of Vocal & Choral Music, and Science Technician. For more information please visit: <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/> and search for Salvatorian College, or email recruitment@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk.

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>2 July 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>3 July 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>3 July 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers		Georgia Nwawulor
<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

Counters Rota 3 July Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
10 July Brendan O'Boyle. Cathy O'Boyle, Alec Moody

Church Cleaning Rota

9 July Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
16 July Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza