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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

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

30/31 July 2022

Saturday 30 July

4.15-5.15 Confessions
5.30 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

Monday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori, memorial
9.30 Mass
Rosemarie Fernandopulle RIP

Tuesday 2 August

St Peter Eymard, memorial
9.30 Mass

Wednesday 3 August

Feria of 18th Week
9.30 Mass

Thursday 4 August

St John Vianney, memorial
No Mass day

Friday 5 August

Dedication of St Mary 'Major' in Rome, memorial

7.00pm Mass Roque Dias RIP

Saturday 6 August

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feast
No Mass of the day
4.15-5.15 Confessions
5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Guiseppe Sammarco

SUNDAY 7 August

19th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)

[Daily Office Psalter week 2]
8.00 Mass People of the parish
10.00 Parish Mass
Margaret & Patrick Burke RIP

BEFORE MASS - PRAYER OF PREPARATION 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!

AFTER MASS Drinks, often homemade cakes, and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our 'cenacle', our 'Upper Room' – after the 10 o'clock Mass.

18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

The **Order of Mass** can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book from p.7. (ON Sundays Eucharistic Prayer 3 or 1 is used; and Memorial Acclamation A or C.)

The **Readings** for today's Masses are to be found in the Mass Book: pp 118-120 including the Psalm and Alleluia.

Psalm response: **O Lord, You have been our refuge, from one generation to the next.**

We live in a world of consumption: society consumes, we as individuals are also consumers. We consume energy, food, fashion and leisure, and even much of the hardware we buy eventually ends up in recycling or simply discarded. Nothing in our culture, not even the dire warnings about climate change and environmental degradation, seems to motivate restraint when it comes to consumption. We up-grade our TV, we exchange a family car for an SUV, we sometimes move to a bigger house, and we like to put yesterday's wardrobe in mothballs or off-load it in a charity shop so that we can purchase the latest design, ideally at the cheapest prices. For most human beings, the desire to possess quickly slips into greed or avarice – an unsatisfiable desire for gain or wealth. And the scripture readings at this weekend's Mass issue a pretty stark warning against the accumulation of goods and property and call all of us to account when we allow avarice to take possession of us. If the Church has any message to contemporary society it is the exercise of restraint. In Lent each year we deliberately deny ourselves food, we turn our backs on other pleasures which involve expenditure, and we frequently give what we have in excess to the poor and needy. So, the Church has always condemned avarice and praised restraint. This weekend, in the light of the scripture readings, we are invited to reflect on the *spiritual significance of self-restraint* and self-denial, and we are warned too about how avarice can endanger the salvation of our souls.

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2.21 – 23

The celebrated medieval spiritual classic *The Imitation of Christ* by the Dutch priest Thomas a Kempis (a chapter of which apparently, as an Anglo-Catholic Anglican, Agatha Christie read every night before going to sleep) opens with the first lines of the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes: 'Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!' Quoheleth, author of that book, is always

considered a pessimist and spoil-sport. Everything is transitory, everything we aim to possess slips through our fingers like sand. We all *know* that instinctively; and perhaps we do not like to be reminded, or expected to admit it. But what Quotheth is encouraging us to do, while admitting that fact, is to *pursue* various goods – but the ones that last *for ever*, those treasures that will *still be ours* – in heaven.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 3.1 – 5. 9 – 11 Paul continues with the theme of the new life into which we are born through Baptism which we heard part of last week. Such new life is something which we all share *in equal measure*. It includes *all of us* and makes us *equal* in God's sight. There are no more distinctions, class and race mean nothing any more. When we worship and celebrate the Eucharist we are doing it with one mind and one heart.

Gospel: Luke 12.13 – 21 Lots of great 19th-century novels, especially Balzac, focus on the family turmoil that results from a *disputed* inheritance of legacy. The gospel passage this Sunday is an account of Jesus dealing with one such question. Jesus refuses to get into the weeds of the situation that's presented to him (deciding on the inheritance question) Jesus tells a parable to underline how fragile a hold *any of us has* on earthy possessions. It will not be hard for any of us to understand. The financial crash precipitated by the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the RBS back in 2008 is a modern version of the parable of Jesus that Luke records for us here. In fact, hardly a day goes by that similar stories are not to be found in our newspapers. It is in such a world that we need *spiritual* insight and *spiritually focussed* action.

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, the relics of St Bernadette are touring England, Wales and Scotland this autumn. They will be in the Diocese of Westminster at these venues and times

| <i>Venue</i> | <i>Arrives ...</i> | <i>Departs ...</i> |
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| St Thomas, Fulham , SW6 7HW | Fri 2 Sept 9pm | Sat 3 Sept 10.30am |
| Westminster Cathedral SW1P 1QT | Sat 3 Sept 11am | Mon 5 Sept 9.30am |

See the poster in the Narthex for details of the various liturgies at Westminster

There is no need for advance booking. You can go at a time suitable for you – including two all-night vigils! Just join the queue on the Piazza outside the cathedral. At peak times expect long queues. Wheelchair access will be available at all times, *without the need to queue*. Entry for all liturgical services will be via the *side door* on Ambrosden Avenue.

Those who wish to attend the Anointing of the Sick on Sat 3 Sept at 2.30pm (the only ticketed event) should *give Fr Jonathan a note* with their name and phone number.

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| Immaculate Heart, Hayes , UB3 2AB | Mon 5 Sept 10.30am | Tues 6 Sept 10am |
| St Mary's University Twickenham , TW1 4SX | Tues 6 Sept 10.45am | Tues 6 Sept 10pm |
| St John Fisher, Shepperton , TW17 0DH | Tues 6 Sept 10.30pm | Wed 7 Sept 10.15am |
| <i>Then, later in the autumn ...</i> | | |
| St Joseph's, Stevenage , SG1 1NJ | Mon 17 Oct 1pm | Tues 18 Oct 8.15am |
| OL of Willesden , NW10 9AX | Fri 28 Oct 4pm | Sun 30 Oct 9.15am |
| HMP Wormwood Scrubs , W12 0AN | Sun 30 Oct 10am | Sun 30 Oct 2pm |
| Ukrainian Cathedral Duke Street , W1K 5BU | Sun 30 Oct 3pm | Tues 1 Nov 7am |

THE ASSUMPTION Please note that the great summer solemnity – and holy day of obligation – 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 come together before everything revs-up again in September. For those who *are* away, please travel safely, and find a Mass that day wherever you are, and pray for us as we will be doing for you.

Readers Rota

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| <u>30 July 5.30pm</u> | John McIntyre | <u>31 July 8am</u> Rose Okosi |
| <u>31 July 10am</u> | Carol-Anne Chandler | |
| <u>6 August 5.30pm</u> | Lily Meghji | <u>7 August 8am</u> Freda Adzinku |
| <u>7 August 10am</u> | Readings Patrick & Joseph Arthur, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane | |

Counters Rota

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| <u>31 July</u> | Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam |
| <u>7 August</u> | Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva |

Church Cleaning

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| <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 Ziwanah |