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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

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

25/26 June 2022

Saturday 25 June

17.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Donny Annessa

SUNDAY 26 June

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Year C)

8.00 Mass People of the parish
10.00 Parish Mass
First Holy Communion
candidates and their families

Monday 27 June

St John Southworth, Memorial
No Mass

Tuesday 28 June

St Irenaeus of Lyons, Memorial
9.30 Mass
Thanksgiving (private intention)

Wednesday 29 June

St Peter and St Paul, Solemnity
9.30 Mass
Elizabeth Mullen RIP (Anniv)
Additional: 19.00

Mass with hymns
Jean Mahoney RIP

Thursday 30 June

No Mass

Friday 1 July

Dedication of the Cathedral
No Mass

Saturday 2 July

No Mass of the day
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)

13th 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. 102-104*

First Reading (OT): 1 Kings 19.16b, 19–21 In this week's first reading Elijah's follower, Elisha, is allowed to kiss his parents goodbye before setting out to follow the prophet's call. Elijah himself had not (rather like John the Baptist) mixed easily with the rich and powerful. But Elisha came from a wealthy background (he ploughs with *twelve* oxen!) and was far more comfortable among such people. Elisha readily kisses his former way of life goodbye. By burning the farming equipment and roasting the oxen, Elisha symbolically breaks with his past life. There's no going back now: he's totally committed to his new life. The question "Have I done anything to you?" indicates that Elijah allows Elisha to wrap up his affairs. Elijah doesn't force Elisha to do anything. Instead, Elisha freely chooses his new path. We too are called to discipleship and service ... but of one "greater than Elijah", as the following readings underline.

Second Reading (NT): Galatians 5.1, 13–18 In Baptism, we have put on the cloak not of Elijah (like Elisha) but of Christ himself. We have been called to leave earthly identities (family, work, career, ethnic background), and called to the house of a new Father, and been given a new family in the kingdom of God. Like Elisha we, says St Paul, have been called to leave behind our past lives and never look back—to follow wherever He leads. Once freed by Christ, we are not to give in again to what he frees us from, flipping back into our mundane habits and attitudes when we turn our back on the tabernacle and leave church. Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind and Elisha was given a double portion of his spirit (see 2 Kings 2:9–15). In the Gospel, which begins by reminding us that Jesus too was "taken up" having given us His Spirit to live with, to guide us in our journey in His kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 9.51–62 Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. Going up to Jerusalem is going up to new and greater challenges, confrontation, and conflict leading to being lifted up on the cross ... in other words a long 'rising up' to his Father. To go to Jerusalem from Galilee is in any case to travel up into the mountains of Judah; and He is 'determined' to go.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection – Samaritans will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was hostility between Samaritans (northern Israelites) who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews (southern Israelites) who worshiped on Mount Zion. The disciples propose a violent reaction but Jesus refuses violence as a response to rejection. Violence is never a response to the refusal of love and truth.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship.

The three people who volunteer *en route* to become Jesus's followers show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Concern for yourself, the dead, your family – all good things in themselves –

can be allowed to come before the demands of discipleship. This is what sorts people out. Such people are not ready for the kingdom of God.

Harsh? Well yes, in some sense: but Jesus is only asking of His disciples what He asks of Himself. Commitment to the heart of God, and the kingdom of God, will demand of Him His life; and for His disciples (you and me, not Just Peter, Andrew, James and John ...) it is *work*: a *saving* work, but *work* all the same. Church is not a leisure activity – it is the work of grace, in us, now. The disciples do not understand; many contemporary Christians do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship. He says elsewhere that we must be *aware* of the cost, and then ... press forward ... without looking back.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION before each Sunday Mass

After this prayer until the bell at the start of Mass is an opportunity to be still, and pray silently together, opening our hearts to God in the worship to follow ...

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.

FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL

This important celebration—a so-called ‘solemnity’—falls this week, on Wednesday 29 June. As a Holy Day of Obligation (ie when we are meant to come to Mass), Masses will be said at 9.30am & 7.00pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: Looking to Lisbon

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon 1-6 August 2023. As usual, Westminster Youth Ministry is co-ordinating taking a group of young people to Lisbon from our diocese for two weeks from 24 July 2023. The diocese, with support from Cardinal’s Appeal, is offering a limited number of special places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to people between 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage, August next year. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/>. Please apply by 31 July 2022. All young people who would like to attend World Youth Day as a regular participant, all the information they need can be found at: <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon-2023/>

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

At this time of year, near the feast of St Peter and St Paul many dioceses ordain new priests. Fr Jonathan is concelebrating in ordinations in this diocese, Northampton, Motherwell, and Liverpool, in the coming days. Where they clash, weekday masses are being cancelled here for reason of travel. Please accept my apologies.

RITE of CONFIRMATION on 25 September

News of the course will be sent to those who have signed up, in the coming week. This is the last call for candidates. Please would those who have not yet returned their forms to Fr Jonathan do so as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion, and 2023 Programme

Our best wishes and prayers go to Dylan, Gustave, Jedwil, Kevin, Lorenzo and Taison for their First Holy Communion at the Sunday 10am Mass. **The congregation is welcome after today’s Mass for a cup of tea and to congratulate them in the Parish Hall.** We have had a couple of enquiries for next year’s preparation programme. If you would like to know about it, speak to Carol-Anne after the 10am Mass any Sunday over the coming months. Application forms will be available later in the year.

PLANNED GIVING envelopes

There are still some boxes of envelopes that have not been collected. They can be picked up from Tony Murphy after the 10am Mass on Sundays or from the parish office on Wednesdays.

Readers Rota

<u>25 June 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>26 June 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>26 June 10am</u>	Readings and Bidding prayers First Holy Communion children		
<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 Georgina Nwawulor		

Counters Rota

<u>26 June</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>3 July</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>2 July</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah
<u>9 July</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O’Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite